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Student Learning Outcomes for the B.A. in African and Middle Eastern Studies

The African and Middle Eastern Studies major is a designated capstone major. Students must complete a capstone seminar or travel abroad program in which they engage in an in-depth analysis of a specific region or a thematic subject that spans regions. Through their capstone work, students are expected to:

- engage in an in-depth analysis of a specific region or a thematic subject that spans regions.
- demonstrate critical understanding of issues relevant to a specific region or thematic subject and specific skills acquired in earlier coursework, including research, analysis, and writing.
- identify and analyze appropriate sources, material evidence, and/or other forms of primary documents appropriate to the study of international & area studies.
- show proficiency engaging collaboratively with peers by providing constructive feedback on written drafts and oral presentations, and using similar peer feedback to enhance the quality of their own work.
- communicate complex ideas effectively in a seminar setting.
- acquire a working knowledge of scholarly discourse relative to a specialized topic.
- conceive and execute a project that identifies and engages with a specialized topic.
- demonstrate ability to effectively communicate their research findings, both orally and in writing.