

Arab and Islamic Studies Major (GIS)

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About

The Department of Global Interdisciplinary Studies (GIS) provides students with a tripartite of skills, knowledge, and values that foster critical thinking, problem solving, and preparation for responsible global citizenship. Students gain an understanding of global studies, acquiring the know-how in global and digital literacy, cultural diversity and intercultural competences, interdisciplinary research, and a passion for social justice, nurtured in experiential learning.

Program: [Global Interdisciplinary Studies](#)

Type: Bachelor of Arts

PRIMARY MAJOR (122 credits)

Required Major Courses (31 credits)

Program Notes:

- Courses taken as part of a study abroad may be counted.
- For GIS 5011, Team-taught Topics Student takes two different topics, the first of which counts as the Junior Research Seminar for the Major (6 credits).

Course	Title	Credits
GIS 2000	Intro to Global Interd Studies	3
GIS 5000	Special Topics	1
GIS 5011	GIS Select	3
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GIS 6500	Capstone I: Research	3
GIS 6600	Capstone 2:Thesis	3
	GAIS Language Requirement	6-8
	GAIS Political Science Course	3
	GAIS History Course	3
	GAIS Theology Course	3
	Study Abroad	

Core Curriculum Requirements (44 credits)

Course	Title	Credits
ACS 1000	Ancients	3
ACS 1001	Moderns	3
THL 1000	Faith, Reason, and Culture	3
PHI 1000	Knowledge, Reality, Self	3
ETH 2050	The Good Life:Eth & Cont Prob	3
	Mathematics or Statistics (1 course)	3
	Natural Science (2 courses with laboratory)	8
	Literature and Writing Seminar (1 course)	3
	History (1 course)	3
	Social Sciences (2 courses)	6
	Fine Arts (1 course)	3
	Upper-Level Theology (1 course)	3
	Language Requirement	
	Diversity Requirement (2 courses)	

Free Elective Requirement (47 credits)

Students with an Arab and Islamic Studies primary major have forty-seven (47) required free elective credits.

Degree Credit Summary

- **Major Credits:** 31 credits
- **Core Credits:** 44 credits
- **Free Electives Credits:** 47 credits
- **Total Required Credits:** 122 Credits

Note: The above credit totals are based on the minimum number of required credits in each degree area. The minimum number of required credits in each area listed above must be met. Credits taken beyond the required minimum for one area may not be applied to another area.

SECONDARY MAJOR

Students who declare Arabic and Islamic Studies as a **secondary major** must complete the Required Major Courses to achieve this major. Students are able to count any eligible course taken in their primary major, the core curriculum, minors, concentrations, or free electives toward these requirements.

Category Descriptions

GAIS Language Requirement

Credits: 6-8

Two courses of Arabic at the intermediate or above level.

Course	Title	Credits
ARB 1121	Intermediate Arabic I	4
ARB 1122	Intermediate Arabic II	4
ARB 1131	Intensive Adv Arabic I	3
ARB 1132	Intensive Adv Arabic II	3
ARB 1141	Intro to Colloquial Arabic	3

GAIS Political Science Course

Credits: 3

One Political Science course with an AIS attribute.

GAIS History Course

Credits: 3

One History course with an AIS attribute.

GAIS Theology Course

Credits: 3

One Theology course with an AIS attribute.

Study Abroad

One semester of Study Abroad.

Natural Science (2 courses with laboratory)

Credits: 8

Non-science majors meet the Core Curriculum Natural Science requirement by taking two semesters of Mendel Science Experience (MSE), thematically-based lecture/laboratory courses designed for non-science majors; or two semesters of lecture/laboratory courses designed for science majors.

Science (AST, BIO, BIOC, CHM, CBN, CSC, ENV, MAT, PHY - B.S. only, PSY - B.S. only) majors meet the science requirement through the regular program of study in their major.