

B.A. in International Studies (Middle East & Africa)

Academic Program Guide for **New First-Year Students** (Effective Spring 2023)

Concentration in Middle East and African Studies (lewandowskic@rowan.edu)

Students who entered Rowan University prior to Fall 2018 should follow the guide for their program and start year in consultation with their advisor.

Rowan University Graduation Requirements for all Majors / Degrees

- Students must complete at least 120 semester hours (sh) of coursework that apply to their Rowan University degree.
- Students must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 in Rowan University coursework. (Transfer courses/credit do not count toward the RUGPA.)
- A minimum of 30 sh of coursework must be completed at/through Rowan University.
- Only grades of "D-" or above may apply to graduation/degree requirements. (Some programs may set higher minimums.)
- Students must meet the Rowan Core and Rowan Experience Requirements.
 - An individual course can potentially satisfy one Rowan Core literacy and/or multiple Rowan Experience attributes.
 - Rowan Core and Rowan Experience designations are listed in course details in Section Tally (www.rowan.edu/registrar) and may also be searched on that site under "Attributes." A list of Rowan Core courses is here: <https://confluence.rowan.edu/display/AS/Rowan+Core+Course+List>.
- Students must apply for graduation and should do so for the term in which they will complete all program requirements.

Program-Specific Graduation Requirements for this Major / Degree

- Students must receive a grade of C- or better in all courses satisfying Major requirements
- Students may fulfill the language requirement by completing higher level foreign language courses, e.g. students who pass the placement examination for first year Spanish only need to complete second year Spanish courses
- International Studies majors are strongly encouraged to Study Abroad for at least one semester!

Rowan Core Requirements¹

Students must satisfy all **six** Rowan Core Literacies. A minimum total of 3 sh of coursework is required to satisfy each Literacy.

With the exception of the 9 sh counted here for Communicative Literacy, credits attached to the courses in this section will apply elsewhere.

- (COML) Communicative Literacy: *Must be met by the following three courses or their official equivalents:*

COMP 01111 College Composition I (3 sh) COMP 01112 College Composition II (3 sh) CMS 04205 Public Speaking (3 sh)

(ARTL) Artistic Literacy *Recommendation from major:*

(GLBL) Global Literacy *Recommendation from major:* HIST 05120 or IS 25100 (3 sh counted under major)

(HUML) Humanistic Literacy *Recommendation from major:* ECON 04101 or 04102 (3 sh counted under non-program)

(QNTL) Quantitative Literacy *Recommendation from major:*

(SCIL) Scientific Literacy *Recommendation from major:*

Subtotal of credits counted in this section: 9 sh

Rowan Experience Requirements

Students must satisfy all three Rowan Experience attributes. Credits attached to the courses in this section will apply elsewhere.

- (LIT) Broad-Based Literature Attribute *Recommendation from major:* ENGL 02116, ENGL 02112, GERM 03100, FREN 02100, SPAN 05100, ITAL 04100 or THD 07440 (3 sh counted under non-program)

(WI) Writing Intensive Attribute *Recommendation from major:* IS 25300 (3 sh counted under major)

(RS) Rowan Seminar Attribute² *Recommendation from major:*

Non-Program Courses (minimum 18 sh)

Courses in this section must be either: Rowan Core (or former gen. ed.) courses; Rowan Experience courses; or required pre-requisites (not included in the major).

| Course # | Course Name | Course Attributes / Notes | Sem/Yr | Grade | Credits |
|-----------------------|--|--|--------|-------|---------|
| ECON 04101 | Introduction to Economics - Macroeconomics | Satisfies Humanistic Literacy | | | 3 |
| ECON 04102 | Introduction to Economics - Microeconomics | Satisfies Humanistic Literacy | | | 3 |
| | Foreign Language I | | | | 3 |
| | Foreign Language II | Must be same language as F.L. I | | | 3 |
| | Foreign Language III | Same language as F.L. I & II (if available) | | | 3 |
| | Foreign Language IV | Must be the language as F.L. III | | | 3 |
| Experiential Learning | | Must choose one course from the bank of experiential learning courses below. | | | 0-6 |
| Literature Course | | Must choose one course from the bank of literature courses below. | | | 3 |

Subtotal: 21-27 sh

¹The Rowan Core requirements are waived for transfer students with an earned A.A. or A.S. degree from a NJ community/county college.

²The Rowan Seminar requirement is waived for all students transferring 24 or more approved credits into Rowan University at the time of initial entry.

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Experiential Learning

Choose one course from the following bank of experiential learning courses.

- AFST 11350: Topics in Africana Studies: Model African Union INTR 20395: Experiential Learning in the Humanities & Social Sciences
 EDPA 02490: Public Service Internship INTR 20399: Internship in the Applied Liberal Arts
 INTR 01470: Semester Abroad IS 25350: Special Topics in International Studies: Model United Nations
 INTR 20390: Interdisciplinary Case Studies in the Liberal Arts

Literature Requirement

Choose one course from the following bank of literature courses.

| | Course # | Course Name | Course Attributes / Notes | Sem/Yr | Grade | Credits |
|-----------------------|------------|---|-----------------------------|--------|-------|---------|
| <input type="radio"/> | ENGL 02116 | Intro to Global Lit in English | All satisfy LIT requirement | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | ENGL 02112 | Readings in Asian Lit | | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | GERM 03100 | Masterpieces of German Lit in English Translation | | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | FREN 02100 | Masterpieces of French Lit in English Translation | | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | SPAN 05100 | Masterpieces of Hispanic Lit in English Translation | | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | ITAL 04100 | Masterpieces of Italian Lit in English Translation | | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | THD 07440 | Contemp. World Theatre | | | | 3 |

