The Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures offers an interdisciplinary major in Islamic Studies. The program allows students to combine relevant courses from a number of fields including history; history of art; philosophy; and others, with work in Islamic languages and literatures. In choosing elective courses, majors are not limited to the area commonly known as the Middle East, but rather are urged to explore dimensions of Islamic civilization across spatial and chronological boundaries. They may, for example, study the Hellenic and Iranian past, which serves as a background to the rise of Islamic civilization, or the Muslim societies that have emerged in Central Asia, South Asia, Africa, and Europe over the 14 centuries of Islamic history.

**Career Areas/Job Titles:**

**Management and Industry**  
Foreign News Correspondent  
Health Professions  
Social Worker  
Translator/Interpreter

**Travel Agent**  
Tour Guide  
Hotel Manager  
Flight Attendant  

**Communication and Media**  
Journalist  
Photographer

**Government/Politics**  
Foreign Policy Analyst  
National Security Agent  
Immigration/Naturalization Officer  
Foreign Intelligence Manager  
Military Officer  
Non-Profit/Advocacy  
Volunteer Coordinator  
Program Administrator

**Education**  
English as a 2nd Language Instructor  
Professor/Teacher/Tutor  
Study Abroad Coordinator  
Linguistics Researcher

**Health Professions**  
Instructor  

**Communication and Media**  
International Diplomat  
United Nations Member

*Some careers may require licensure, certification, or further education. Talk to an advisor about specific requirements.

**Transferable Skills:**

Computer Skills  
Written Communication  
Expressing Ideas  

Language Fluency  
Cultural Understanding  
Verbal Communication

Analytical/Critical Thinking  
Social Perceptiveness  

Leadership  
Teaching/Instructing Others  

Reading Comprehension  
Flexibility/Adaptability

*This is not an extensive list of transferable skills. See larger list of skills you might develop here: [http://ccss.osu.edu](http://ccss.osu.edu)

**Professional Links:**

Middle East Studies Center at OSU: [http://mesc.osu.edu/](http://mesc.osu.edu/)


International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language: [http://www.iatefl.org/](http://www.iatefl.org/)
