

Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures

Graduate programs leading to the PhD degree are offered in Arabic and Persian Languages and Literatures; Middle Eastern Art and Archaeology; Cuneiform; Ancient Iranian Studies; Egyptology; and Islamic Studies. Degree requirements should be completed according to the University's normative time standards. Normative time for an advanced degree in the department is **seven** years for the MA plus PhD, and **five** years for those entering with an MA. Students are urged to complete the MA requirements in two years, and the PhD requirements in an additional five years.

Admission to the University

Applying for Graduate Admission

Thank you for considering UC Berkeley for graduate study! UC Berkeley offers more than 120 graduate programs representing the breadth and depth of interdisciplinary scholarship. The Graduate Division hosts a complete list (<https://grad.berkeley.edu/admissions/choosing-your-program/list/>) of graduate academic programs, departments, degrees offered, and application deadlines can be found on the Graduate Division website.

Prospective students must submit an online application to be considered for admission, in addition to any supplemental materials specific to the program for which they are applying. The online application and steps to take to apply can be found on the Graduate Division website (<https://grad.berkeley.edu/admissions/steps-to-apply/>).

Admission Requirements

The minimum graduate admission requirements are:

1. A bachelor's degree or recognized equivalent from an accredited institution;
2. A satisfactory scholastic average, usually a minimum grade-point average (GPA) of 3.0 (B) on a 4.0 scale; and
3. Enough undergraduate training to do graduate work in your chosen field.

For a list of requirements to complete your graduate application, please see the Graduate Division's Admissions Requirements page (<https://grad.berkeley.edu/admissions/steps-to-apply/requirements/>). It is also important to check with the program or department of interest, as they may have additional requirements specific to their program of study and degree. Department contact information can be found here (<https://guide.berkeley.edu/graduate/degree-programs/>).

Where to apply?

Visit the Berkeley Graduate Division application page (<http://grad.berkeley.edu/admissions/apply/>).

Admission to the Program

All applicants should have fulfilled the equivalent of the departmental requirements for the BA degree. Minor deficiencies in preparation would need to be repaired in the student's first year of graduate work.

The PhD Degree

Applicants to the Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures graduate program may already hold the MA or an equivalent degree. Students earning the MA in this department need to pass a Permission to Proceed examination after completing the other MA requirements.

*The requirements below are *in addition* to those fulfilled while earning the MA degree.

(For students entering the program with an MA in a related field, any deviations from UC Berkeley's MA degree stipulations are treated on a case-by-case basis and must have official approval.)

Prior to Advancement

Curriculum

While there are few specific required courses for the PhD program, it is expected that a student will include seminar work in at least two divisions of the department. All graduate students at UC Berkeley, before and after advancement to candidacy, must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 units per semester. Upon the advice of appropriate faculty, students select courses that will prepare them to meet the requirements for admission to candidacy. There is one required course (MELC 291) for every graduate student in the PhD program in Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures, and students are strongly advised to enroll in MELC 200 if it is available. These two courses are described here:

MELC 291 ; and

MELC 200 (if not already satisfied as part of the MA degree requirements in the Department).

Language Concentrations and Islamic Studies concentration

Course electives that include the following:

At least 12 units of coursework during each semester at the 100- or 200-level, with lower-division language courses as appropriate.

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| MELC 200 | Graduate Proseminar | 1 |
| MELC 291 | Dissertation Writing Workshop | 4 |

middle eastern Art and Archaeology Concentration

Course electives that include the following:

At least 12 units of coursework during each semester at the 100- or 200-level, with lower-division language courses as appropriate.

At least 2 years of course work in a single ancient language during graduate career, or pass proficiency exam

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| MELC 200 | Graduate Proseminar | 1 |
| MELC 291 | Dissertation Writing Workshop | 4 |

Egyptology Concentration

Course electives that include the following:

At least 12 units of coursework during each semester at the 100- or 200-level, with lower-division language courses as appropriate.

