

KU GLOBAL CONNECTIONS: MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA (MENA)

The University of Kansas has maintained academic partnerships in MENA since the 1950s. The following profile highlights KU research and teaching in the region.

STUDENTS & VISITING SCHOLARS

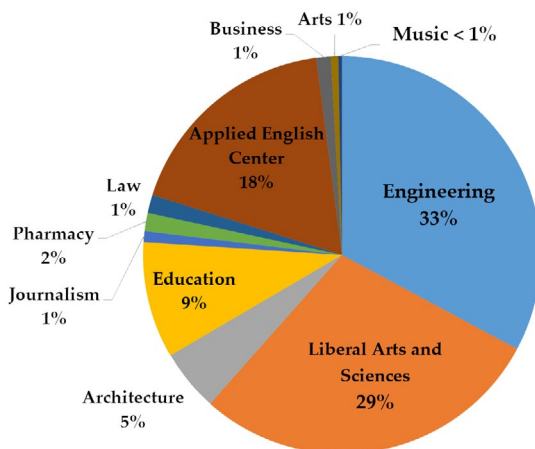
KU enrolled **152 students** from MENA in Spring 2015. **Three visiting scholars** from the region conducted research at KU as well.

FACULTY ENGAGEMENT IN MENA

KU faculty teach and/or conduct research on MENA and collaborate with researchers in the region on a wide range of areas, some of which are highlighted below.

[Razi Ahmad](#), Persian Language/Iranian Studies ■ [Ronald Aust](#), Educational Leadership and Policy Studies ■ [Nazli Avdan](#), Political Science ■ [Reza Barati](#), Chemical & Petroleum Engineering ■ [James Basham](#), Special Education ■ [Raj Bhala](#), Law ■ [Sandra Billinger](#), Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science ■ [Jacqueline Brinton](#), Religious Studies ■ [Naima Boussofara](#), Arabic Studies ■ [Samuel Hayim Brody](#), Jewish Studies ■ [Marie Grace Brown](#), History ■ [Gail Buttorff](#), Political Science ■ [Mohamed El-Hodiri](#), Economics ■ [Hassan Eltom](#), Geology ■ [Jessica Gerschultz](#), African & African-American Studies ■ [Luis Gonzalez](#), Geology ■ [Jie Han](#), Geotechnical Engineering ■ [Majid Hannoum](#), Anthropology ■ [Steve Hasiotosis](#), Geology ■ [Geoffrey Husic](#), Slavic and Near East Studies Librarian ■ [Dennis Karney](#), Business ■ [Elizabeth MacGonagle](#), African & African-American Studies ■ [Beverly Mack](#), African Studies ■ [Wallace Meyer](#), Business ■ [Heba Mostafa](#), Art History ■ [Sandra Olsen](#), Museum Studies ■ [Renee Perelmutter](#), Jewish Studies ■ [Gene Rankey](#), Geology ■ [Jennifer Roberts](#), Geology ■ [Franklin Tao](#), Chemical & Petroleum Engineering ■ [Susan Twombly](#), Educational Leadership and Policy Studies ■ [Nilou Vakil](#), Architecture ■ [Michael Vitevitch](#), Psychology ■ [Peter Welsh](#), Museum Studies ■ [Lisa Wolf-Wendel](#), Educational Leadership and Policy Studies ■ [Mike Wuthrich](#), Political Science ■ [Hao Zhu](#), Clinical Laboratory Sciences

MENA Students by Major



INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

The University of Kansas

The University of Kansas offers an undergraduate minor in Middle East Studies. The [Middle East Studies Program](#) brings together cross-disciplinary expertise, research, and resources at the university. KU offers four Middle Eastern Languages: Arabic, Farsi, Hebrew, and Turkish.

21

Academic units conduct research on or collaborate with the Middle East

152

MENA students studied abroad at KU

1,900+

credit hours taken by KU students in MENA languages and cultures courses

Above data from 2014-2015

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STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

KU students engage in comparative academic studies, receive practical training, and visit sites of academic and cultural relevance in the MENA region. In addition to these, Study Abroad offers educational and internship programs in the region.

[Archaeology in Israel](#) (Faculty-led Summer)

[Architecture & Culture in the United Arab Emirates](#) (Faculty-led Summer)

[Historical Tour of Ancient Israel & the West Bank](#) (Faculty-led Summer)

[Technology Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Israel](#) (Faculty-led Winter)

[Arabic Studies in Ifrane, Morocco](#) (Summer)

AGREEMENTS

Petroleum University of Technology ▪ Soran University ▪ The Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research
▪ Jordan University of Science and Technology ▪ King Saud University



KU student Darra Stuart holds the base of an approximately 4,500-year old storage pot unearthed during an archaeological dig in Israel. Stuart and two fellow KU students participated in the five-week 2015 program.

RESOURCES

[Middle East Studies Program](#)

[Center for Global and International Studies](#)

[KU Libraries Middle Eastern Studies Resource Guide](#)

[Saudi Student Association](#)

[KU International Programs](#) ▪ [Office of Study Abroad](#)

[KU Global Awareness Program \(GAP\)](#) ▪ [KU Global Scholars](#)

[Sponsored Student Program](#) ▪ [Jayhawk Semester](#)

[International Undergraduate Admissions](#)

[Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission](#) ▪ [MENA World Bank](#)

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

The University of Kansas

Project Global Officers, a federally-funded scholarship program, enables ROTC students to study critical languages and develop regional expertise and intercultural skills.

The University of Kansas is one of only 25 universities across the nation that can award Project GO scholarships. Over the summer, students from around the nation participate in intensive language study at KU or in KU study abroad programs.

At KU, Project GO has funded 66 scholarships over the past three years and supported academic year language maintenance tutoring for 26 students.

“While extremely fast paced, it was a phenomenal program that taught me a ton in eight weeks,” said University of Notre Dame student Christopher Hebig, who studied Elementary Russian at KU in 2014. “I was able to retain much of it through tutoring or practice.”

KU will offer introductory-level courses in Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Russian and study abroad programs in Morocco and India.