

# What Can I Do With This **Ohio State** Major?

Bachelor of Arts

## Islamic Studies

College of the Arts and Sciences

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.<sup>1</sup>

### Career Areas/Job Titles:

#### Management and Industry

Knowing Arabic can complement any business profession in an international setting (trade, finance, engineering, etc.)

Travel Agent

Tour Guide

Hotel Manager

Flight Attendant

#### Communication and Media

Journalist

Photographer

Foreign News Correspondent

#### Health Professions

Social Worker

Translator/Interpreter

#### Education

English as a 2nd Language

Instructor

Professor/Teacher/Tutor

Study Abroad Coordinator

Linguistics Researcher

#### Government/Politics

International Diplomat

United Nations Member

Foreign Policy Analyst

National Security Agent

Immigration/Naturalization

Officer

Foreign Intelligence Manager

Military Officer

#### Non-Profit/Advocacy

Volunteer Coordinator

Program Administrator

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

### Transferable Skills:

Computer Skills

Language Fluency

Analytical/Critical Thinking

Leadership

Reading Comprehension

Written Communication

Cultural Understanding

Social Perceptiveness

Teaching/Instructing Others

Flexibility/Adaptability

Expressing Ideas

Verbal Communication

*\*This is not an extensive list of transferable skills. See larger list of skills you might develop here:*

<http://ccss.osu.edu>

### Professional Links:

Middle East Studies Center at OSU: <http://mesc.osu.edu/>

Institute of International Education, Fulbright programs: <http://www.iie.org/fulbright/>

International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language: <http://www.iatefl.org/>

American Translators Association: <http://www.atanet.org/>

Vistawide World Culture and Language Careers: [http://www.vistawide.com/careers/language\\_careers.htm](http://www.vistawide.com/careers/language_careers.htm)