Major Requirements (36 sh)

SUMMARY OF MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

- 12 sh of Foundational Courses
 - 9 sh of Upper-Level and Capstone Courses
 - 15 sh of Middle East and African Studies Concentration
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- 36 sh total

FOUNDATIONAL COURSES

| Course # | Course Name | Course Attributes / Notes | Sem/Yr | Grade | Credits |
|------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------|-------|---------|
| IS 25100 | Global Challenges | Satisfies Global Literacy | | | 3 |
| HIST 05120 | World History Since 1500 | Satisfies Global Literacy | | | 3 |

Choose one of the following courses:

| | Course # | Course Name | Course Attributes / Notes | Sem/Yr | Grade | Credits |
|-----------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|-------|---------|
| <input type="radio"/> | ANTH 02202 | Introduction to Cultural Anthropology | | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | REL 10200 | Religions of the World | | | | 3 |

Choose one of the following courses:

| | Course # | Course Name | Course Attributes / Notes | Sem/Yr | Grade | Credits |
|-----------------------|------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|-------|-----------------|
| <input type="radio"/> | GEOG 16110 | Cultural Geography | | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | GEOG 16140 | World Regional Geography | | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | GEOG 16100 | Earth, People, and the Environment | | | | 3 |
| | | | | | | Subtotal: 12 sh |

UPPER-LEVEL AND CAPSTONE COURSES

| Course # | Course Name | Course Attributes / Notes | Sem/Yr | Grade | Credits | |
|------------|---|---------------------------|--------|-------|---------|----------------|
| IS 25300 | Research Methods in International Studies | Satisfies WI requirement | | | 3 | |
| POSC 07320 | International Relations | | | | 3 | |
| IS 25400 | Senior Seminar in International Studies | | | | 3 | |
| | | | | | | Subtotal: 9 sh |

MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICAN STUDIES CONCENTRATION

Note: All International Studies majors must declare a concentration. Please see the International Studies website for a listing of concentration options.

UPPER-LEVEL ELECTIVE BANK

Choose three courses from the Upper-Level Elective Bank. Courses must be from at least two different disciplines. Courses used to fulfill this requirement cannot also fulfill the Open Elective requirement (below). Students are encouraged to specialize in the Middle East OR Sub-Saharan Africa.

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| Course # | Course Name | Course Attributes / Notes | Sem/Yr | Grade | Credits |
|-----------------------|-------------|--|---|-------|---------|
| <input type="radio"/> | ANTH 02311 | People and Cultures of Africa | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | ARAB 12320 | Arabic Civilization and Culture | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | GEOG 16345 | Geography of Africa | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | HIST 05394 | Sub-Saharan Africa to 1800 | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | HIST 05397 | Sub-Saharan Africa since 1800 | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | HIST 05413 | Comparative Race Relations: South Africa, Brazil, and the U.S. | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | HIST 05437 | Twentieth Century African Nationalism | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | HIST 05441 | Imperialism and Colonialism | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | HIST 05440 | History of Medicine in Africa | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | HIST 05443 | Topics in Global History: Children and Family in African History | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | AFST 11304 | Africana Social Thought | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | GEOG 16347 | Geography of the Middle East | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | HIST 05308 | Modern Middle East | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | HIST 05383 | Islamic Civilizations | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | HIST 05404 | Arab-Israeli Conflict | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | HIST 05417 | Women in Islam | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | HIST 05439 | Ottoman History | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | HIST 05444 | Islamist Movements | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | POSC 07345 | Government and Politics of the Middle East | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | | 300-400 level language/applied language course in a related foreign language such as FREN 02.311 Advanced French Conversation; FREN 02.410 Advanced French Composition; FREN 02.300 French Phonetics; FREN 02.400 History of the French Language, etc. | Maximum of 6 sh (2 courses) of 300-400 level foreign language may be used to fulfill concentration electives. | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | | 300-400 level language/applied language course in a related foreign language such as FREN 02.311 Advanced French Conversation; FREN 02.410 Advanced French Composition; FREN 02.300 French Phonetics; FREN 02.400 History of the French Language, etc. | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | | Study Abroad or transfer credits for other language skills-focused and applied courses in French or Arabic. | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | | One 300-400 level course from any other International Studies Concentration | | | 3 |
| Subtotal: 9 sh | | | | | |

OPEN ELECTIVE BANK: MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICAN STUDIES

Choose two courses from the Open Elective Bank. Courses used to fulfill this requirement cannot also fulfill the Upper-Level Elective requirement (above).

| Course # | Course Name | Course Attributes / Notes | Sem/Yr | Grade | Credits |
|-----------------------|-------------|--|--------|-------|---------|
| <input type="radio"/> | ANTH 02311 | People and Cultures of Africa | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | ARAB 12320 | Arabic Civilization and Culture | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | GEOG 16345 | Geography of Africa | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | HIST 05394 | Sub-Saharan Africa to 1800 | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | HIST 05397 | Sub-Saharan Africa since 1800 | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | HIST 05413 | Comparative Race Relations: South Africa, Brazil, and the U.S. | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | HIST 05437 | Twentieth Century African Nationalism | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | HIST 05441 | Imperialism and Colonialism | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | HIST 05440 | History of Medicine in Africa | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | HIST 05443 | Topics in Global History: Children and Family in African History | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | AFST 01104 | Introduction to Africana Studies | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | AFST 11304 | Africana Social Thought | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | GEOG 16347 | Geography of the Middle East | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | HIST 05308 | Modern Middle East | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | HIST 05383 | Islamic Civilizations | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | HIST 05404 | Arab-Israeli Conflict | | | 3 |