2 semesters of ancient Egyptian language beyond second-year level during graduate career, and pass proficiency exam in Egyptian and/or Coptic

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| MELC 200 | Graduate Proseminar | 1 |
| MELC 291 | Dissertation Writing Workshop | 4 |

Fieldwork for students in Egyptology and Middle Eastern Art and Archaeology

Each student specializing in Egyptology or Middle Eastern Art and Archaeology must acquire practical experience in archaeology or museum studies. The student should confer with his or her examination committee on ways of gaining this experience, which may include participation in excavations, study in approved museums, or other activities related to fieldwork and approved by the examination committee.

Foreign Language(s)

All PhD students must have passed reading examinations in two modern European languages before proceeding to the preliminary examinations. The modern language proficiency examinations will follow the form prescribed under the MA requirements (see the Master's Degree Requirements tab). Students who have passed through an MA program of this department will already have satisfied the requirement in at least one language. Credit is not given for language examinations taken at other schools.

Preliminary Exams

The department requires that its doctoral students pass comprehensive written preliminary examinations before proceeding to the oral qualifying examination (QE). Students are eligible to take the written examinations after completing all prior requirements for the PhD. Students must complete one written preliminary examination for each subject area specified in the application sent to the Graduate Division to be covered during the comprehensive PhD examinations. Three comprehensive written examinations are required, therefore, to cover the student's major subject area and two minor areas. The preliminary examinations may be of any written form determined by the examiners, but it is suggested that they should consist of a choice of not more than three from a wide range of essay questions. Students should consult with their committee members well in advance concerning the form that each examination will take. For all students in the department specializing in a language concentration (Cuneiform Studies, Arabic or Persian Language and Literatures), the comprehensive written preliminary examinations will include examinations in at least two Middle or Near (ancient) Eastern languages. Egyptology students should pass a separate ancient Egyptian language exam in two parts prior to sitting for their comprehensive PhD examinations.

Qualifying Examination

The qualifying examination is designed to reveal the breadth and depth of the student's knowledge, as well as his or her sophistication of reasoning. It is therefore not to be concerned narrowly, nor to be concerned solely with a dissertation prospectus. Based on the student's performance, the faculty will determine whether the candidate is ready to enter the research phase of PhD study. Students are eligible to take the comprehensive oral qualifying examination after passing the written preliminary examinations.

Prospectus

Before applying to the Graduate Division for advancement to candidacy to the PhD, the student must first obtain approval of a dissertation prospectus on an appropriate topic from his/her proposed dissertation committee. The prospectus should include a detailed outline, a short essay-type description of the dissertation, and a bibliography. A proposed timeline to completion and methodology statement are frequent additions to the prospectus.

Time in Candidacy

Advancement to Candidacy

After the student passes the oral qualifying examination, the student must apply for advancement to candidacy. Before submitting this application, the student should first obtain approval of a dissertation prospectus on an appropriate topic from his/her proposed dissertation committee.

Dissertation

The completed dissertation must be signed by all three members of the dissertation committee. It is the student's responsibility to be in touch with all members of the committee and to arrange for each member to have enough time to review each stage of the dissertation.

Dissertation Colloquium for PhD Candidates in Ancient Egyptian and Middle Eastern Programs

All PhD students in the ancient Egyptian (Egyptology) and ancient Middle Eastern (Middle Eastern Art and Archaeology) subplans are strongly encouraged to give an oral presentation of approximately 45 minutes on their dissertation. The candidate should consult with his or her dissertation advisers to determine the scope of the presentation. The colloquium should be scheduled during the advanced stages of the dissertation and must be attended by the candidate's dissertation inside committee members. It is expected that all graduate students and faculty in ancient Egyptian and ancient Middle Eastern programs will attend dissertation colloquia. Graduate students in the other subplans within MELC are also welcome to present during a dissertation colloquium devoted to their research.

Required Professional Development

Teaching

Every year, the department appoints graduate students as Graduate Student Instructors (GSIs) to teach discussion sections of lecture courses, sections of language courses, and self-designed Reading and Composition courses. As part of the PhD program requirements in Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures, each graduate student should act as a GSI for a minimum of one course during their graduate career. In exceptional cases, this requirement may be waived with the approval of a student's faculty advisory committee.

