

APPLICATION COVER SHEET

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE OF CONCENTRATION IN MODERN MIDDLE EAST STUDIES

MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies

Summary Description: The “Certificate” represents acknowledgement of substantial preparation in Middle East 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 East 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 in one of the four major modern languages of the Middle East – Arabic, Hebrew, Persian, and Turkish.
2. Courses. A total of 6 courses in at least two disciplines on the Middle East and related issues. No more than four courses may count in any one discipline. Included in these six courses must be an introductory Middle East history course, such as State and Society and Culture in the Middle East (taken with special supplemental graduate readings and assignments) and a foundations course, such as Culture and Politics in the Contemporary Middle East.
3. Research paper. Evidence of research expertise in Middle East Studies demonstrated by completion of a major graduate course research paper, dissertation prospectus, dissertation, or thesis that demonstrates ability to use field resources, ideally in one or more languages of the region. This should be written on a regional or comparative topic that encompasses more than one country of the region and ideally be interdisciplinary.
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 2 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 6.”
2. No later than Monday, March 12, the student must email the Advisor a plan for completing the requirements of the Certificate by the end of the term (using the Progress Report form). 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 5 deliver 2 copies of the research paper to the Council office. Any further intermediate deadlines are at the discretion of the Advisor.

Certificate Advisor: Frank Griffel, Chair, Council on Middle East Studies

Name of candidate (print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Major field & DGS: _____ Year of Study (1, 2 etc.) _____

NOTE: This application has two parts–this Cover Sheet and the Application Detailed Information Sheet.

