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Persian, French, and Spanish to varying degrees of proficiency. His academic interests lie in a synthesis of global cinema studies, Arabic language and culture, Middle East studies, film production, and sociolinguistics. Shams received his BA in Arabic and Film & Media Culture from Middlebury College; after studying abroad in Amman during his Junior year, he wrote his high honors Film & Media Culture senior thesis on the Chinese director Bi Gan, and his highest honors Arabic thesis on Palestinian director Elia Suleiman. Outside of the classroom, he played on Middlebury's varsity soccer team, participated in the Muslim Students Association, and worked as a First-Year Counselor, Arabic tutor, and barista. In the future, Shams intends to apply his love for language learning and film studies within international development and media, with the aim of empowering, amplifying, and diversifying Middle Eastern and Muslim voices and stories in the film industry.