

# 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

## MAJOR (31-34 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).

## Required Major Courses:

| Item #   | Title                          | Credits |
|----------|--------------------------------|---------|
| GIS 2000 | Intro to Global Interd Studies | 3       |
| GIS 5011 | GIS Select                     | 3       |
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| GIS 6500 | Capstone I: Research           | 3       |
| GIS 6600 | Capstone 2:Thesis              | 3       |
| GIS 5000 | Special Topics                 | 1       |
|          | GAIS Language Requirement      | 6-10    |
|          | GAIS Political Science Course  | 3       |
|          | GAIS History Course            | 3       |
|          | GAIS Theology Course           | 3       |
|          | Study Abroad                   |         |

## Category Descriptions

### GAIS Language Requirement

Credits: 6-10

Two courses of Arabic at the intermediate or above level.

| <b>Item #</b> | <b>Title</b>               | <b>Credits</b> |
|---------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| ARB 1121      | Intermediate Arabic I      | 5              |
| ARB 1122      | Intermediate Arabic II     | 5              |
| 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.