Recommended First Quarter Schedule

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<th>Course</th>
<th>Units</th>
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<td>Arabic, Hindi/Urdu, Hebrew, or Persian Course*</td>
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<td>HIS 006 or HIS 008^</td>
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<td>Entry Level Writing Course (ELWR)^ or Lower Division College English Composition</td>
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<td>GE Course or First Year Seminar</td>
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<td><strong>Total Units:</strong></td>
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**Alternative Courses**

*Foreign Language Course is dependent on placement. See note under placement exams.

^ Students should not take GE or major courses with Writing Experience (WE) until ELWR is satisfied.

Additional GE coursework                                                 | 3-4   |

Explore First Year Seminars: [https://fys.ucdavis.edu/](https://fys.ucdavis.edu/)

First Quarter Schedule Notes:

- Foreign Language should be a priority for each quarter of your first year.
- Do not enroll in upper division courses (numbered 100 or above).

Placement Exams

**Recommended**

**Foreign Language:** All students pursuing an A.B. degree in the College of Letters and Science complete a Foreign Language through the 15-unit level. The MSA major requires additional foreign language proficiency beyond the college’s requirement. If you are fluent in a regional language or want to be placed in a higher level of Arabic, Hebrew, Hindu/Urdu, or Persian, you should take the Foreign Language Placement Exam through the Davis Language Center. This is also required if the student took a regional language course in community college that is not transferrable in Assist.org.

**Not Required**

**Math:** The Middle East/South Asia Studies Major does not require the Math Placement Exam. If you plan to take Math courses be sure to review placement requirements prior to enrollment.

**Chemistry:** The Middle East/South Asia Studies Major does not require the Chemistry Placement Exam. If you plan to take Chemistry courses be sure to review placement requirements prior to enrollment.

**Computer Science:** Middle East/South Asia Studies Major does not require the Computer Science Placement Exam. If you plan to take Computer Science courses be sure to review placement requirements prior to enrollment.

Recommended First Year Goals

- Make progress toward completing the Foreign Language Requirement for the major.
- Develop your writing skills early on, as ME/SA courses are writing heavy.
- Explore options for an additional major or minor!

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AP/IB Exams and Major Requirements

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<td>No AP/IB exams yield course credit for Middle East / South Asian Studies.</td>
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Please note: This chart only covers scores that yield major credit for Middle East/South Asia Studies.

For the most up-to-date list of all AP and IB scores and their credit at UC Davis, please refer to the charts available on the UC Davis Admissions website. [https://www.ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate/freshman/exam-requirements](https://www.ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate/freshman/exam-requirements)

Additional Information and Course Highlights

Our major is a great opportunity to learn about both the Middle East and South Asian regions of the world and how they connect to each other.

Our major is predominantly upper division coursework and very interdisciplinary. You will be able to take courses in Anthropology, Comparative Literature, Cinema and Technology Studies, History, Religious Studies, etc.

Some highlights of general MSA courses, special topics courses, and seminars we had in 2019–2020 (visit our website for the full list of courses):
- Modern Iranian Cinema
- Modern South Asian Cinema
- Arabian Nights
- ME/SA Selected Themes: Revolution and Social Justice in the Indian Ocean World
- India/South Asia Selected Themes: South Asian Literature and Society
- Gurumukhi Seminar

If you are considering a change of major, we offer five minors in the following areas:
- Arabic Language
- Arab Studies
- Iran and Persian Studies
- India and South Asia Studies
- Middle East/South Asia Studies

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