

Sample Concentrations within the majors in Asian and Middle East Studies

Each major must choose a geographic concentration and complete at least five courses within the concentration. The concentration may consist of more than five courses and would be one of the following: East Asia, South East Asia, South Asia, or the Middle East. You may wish to focus on a theme or period or region within the larger concentration. The possibilities within each concentration are numerous, depending on your interests, whether you study abroad, and what courses are offered at Northwestern each year. Almost none of the courses listed below is offered every year although each was given at least once between 2000 and 2003.

The following are meant to suggest a range of possibilities rather than be a blueprint for any particular student. Many other combinations may be possible within each concentration:

East Asia I (with a Japan focus)

Religion 222 (Buddhism); Religion 348 (Zen Buddhism); History 284 (Japanese Civilization); Comparative Literature 271-1, -2, -3, and -4 (Japanese Literature in Translation); Art History 240 (Asian Art); English 375 (Topics in Asian American Literature); History 384-1, -2 (History of Modern Japan); Political Science 352 (Politics of East Asia); Political Science 395 (Japan in the World Economy); Economics 325 (Economic Growth and Development); Economics 362 (International Finance); History 214 (Asian American History); Political Science 390 (Politics of the Two Koreas).

East Asia II (with a China focus)

Art History 240 (Asian Art); Religion 222 (Buddhism); Religion 223 (Religion in China 223); History 281 (Chinese Civilization); History 381-1 (Late Imperial China); Religion 350 (Classical Confucianism and Taoism); Comparative Literature 274-3 (Introduction to Chinese Literature); English 275 (Introduction to Asian American Literature); Gender Studies 390 (Recent Asian Fiction in Diaspora); Art History 382-1 and -2 (Chinese Painting); History 392 (Sino-American Relations in the 20th Century); Political Science 352 (Politics of East Asia); Political Science 351 (Peasant Politics); RTVF 351 (Hong Kong Cinema).

South East Asia

Religion 222 (Buddhism); Religion 228 (Islam); Political Science 354 (Southeast Asian Politics); Political Science 358 (Nationalism); Musicology 326 (World Music: Asia); French 366 (Francophone Southeast Asian Literatures and Cultures); History 392 (World War II in Asia, 1931-1945); History or Political Science 399 (independent study on Vietnam War); two credits from Northwestern's Summer School program in Thailand.

South Asia

Art History 240 (Asian Art); Religion 220 (Hinduism); Religion 222 (Buddhism); History 270 (Islam in History); History 285 (Indian Civilization); History 385 (Modern India); History 391 (Comparative Fundamentalisms); Gender Studies 390 (South Asian Women); English 365 (Studies in

Postcolonial Literature); Religion 350 (Asian Religions in Literature and Film); RTVF 351 (Cinema, TV & the Indian Woman); two anthropology credits from SIT study abroad semester program in India.

Middle East I (with an early focus)

Anthropology 303 (Origins of Civilization); Anthropology 329 (Archaeology of Mesopotamia); History 274 (Ancient Egypt); Religion 210 (Introduction to the Hebrew Bible); Religion 224 (Introduction to Judaism); Religion 350 (The Dead Sea Scrolls); Religion 352 Biblical Texts in Hebrew); Religion 371 (Muhammad, the Jews & the Origin of Islam); Religion 228 (Introduction to Islam); Anthropology 396 (Archaeological Field Methods in summer field school in Turkey)

Middle East II (with a later focus)

Religion 228 (Islam); History 374 (Jewish-Muslim Relations); Gender Studies 390 (Islam and Gender in Middle East); History 270 (Islam in History); History 391 (The Ottoman Empire); History 370-3 (Islamic Middle East since 1789); History 391 (The Modern State of Israel); History 392 (Revolutionary Egypt: Nasser and Sadat); Political Science 390 (Politics of the Middle East); Comparative Literature 275 (Arabic Literature in Translation); Comparative Literature 278 (Modern Hebrew Literature in Translation); Comparative Literature 279 (Modern Jewish Literature); Comparative Literature 276 (African Literature in Translation); Journalism 390 (Reporting the Arab and Islamic Worlds)

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