Curriculum

All graduate students at UC Berkeley must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 units per semester. In addition to the courses required for specific concentrations in the MA in Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures (listed below), all entering graduate students should take the following course if it is available in their first or second year of the MELC program:

MELC 200

Language Concentrations, and Islamic Studies Concentration

24 units course work in 100 or 200 series, including 12 units graduate 24 courses (200-level) in Middle Eastern major language

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| 3 semesters, Middle Eastern minor language | Variable |
| MELC 200 | Graduate Proseminar |
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Middle Eastern Art and Archaeology Concentration

24 units of course work in 100 or 200 series, including 12 units in 200-level courses 24

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| MELC 223 | Seminar in Middle Eastern Archaeology | 2,4 |
| MELC 200 | Graduate Proseminar | 1 |

Egyptology Concentration

24 units of course work in 100 or 200 series, including 12 units in 200-level seminar courses; may include one graduate-level Egyptian language course in 200 series 24

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| 2 semesters Ancient Egyptian language beyond second-year level | | Variable |
| MELC 200 | Graduate Proseminar | 1 |

Foreign Language

The students must pass the modern European language proficiency examination or receive approval of the graduate advisor and dean for a waiver of the examination before applying for candidacy for the MA degree. In this department, the language required is normally French or German. Another modern language may be substituted for one of these if it is clearly necessary to the student's field of study. Any such substitution must be approved by the head faculty graduate advisor (HGA) and the student's advisory committee.

Preliminary or Field Exams

The student must successfully complete written examinations covering one major and two minor fields. Two research papers, one of which demonstrates bibliographic mastery of a given topic, must be placed on file in the departmental office at least four weeks prior to the MA examinations. These papers may be written in the context of coursework taken for the MA or may be written independently of coursework, under the supervision of a faculty member. Any paper submitted as an MA paper must be approved by the faculty member for whom it was written, as well as by the MA committee.

Teaching/Pedagogy

The department appoints graduate students as Graduate Student Instructors (GSIs) to teach discussion sections of lecture courses and sections of language courses. Graduate students with pedagogical experience may allow teach Reading and Composition courses on a topic of their choice.

Advancement to Candidacy

Students must be unofficially advanced to candidacy by their committee prior to taking their comprehensive MA examinations. The student's request for candidacy should be filed with the Department after the student satisfies the European language proficiency exam requirement and before the student appears for the MA examinations.

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Arabic

ARABIC 1A Elementary Arabic 5 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Summer 2025 8 Week Session, Spring 2025
Elementary Arabic introduces students to Modern Standard Arabic and is designed for those with little to no prior knowledge of the language, including its alphabet and sounds. The course is suitable for individuals familiar with Arabic colloquial speech but without formal training in Modern Standard Arabic. The course develops foundational skills in speaking, reading, listening, and writing while building vocabulary, idiomatic expressions, and grammar. Students will learn to communicate and engage in discussions on topics such as self, family, and surroundings. The course uses task-based and proficiency-oriented methods to enhance language learning and incorporates an exploration of Arabic cultures.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ARABIC 1A is a prerequisite to ARABIC 1B

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for ARABIC 1A after completing ARABIC 10. A deficient grade in ARABIC 1A may be removed by taking ARABIC 10.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of recitation and 2 hours of workshop per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 8 hours of recitation and 2 hours of workshop per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ARABIC 1B Elementary Arabic 5 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Spring 2024

This course is the second semester of elementary Modern Standard Arabic. It focuses on developing skills in speaking, reading, listening, and writing, while expanding vocabulary, idiomatic expressions, and grammar. Students will learn to communicate effectively on topics such as self, family, surroundings, daily routines, past events, and future plans. The course uses task-based and proficiency-oriented methods to enhance language learning and incorporates an exploration of Arabic cultures. Additionally, it covers basic syntax and introduces the fundamentals of the Arabic morphological system.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ARABIC 1A with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for ARABIC 1B after completing ARABIC 10. A deficient grade in ARABIC 1B may be removed by taking ARABIC 10.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of recitation and 2 hours of workshop per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 8 hours of recitation and 2 hours of workshop per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ARABIC 10 Intensive Elementary Arabic 10 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2021 8 Week Session, Summer 2020 8 Week Session, Summer 2019 8 Week Session

An eight-week intensive course intended to teach skills in oral comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing Arabic. Using up-to-date language teaching and proficiency-oriented methodologies, the course also covers the basics of Arabic morphology, syntax, and grammar. While the course's vocabulary is designed to serve the needs of daily conversation in any part of the Arabic speaking world, its simultaneous attention to the rules of morphology, syntax, and grammar serves the needs of the prospective scholar.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for ARABIC 10 after completing ARABIC 1B.

