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The Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, established at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2003, offers a unique combination of regional and cross-regional approaches. The Center supports a full range of Middle East studies, including the region's non-Muslim peoples and civilizations, as well as a broader focus on Muslim communities and civilizations outside the region.

In collaboration with the Duke University Middle East Studies Center, the Carolina Center is part of the Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies, which promotes and coordinates programs at the two universities.

A New Way to Study the Middle East
This combination of perspectives sets the Center apart from geographically limited Middle East centers. The Carolina approach emphasizes:

1. Flows within and between regions, as opposed to static visions of geographically immobile cultures.
2. Collaboration among scholars and teachers with different regional specialties.
3. Exploration of regional definitions and how they have changed over time.

For Faculty & Researchers
• An active, collaborative scholarly community
• A full calendar of educational and cultural speakers, workshops, conferences, exhibits, films, and other events
• Library resources, including the Bodman Collection of Middle Eastern Film, featuring rare documentaries and cinematic classics.
• Small grants for course development, research travel, and language pedagogy training

For Students
• Language programs in Arabic, Hebrew, Persian, Turkish, Urdu, and other languages of Muslim civilizations
• Fellowships for language study
• Undergraduate programs in Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, Arab Cultures, Jewish Studies, and more
• Graduate programs in Middle Eastern Studies, Islamic Studies, and Franco-Arab Studies
• Study Abroad opportunities throughout the Middle East and around the world
• A full calendar of scholarly and cultural events
• Funding opportunities for student-initiated events

For the Community
• A full calendar of public events, from scholarly lectures to film series and beyond
• A roster of experts on the Middle East and Muslim civilizations who will speak to community groups
• Opportunities to help build Carolina’s programs on the Middle East and Muslim civilizations