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# Middle Eastern and Central Asian Studies



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(and in the top 30 in the world) for  
7 disciplines across humanities,  
arts and social sciences.

\*QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026

## Enrich your degree with global knowledge

The Australian National University (ANU) is uniquely placed to offer students the opportunity to learn about a region of profound global significance and which continues to shape world dynamics - the Middle East and Central Asia. The Centre for Arab & Islamic Studies (CAIS) is Australia's premier national centre for studies in this field, with a high international standing and strong links with major specialist institutions across the globe.

With programs offered at both undergraduate and postgraduate level, students can select from a range of majors, minors and elective courses examining socio-political and economic issues. Students also have the option of studying the region's principal languages - Arabic, Persian and Turkish - at a range of proficiency levels with all courses taught by multi-lingual staff with in-region experience

## Compatible Degrees & Programs

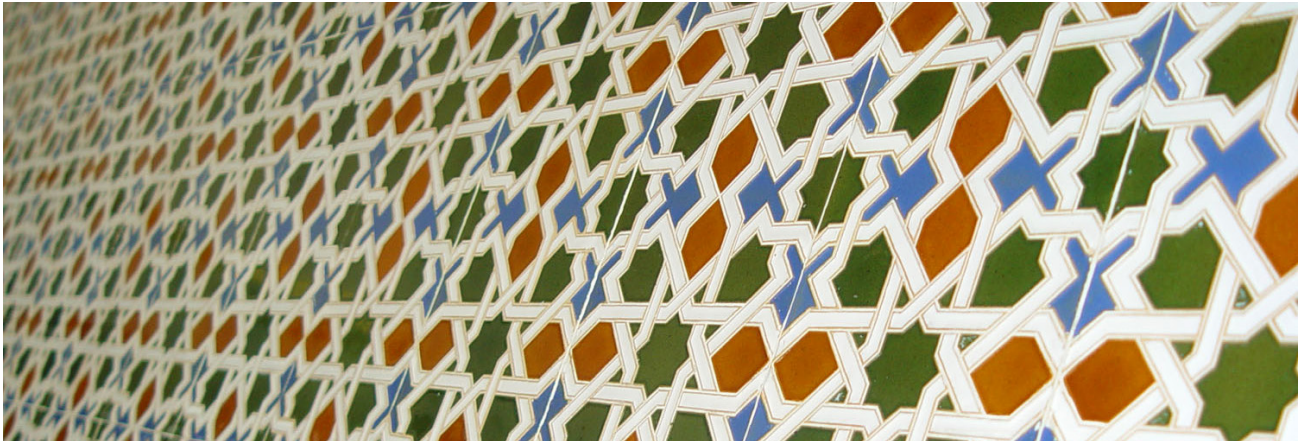
Students studying through CAIS can select from a range of courses that contribute to the following programs:

### Undergraduate Degrees

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of International Business
- Bachelor of International Relations
- Bachelor of International Security Studies
- Bachelor of Languages
- Bachelor of Political Science
- Diploma of Languages

### Postgraduate Degrees

- Graduate Certificate of Middle Eastern and Central Asian Studies
- Master in Middle and Central Asian Studies
- Master in Middle and Central Asian Studies (Advanced)
- Master of Diplomacy
- Master of Global Securities and Strategy
- Master of Globalisation (Advanced)
- Master of International Relations
- Master of Peace and Conflict Studies (Advanced)
- Master of Strategic Studies (Advanced)



## Specialised Undergraduate Study Program

Those students seeking to specialise in Middle Eastern and Central Asian studies and who study at CAIS have the option of undertaking the following majors or minors:

### Majors:

- Arabic
- Middle Eastern and Central Asian Studies
- Persian

### Minors:

- Arabic
- Middle Eastern and Central Asian Studies
- Middle East Politics and Security
- Russian and Central Asian Studies
- Persian

Graduates completing a major or minor through CAIS can pursue a wide range of career opportunities including roles in foreign affairs, diplomacy, the public service, not-for-profit, journalism, economic development and business.

## Postgraduate Study Options

Students wishing to continue their education at a postgraduate level can undertake a range of programs at CAIS that will equip them with highly specialised knowledge of the Middle East and Central Asia including:

- Master in Middle and Central Asian Studies
- Master in Middle and Central Asian Studies (Advanced)
- Graduate Certificate of Middle Eastern and Central Asian Studies

There is a growing demand for expertise in Middle Eastern politics and social dynamics among the Australian public service (including with the Departments of Foreign Affairs & Trade, Prime Minister & Cabinet and Defence), within the global business world and within the international NGO sector.

## Scholarships

There are a number of scholarships available to current ANU students to help with the cost of your studies. Donors and benefactors, external organisations and the Australian Government fund many of the scholarships we offer. Visit the ANU scholarships and page to find out more: [anu.edu.au/students/scholarships](http://anu.edu.au/students/scholarships)

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