Hours & Format

Summer: 8 weeks - 20 hours of recitation per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ARABIC 11 Arabic for Reading Knowledge 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2003 10 Week Session

The course is designed to guide students through Arabic grammar with a systematic treatment of the subject and the use of classical Arabic texts.

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 10 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Bazian

ARABIC 15 Spoken Arabic 6 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2003 10 Week Session, Summer 1997 10 Week Session

Practice in speaking an Arabic dialect.

Hours & Format

Summer: 8 weeks - 12 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ARABIC 15B Spoken Arabic 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2009, Spring 2003

Practice in speaking an Arabic dialect.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 15A

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: 101B

ARABIC 20A Intermediate Arabic 5 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

The course teaches skills in speaking, reading, listening, and writing in Modern Standard Arabic and builds vocabulary, idiomatic expressions, and grammar that allows students to further discuss topics related to self and family, community, and environment, offer opinions and speak about a number of topics in detail. Using task-based and proficiency-oriented approaches to foreign language instruction, the course includes regular discussion in Arabic and prepares students to communicate in a variety of contexts. The course engages students with authentic materials and features of Arab cultures and deepens students' knowledge of Arabic syntax and its rich morphological system.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ARABIC 1B or ARABIC 10 with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor

Credit Restrictions: A deficient grade in ARABIC 20A may be removed by taking ARABIC 30.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of recitation and 2 hours of workshop per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ARABIC 20B Intermediate Arabic 5 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

This course is the second semester of the intermediate level of Modern Standard Arabic. The course further teaches skills in speaking, reading, listening and writing in Arabic and builds vocabulary, expressions and grammar that allow students to discuss topics in detail and develop and support opinions. Using task-based and proficiency-oriented approaches to foreign language instruction, the course includes regular discussion in Arabic and prepares students to communicate in a variety of contexts and for various purposes. The course engages students with authentic materials and features of Arab cultures and deepens students' knowledge of Arabic syntax and its rich morphological system.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ARABIC 20A with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for ARABIC 20B after completing ARABIC 30. A deficient grade in ARABIC 20B may be removed by taking ARABIC 30.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of recitation and 2 hours of workshop per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ARABIC 30 Intermediate Arabic 10 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2021 8 Week Session, Summer 2020 8 Week Session, Summer 2019 8 Week Session

This course is equivalent to a full year of intermediate level Arabic. It will deepen skills in speaking, comprehending, reading, and writing Modern Standard Arabic.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ARABIC 1B or ARABIC 10 with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for ARABIC 30 after completing ARABIC 20B.

Hours & Format

Summer: 8 weeks - 20 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ARABIC 50 Advanced Arabic 10 Units

Terms offered: Summer 1997 10 Week Session, Summer 1995 10 Week Session

This course will include grammatical and stylistic analysis of Arabic texts from both the classical and the modern periods. Class will be conducted entirely in Arabic.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Two years of college level Arabic

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for 50 after taking 100A-100B.

