

**NOTE:** Applications have two parts – this Cover Sheet and the Application Detailed Information Sheet.

**APPLICATION COVER SHEET**  
**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE OF CONCENTRATION IN MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES**  
*MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies*

**Summary Description:** The “Certificate” represents acknowledgment of substantial preparation in Middle Eastern Studies, both in the student’s major graduate or professional field and also in terms of the disciplinary and geographical diversity required by the Council for recognized competency in the field of Middle Eastern Studies with language and culture at the core of the area studies concept.

**Requirements:**

1. Language proficiency. The equivalent of two years of successful study at Yale in one of the major modern Middle Eastern languages, e.g. Arabic, Hebrew, Persian or Turkish.
2. Courses. A total of 6 courses in at least two different disciplines on the Middle East and related issues. A broad Middle East history course will normally be one of the six courses.
3. Research paper. This should be written on a regional or comparative topic that encompasses more than one country of the region and ideally be interdisciplinary. It can be written either:
  - a. in the context of one of the courses for the Certificate; or
  - b. as independent work under faculty supervision, counting for one graduate course credit—in other words, taking the place of one of the 6 required courses.
4. Refer to the *General Guidelines for Graduate Certificate of Concentration in International and Area Studies* for additional details about the requirements.

**Timeline for students expecting to receive the Certificate at the end of the spring semester:**

1. No later than Friday, March 6 the student must submit to the Advisor a one-page outline of the research paper and must ask the reader(s) to confirm to the Advisor that "the candidate has made substantial progress and can be expected to submit a satisfactory paper by April 10." A first complete draft is strongly advised before spring break.
2. No later than Monday, March 16, the student must email the Advisor a plan for completing the requirements of the Certificate by the end of the term (using Progress Report forms). This is also the deadline for submittal of home department degree petition forms for conferral of May degrees. It falls in spring break so it is in your best interest to submit it earlier.
3. No later than Thursday, April 9 deliver 2 copies of the research paper to the Council office. Any further intermediate deadlines are at the discretion of the Advisor.

**Certificate Adviser:** Nancy Ruther, Associate Director, MacMillan Center.

**Name of candidate (Print)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Major field & DGS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year of Study (1, 2, etc.)** \_\_\_\_\_

