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Middle East Politics & Security



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To what extent is the Middle East tied to global politics and great powers? What are the reasons of instability and insecurity in the region? This major enables you to grasp the complexity of the region's politics and its place in regional and world politics from multiple perspectives. It allows you to understand the role of internal actors and external factors in shaping the political environments and movements of the region. It centralises the role of political economy, societal changes and popular protests in shaping the region's security dilemmas and aspirations.

Analyse global politics and great powers at The Australian National University (ANU) through this new program enabling students to critically engage in understanding the complexity of a region that profoundly influences the world.

Students undertaking this major have the opportunity to learn from the expert multilingual teaching staff at the Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies with their in-depth in-country knowledge.

Career Opportunities

Security issues underpin much of Australia's national interests in the Middle East in addition to trade and our involvement in humanitarian programs.

Graduates completing this major are equipped to pursue multiple career pathways including in foreign affairs and diplomacy, defence, international organisations including the UN & European Union, international think-tanks, and private business.

Middle East Politics and Security at ANU

This major is offered by Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies. It is designed for students interested in:

- international relations
- Asian studies
- international affairs
- Middle Eastern studies
- global politics

There is a dual emphasis on historical and current events, such as the Syrian civil war, the Arab Uprisings, the aftermath of the War on Terror in Iraq, Turkey's role in NATO following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and Iran's nuclear weapons program.

The major requires the completion of 48 units including four of the following courses.

- Introduction to Middle East International Relations and Security
- Politics in the Middle East
- Egypt: Social and Political Dynamics
- Security and Politics in the Gulf

In addition to the required courses, you can choose from the following courses strategically designed to enhance your understanding of a historically complex region undergoing significant social, political and economic change:

- Dynamics of Business in the Middle East
- Turkish Politics and Foreign Policy
- The Political Economy of the Middle East
- Iran in World Politics
- Modern Iraq: State, Politics and Society
- Syria in the Levant: State, Society and the Current Turmoil

Further Study

The Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies offers an Honours program, a Graduate Certificate program, and postgraduate options including Masters, Masters Advanced and higher degree research (PhD).

Alumni from the Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies are currently employed in senior positions including with:

- Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)
- Department of Defense
- Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C)

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