FUNDING AVAILABLE
For Development or Enhancement of Undergraduate Courses
To Expand Middle Eastern and North African Studies Content
October 2010

A. BACKGROUND Through the generous support of an Undergraduate International Studies and
Foreign Language (UISFL) grant from the U.S. Department of Education, the Middle Eastern and North
African (MENA) Studies certificate program and the Center for International Education seek proposals
to develop new undergraduate courses with MENA studies content. The UISFL advisory committee at
UWM defines MENA studies content broadly to include both regionally bounded and diasporic
phenomena relating to MENA peoples, societies, and lands. UWM faculty and teaching academic staff
are invited to submit proposals to:

1) develop new undergraduate courses focused on the MENA region as part of a department’s
curriculum revision or development initiative; or

2) revise existing undergraduate courses taught within their schools/departments in order to
incorporate or expand MENA studies content within the courses; or

3) develop new undergraduate courses that actively employ foreign languages of the MENA region
and/or peoples which will provide an opportunity for students to integrate relevant readings or
materials in foreign languages into their studies

Grant recipients are obligated to teach the new courses and are asked to specify when the course will
be taught on the application cover sheet. More information pertaining to the funded activities is below.

B. FUNDING CATEGORIES CIE and the MENA Studies program intend to award four awards of
$1500-$3000. Awards will be made for the following purposes:

1) DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW MENA AREA STUDIES UNDERGRADUATE COURSE
Awards will be provided to support the creation of new MENA studies courses proposed in
conjunction with curriculum development or revision efforts in the applicant’s department. For
example, an applicant may propose to develop a course that will replace an existing, non-
international course within the department’s major, or a course that will be offered as an elective.

2) ENHANCEMENT OF AN EXISTING UNDERGRADUATE COURSE
Awards will be provided to support the revision of existing undergraduate courses. Course
enhancement projects should feature plans to significantly strengthen the MENA studies dimensions
of regularly offered courses within the applicant’s department. For example, applicants may propose
to incorporate regionally focused case studies or readings and discussion on the Middle Eastern and
North African region and/or peoples in the course. Preference will be given to applicants proposing
to revise courses that are required within their department’s/school’s curriculum.
3) **“FOREIGN LANGUAGE ACROSS THE CURRICULUM” UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DEVELOPMENT**

Awards will be provided to support the development of courses that expand opportunities for students to use languages of the MENA region and/or peoples (including but not limited to Arabic, French, Hebrew, Spanish). For example, applicants may propose to develop:

- stand-alone courses taught in a foreign language; or
- immersion programs with a specific thematic focus

All faculty members who are fluent in a foreign language are welcome to apply for this grant category, including those who do not normally teach a foreign language.

C. **APPLICATION INFORMATION** Proposals consist of:

1) **COVER SHEET:** See attached.

2) **NARRATIVE (1-2 pages):** Each proposal should contain information about the anticipated content, disciplinary or interdisciplinary focus and academic goals, as well as a description of how those goals would be achieved by the proposed project.

3) **BUDGET:** Please attach a brief budget summary itemizing anticipated costs of the project and specifying the date by which you will have completed the project. The summary should specify how funds would be used to support the proposed project. Funds may be applied to one category or multiple categories of project costs (S&E/books, travel, summer salary, student hourly support, etc). If you have questions regarding the budget, contact Andrea Joseph (aherbert@uwm.edu).

4) **CURRICULUM VITAE:** Please e-mail a current copy of your CV to Andrea Joseph (aherbert@uwm.edu).

**Awarded funds must be expended within the timeframe noted in the award letter. Please specify your requested project period in your application budget.** Carry-overs of funds not expended by the date specified in the award letter are subject to the provisions of the funding organization and may not be possible. Faculty and teaching academic staff with formal appointments in CIE may participate in collaborative projects but are not eligible for grant funding.

**Special Note re. International Travel:** All federally-funded international travel is subject to the restrictions of the *Fly America Act* and must receive approval from CIE’s US/ED program officer at least 30 days prior to departure. CIE is unable to cover the cost of international travel which does not comply with this requirement; please work closely with CIE staff if you receive grant funding involving international travel.

**Application Deadline:** Please submit an electronic version of your application to Andrea Joseph (aherbert@uwm.edu) at the Center for International Education. The UISFL Advisory Committee will begin reviewing applications on Monday, November 15, 2010 and continue until all funds are expended.
MENA UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS 2010/11
COVER SHEET

APPLICANT: ________________________________  DEPARTMENT: ________________________________

E-MAIL ADDRESS: ________________________________  PHONE: ________________________________

Will teach the course:*  □ Spring 2011  □ Fall 2011  □ Spring 2012  □ Fall 2012  □ Spring 2013

COLLABORATING FACULTY (IF ANY):

Name: ___________________________________  Department: ________________________________

Will teach the course:*  □ Spring 2011  □ Fall 2011  □ Spring 2012  □ Fall 2012  □ Spring 2013

* Course development award recipients are required to teach the course at least once. Preference will be given to those who plan to teach it repeatedly.

GRANT FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING:

Course Development Grant:
Please check all that apply.

___ 1) Development of a New MENA Studies Course

___ 2) Enhancement of an Existing Undergraduate Course

___ 3) Foreign Language Across the Curriculum

Proposed Course Title:

SIGNATURES Certifying that the proposal has been reviewed and endorsed by the sponsoring unit’s/department’s chair and academic dean. Please note: receipt of funding obligates the individuals engaged in course development projects to teach the courses.

_________________________________________  Date

Department Chair

_________________________________________  Date

Associate Dean

Please scan the signed form and attach the proposal narrative and budget. Submit to CIE (send to Andrea Joseph, aherbert@uwm.edu).