Reasons to Choose MESAS

Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies ~ MESAS

**MAJORS:**
- MESAS
- Arabic Studies

**MINORS:**
- Mediterranean Archaeology
- Arabic
- Hebrew
- Hindi
- Persian

1 - **STAND OUT from the crowd!**

2 - **FACULTY EXPERTS** in interdisciplinary fields based in humanities and social sciences

3 - **FACULTY MENTORS** to guide through the undergraduate program and beyond

4 - **EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS** with diverse backgrounds and wide ranging interests

5 - **SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS** who achieve high honors and prestigious fellowships

6 - **EXPLORE** histories and cultures across world regions

7 - **STUDY** comparative literatures and multiple languages

8 - **DEVELOP** analytical abilities and writing skills

9 - **PREPARE** for internships, graduate school and careers in academic institutions

10 - **PURSUE** careers in government agencies, business entities and not-for-profit organizations

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Read MESAS alumni comments on other side of this page.
A few comments from recent alumni:

“Aside from the enthralling courses the department provides, I enjoyed the professors the most. They added life to the material we covered and were such interesting and inspiring characters themselves.”  
– Saya Ahmed (Class of 2016)

“MESAS gave me a leg up on the competition and facilitated my matriculation into medical school... My time as a MESAS student improved my ability to pick out the essential elements of information, analyze them, and act on what I can understand from them.”  
– Faysal Akbik (Class of 2014)

“MESAS professors were always invested in me as a student, as well as being engaging lecturers. The coursework itself was wonderfully interdisciplinary, and through the MESAS major I was able to take classes around the university... I graduated well-educated but also well supported by my peers and professors.”  
– Leah Michalove (Class of 2016)

“It is entirely due to the education I received in the MESAS department that I am where I am today - currently on a Fulbright in India tracking down medical manuscripts... The professors really cared about not just my academic success, but also my success as a constantly learning and growing human being... Their advice and guidance have truly made me into the scholar I have become and the one I hope to continue to be.”  
– Deborah Schlein (Class of 2013)

“The best part about being a MESAS major was the small size of the department, and the subsequent one-on-one attention that every MESAS major enjoyed with the MESAS faculty... MESAS taught me how to read large quantities of academic literature in short amounts of time, in order to synthesize the available information on any given topic, a skill that will be valuable for the rest of my career.”  
– Emilia Truluck (Class of 2016)