

### Course requirements

The minimum number of units required to earn dual master's degrees in Near Eastern Studies and Journalism is 51 (18 from NES, 18 from Journalism, and 15 units that are shared between the two disciplines, including the master's thesis). The table below shows the required courses.

### Curriculum for Dual Master's Degrees in Near Eastern Studies and Journalism

Department	Course	Units
<b>Near Eastern Studies only</b> 18 Units	NES 595D Middles East Studies	3
	Language (3 <sup>rd</sup> year of an NES language OR Arabic dialects)	6
	Gender & Society (Select 1 course from group)	3
	Islamic Studies (Select 1 course from group)	3
	History (Select 1 course from group)	3
<b>NES and Journalism Shared Courses</b> 15 Units	Thesis (3 units from NES 910, 3 units from JOUR 910)	6
	NES 596 Middle East Media	3
	US Media Coverage of the Middle East (Select 1 course from group of JOUR classes)	3
	JOUR 504 Freedom of Expression (International press policies, regulations, and law)	
<b>Journalism</b> 18 Units	JOUR 505 The Study of News	3
	JOUR 511 Feature Writing	3
	JOUR 513 Reporting Public Affairs	3
	JOUR 539 Ethics and the News Media	3
	Media Management (Select 1 course from group)	3
	Elective (Select 1 course from group)	3
<b>TOTAL UNITS: 51</b>		51

### Admission to the Dual Degree Program

Students must apply to and be accepted by both the Center for Near Eastern Studies and the Department of Journalism to qualify for the dual degree program. An interdepartmental committee from the two units will review and make a recommendation about any student who has been accepted by both departments and has indicated that he or she wishes to earn dual degrees.

Students entering the dual degree program without a bachelor's degree in journalism or significant professional experience must take JOUR 205 Reporting the News, JOUR 206-Advanced Reporting, and JOUR 208 Law of the Press, before they can take any graduate-level skills classes. No graduate credit is given for these courses, and students must earn a grade of B or better before they can enroll in graduate skills classes. Students may take

other graduate courses, such as seminars and language courses, concurrently with the 200-level classes.

### **Transfer Credit**

A request to transfer must be submitted to the Graduate College, in consultation with the Graduate Advisors of both departments, by the end of the first year. Many of these transfer units may be applicable to requirements in either degree program, or may count toward the additional units required of the student.

### **Language Requirements**

Students must achieve third-year language proficiency in Modern Standard Arabic, Hebrew, Persian, or Turkish. Third-year language proficiency is achieved through successful completion of six semesters of the focus language.

If a student enters the program with proficiency in one Middle Eastern language at the third-year level, the student must take either 6 units of that language at the third-year or more advanced level, or 6 units of a second Middle Eastern language.

Students in the journalism program are expected to write and speak fluent English.

### **Thesis**

By the end of the second semester of enrollment, students must assemble a thesis committee of at least three faculty members, one of whom serves as the thesis advisor. The advisor and at least one other committee member must be a tenured or tenure-track faculty member in Near Eastern Studies, and at least one must be a faculty member in the Department of Journalism. The committee must be approved by the Graduate Advisor in each department.

### **For more information**

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Students also should familiarize themselves with the conditions and regulations of the Graduate College at [http://grad.Arizona.edu/About\\_UAGC](http://grad.Arizona.edu/About_UAGC).