OVERVIEW
The interdisciplinary Master of Arts program in Middle Eastern Studies is designed for students who wish to acquire a broad background in Middle Eastern history, cultures and politics. The program seeks to prepare students for a variety of post-graduate opportunities in academia, government and public service, teaching, non-governmental organizations, museums and cultural institutions in the United States and abroad.

THE M.A PROGRAM
The M.A. in Middle Eastern Studies is a two-year interdisciplinary program. Students are required to take ten courses (30 credits). If a student chooses to write a thesis, eight courses of study are required, and the written comprehensive examination is waived. As a general introduction to the field, all students are required to take a year-long proseminar on the History, Cultures, and Politics of the Middle East. Students in the program may focus their remaining coursework and research in one of the following two areas of concentration:

1. Politics and international relations of the Middle East
2. Religion, culture and society in the Middle East

A significant feature of the program is the extensive and diverse range of resources available to graduate students throughout the program. Students have considerable flexibility in designing their programs of study, and have access to the resources of the Fine Arts, Music, History, Political Science, Theology and other departments of the University, as well as to the rich intellectual resources of the Boston area.

Students are required to demonstrate an intermediate level of competency in at least one Middle Eastern language: Arabic, Persian, Turkish or Hebrew.

The M.A. in Middle Eastern Studies is designed primarily for full-time study; however, students who wish to pursue the program on a part-time basis are welcome to apply.

BOSTON COLLEGE
Founded in 1863, Boston College is a renowned institution of higher learning located in the Chestnut Hill region of Newton, Massachusetts, an attractive residential area about 6 miles from the heart of Boston. The campus offers easy access to the city with its numerous educational, cultural and recreational opportunities.

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