

Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

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The Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Program (AMES) aspires to create a better understanding of Asian and Middle Eastern cultures and their place in the world through interdisciplinary course offerings. The program offers three majors: Chinese, Japanese, and South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (SAME).

For descriptions of the majors, please refer to the Chinese, Japanese and SAME sections of this catalog.

AMES 105-106 Special Topics: Beginning Level

4 credits

The course explores selected topics in Asian and Middle Eastern studies at the beginning level. Any current offerings follow.

AMES 200 Special Topics: Summer Seminar in Chinese Studies

2 credits

Course offered at the Whitman Summer Studies in China program. Taught in China over a period of six weeks by the Whitman faculty member who is resident director. The course explores selected topics in Chinese studies and incorporates classroom and field studies. *Prerequisite:* admission to the Whitman Summer Studies in China program. Any current offering follow.

AMES 201-204 Special Topics: Intermediate Level

4 credits

The course explores selected topics in Asian and Middle Eastern studies at the intermediate level. Any current offerings follow.

AMES 221 Silk Roads Field Course

Not offered 2021-22

2 credits

This course looks in depth at selected sites along the silk roads of Asia, both in the classroom and during a field trip. One hour per week throughout the semester, and a field trip to Asia over the spring break. Students will explore the past and current situations of specific sites to be visited during the field trip through pre-trip readings and research presentations, keep a detailed journal during the field trip, and give a multimedia or poster-style presentation of a researched aspect of the trip to the college community near the end of the semester. Students must apply for the course, and pay a course fee to be announced. *Corequisites:* Biology 121 and History 121.

AMES 301 Special Topics: Advanced Level

4 credits

The course explores selected topics in Asian and Middle Eastern studies at the advanced level. Any current offerings follow.

