

Middle East Studies Capstone Evaluation Form

[please submit to the DUS by April 15 for honors theses (or November 15 for .5ers);
submit by the end of the final exam period for single-semester capstones]

[to be completed by student]

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Expected Graduation: _____ Student ID: _____

Category of Capstone:

Research Paper Senior Thesis Independent Project

Capstone Title:

Capstone Abstract (in 100 to 150 words below or attached, please describe the nature of the project or experience for which you are requesting capstone credit):

Please describe your project in 20 words or less (for use in internal records):

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[to be completed by faculty member]

Faculty member name: _____

Faculty member department: _____

Role (primary advisor, second reader, supervisor, etc.): _____

Faculty certification: I have read/supervised the work in question with the student and I verify that the project described meets the standards of intellectual content and effort required for a capstone project in Middle East Studies.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please write below/attach a brief report on the capstone project, noting particular strengths or weaknesses, and keeping in mind the following criteria for capstone projects:

The capstone is intended to synthesize and apply skills and knowledge that MES concentrators have acquired through the MES curriculum—including background in the historical and contemporary dynamics of the region, methodological and theoretical approaches, and language competency—to particular interests developed through the concentration. Capstones offer students the opportunity to integrate and build upon their experiences within the concentration, while demonstrating intellectual creativity, research skills, and effective communication, and should serve in some sense as a culmination of or reflection on what one has gained in the concentration. Capstone projects must be taken in the final two semesters before graduation, must incorporate research in a Middle Eastern language, and must be taken for a letter grade.