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Middle East and Islamic Studies, MA

Accelerated Master's Degree

Academically strong Mason undergraduates with a commitment to graduate studies, professional studies, or research can apply for an accelerated master's program and earn a bachelor's and a master's in as little as five years.

The accelerated pathway offers many benefits:

- Waiver of graduate application fee
- Reduced tuition for up to 18 graduate credits
- Opportunity to study in small, seminar format with graduate students and faculty
- Focused and guided learning, dedicated mentoring

Upon program approval and earning 75 credits, students will be able to register for graduate courses. Complete both degrees in as few as 138 credits and pay undergraduate prices for up to 18 credits of graduate coursework.

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Why this Degree?

- Introduces students to the major issues and debates in the study of the Middle East, Islam and Muslim societies.
- Students study historical and contemporary topics as well as theory and methodology from both regional and global perspectives.
- Situates the study of the Middle East and Islam within a globalized world.
- Covers topics of recent scholarly influence.

Application Requirements

Mason undergraduate students from any major who have completed 60 credits toward the bachelor's degree and have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.50 are invited to apply. Applicants must demonstrate language competency in one of five major languages of the Middle East and Muslim World prior to MA graduation. Those languages include: Arabic, Persian, Turkish, Hebrew, or Urdu.

Applicants must submit:

- Unofficial transcript
- 2 letters of recommendation from an individual familiar with the applicant's qualifications for graduate study
- Resume
- Goal statement that explains the applicant's interest in the program and how the applicant will connect graduate work with career aspirations
- Writing sample: a 5-7 page paper or excerpt from an upper-level course

For more information on the application, visit <https://meis.gmu.edu/programs/la-ma-acel-meis/application>.

Before Applying

Prior to submitting your application, schedule an advising appointment with your undergraduate advisor and the Middle East and Islamic Studies Bachelor's/Accelerated Masters (BAM) Coordinator. Contact meis@gmu.edu for more information.

Program Requirements

Students who have been accepted into the accelerated master's program must:

- Take 3-12 graduate credits while still an undergraduate. Credits will be applied to both degrees (bachelor's and master's).
- Earn a minimum grade of B in each course and maintain a minimum GPA of 3.5
- Begin their master's program the semester immediately following conferral of the undergraduate degree.

Visit **to.gmu.edu/BAM** for complete details on the application process.



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