Hours & Format

Summer: 8 weeks - 20 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ARABIC 100A Advanced Arabic 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

Intensive reading and analysis of texts of different genres. Guest lectures, films, documentaries, oral presentations, research papers. Formal and informal styles of writing and correspondence. Extensive vocabulary building.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ARABIC 20B or ARABIC 30 with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ARABIC 100B Advanced Arabic 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

Intensive reading and analysis of texts of different genres. Guest lectures, films, documentaries, oral presentations, research papers. Formal and informal styles of writing and correspondence. Extensive vocabulary building.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ARABIC 100A with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ARABIC 103 Media Arabic 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Fall 2022

This course aims to strengthen the student's skills in aural comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing in Arabic Media. Students will engage with authentic materials like newspapers, magazines, and internet news sites, which will provide them with a deeper understanding of the linguistic properties of Arabic media output, as well as insight into sociolinguistics, critical discourse analysis, and translation issues. The course will include enrichment activities. Moreover, there will be a group of tasks assigned that will open the door for students to practice what they learned in a meaningful context. Students will also learn about vocalicity and the way news anchors and media professionals speak Arabic.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Arabic 20B or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of workshop per week

Summer: 3 weeks - 15 hours of lecture and 5 hours of workshop per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ARABIC 104A Modern Arabic Prose 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2021

This course is designed for students who wish to concentrate on contemporary prose. Reading and analysis of modern Arabic fiction, including short stories, drama, the novel, and expository prose.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ARABIC 20B or ARABIC 30 with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ARABIC 104B Classical Arabic Prose 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2020

This course is designed for students who wish to concentrate on Arabic of the classical periods of Arab and Islamic civilization. Reading and analysis of literary texts of various genres, including essays, biography, and travel literature.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ARABIC 20B or ARABIC 30 with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ARABIC 105A Modern Arabic Poetry 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Readings and analysis of 20th-century Arabic poetry.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ARABIC 20B or ARABIC 30 with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ARABIC 105B Classical Arabic Poetry 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Fall 2017, Fall 2008

Readings and analysis of poetry from the pre-Islamic through the classical periods.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ARABIC 20B or ARABIC 30 with minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ARABIC 107 Arabic Historical and Geographical Texts 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Spring 2018

Readings from the classical historians and geographers and from contemporary scholarship. Development of historiography.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ARABIC 20B or ARABIC 30 with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ARABIC 108 Islamic Religious and Philosophical Texts in Arabic 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022

Readings in the basic texts of Islam (Qur'an, Huran, Hadith, Sira, commentary) and in theological, mystical, and philosophical texts.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ARABIC 20B or ARABIC 30 with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ARABIC 111A Survey of Arabic Literature (in Arabic) 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2015, Fall 2014, Fall 2013

This course is designed primarily for majors and prospective majors in Arabic studies. The Classical Periods: A literary-historical survey of Arabic literature from pre-Islamic times to the middle of the thirteenth century, with emphasis on the more important achievements of major Arab authors.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ARABIC 20B or ARABIC 30 with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ARABIC 111B Survey of Arabic Literature (in Arabic) 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021

This course is designed primarily for majors and prospective majors in Arabic studies. The Post-Abbasid and Modern Periods: A literary-historical survey of Arabic literature from the middle of the thirteenth century to the present.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ARABIC 20B or ARABIC 30 with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ARABIC 115A Colloquial Arabic 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2021, Fall 2019

This course introduces students to a standard colloquial Arabic and the cultures of the region in which it spoken. The colloquial will change based on availability. The focus of the course is on speaking and listening, but also includes readings from printed materials. The course draws on various media including advertisements, theater, and film composed in colloquial style. This course will also expose students to literature composed in colloquial. Moreover, students will study the social stratification in the society along with an analysis of the speech of each social level. Students use their knowledge of Modern Standard Arabic as a platform for learning to communicate in colloquial.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ARABIC 1B or ARABIC 10 with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ARABIC 115B Colloquial Arabic 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2022, Spring 2020

This course introduces students to Egyptian Colloquial Arabic and the cultures of the region in which it is spoken. The focus of the course is on speaking and listening, but also includes readings from printed materials. The course draws on various media including advertisements, theater, and film composed in colloquial style. This course will also expose students to literature composed in colloquial. Moreover, students will study the social stratification in the Egyptian society along with an analysis of the speech of each social level. Students use their knowledge of Modern Standard Arabic as a platform for learning to communicate in Egyptian colloquial.

Objectives & Outcomes

Course Objectives: By the completion of ECA course students should be able to:

1. Read and comprehend literature written in ECA
2. Hold longer conversations with native speakers on different topics.
3. Understand the sociolinguistic aspects of Egyptian culture.
4. Understand and engage in the Egyptian humor which forms a big part of the culture.
5. Understand and engage in social occasions such as greetings giving condolences, etc.
6. Recognize the language level of the speaker to avoid misunderstandings.
7. Respond to any speaker according to his/her language level.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ARABIC 115A with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ARABIC H195 Senior Honors 2 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2003

Directed study centered upon preparation of an honors thesis.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Limited to senior honors candidates

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 4 units.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

ARABIC 198 Directed Group Study for Upper Division Students 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2000 10 Week Session

Instruction in areas not covered by regularly scheduled courses.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Enrollment is restricted; see the section on Academic Policies-Course Number Guide in the Berkeley Bulletin.

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 2-8 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

ARABIC 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 1998

Enrollment restrictions apply; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section of this catalog.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Enrollment is restricted; see the section on Academic Policies-Course Number Guide in the Berkeley Bulletin.

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

ARABIC 200 Arabic Grammatical Tradition 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2014, Spring 2011, Spring 2007

Study of selected grammatical phenomena of Arabic based on readings from the classical Arabic grammarians, on the modern study of linguistics in the Arab world, and on the Western grammatical tradition.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 105 or the equivalent

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

ARABIC 202 History of Arabic 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2017, Spring 2015, Spring 2013

The history of Arabic from its Semitic antecedents through the formation of the modern dialects.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 20B or its equivalent with consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

ARABIC 212 Topics in Modern Arabic Literature: Poetry 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2011, Fall 2010, Spring 2009

Intensive study of modern poetry in relation to the cultural tradition.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 109

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

ARABIC 220 Seminar in Classical Arabic Literature 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2023

A close reading and careful literary analysis of significant authors and specific topics in Classical Arabic prose or poetry or both.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 20B or its equivalent and consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

ARABIC 245 Seminar: Modernist Arabic Poetics 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2021, Fall 2009, Spring 2006

This course examines the origins, status, and function of literary theory in the making of modern Arabic literature. Questions of cultural influence, literary genres, forms, modes, and techniques of representation are all central to the interests of this course.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

ARABIC 298 Seminar 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Fall 2020

Special topics in Arabic. Topics vary and are announced at the beginning of each semester.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Cuneiform

CUNEIF 100A Elementary Akkadian 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2022, Fall 2020

Akkadian was the language of literature, diplomacy, law, commerce, religion, and technical knowledge in Mesopotamia (ancient Iraq). This course offers students the fundamentals in the language and cuneiform script in which the Hammurabi Laws, the Epic of Gilgamesh, the Babylonian Creation, along with many other texts, were written. The study of Akkadian will enable students to read the classics of Akkadian literature and understand the emergence and development of the earliest writing system, cities and states, social and economic structures, and religious beliefs. This course is approved for UC Berkeley majors in Linguistics, as well as filling a requirement for the Near Eastern Civilization major.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: No prerequisites

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for CUNEIF 100A after completing CUNEIF 100B.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Cuneiform/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

CUNEIF 100B Elementary Akkadian 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2023, Spring 2021

Akkadian was the language of literature, diplomacy, law, commerce, religion, and technical knowledge in Mesopotamia (ancient Iraq). This course offers students the fundamentals in the language and cuneiform script in which the Hammurabi Laws, the Epic of Gilgamesh, the Babylonian Creation, along with many other texts, were written. The study of Akkadian will enable students to read the classics of Akkadian literature and understand the emergence and development of the earliest writing system, cities and states, social and economic structures, and religious beliefs. This course is approved for UC Berkeley majors in Linguistics and for the Near Eastern Civilization major.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Cuneiform 100A: Elementary Akkadian or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Cuneiform/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

CUNEIF 101A Selected Readings in Akkadian 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2023, Fall 2021

In each semester of this course, the student who has completed the first year of the study of Akkadian will read a variety of texts in the cuneiform script either of the Old Babylonian or the Neo-Assyrian periods. In any semester, the texts to be read may be drawn from a variety of text genres: legal, mythological, historical, prayer, etc., but each semester will focus on only one genre.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 100A-100B or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Cuneiform/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: 100A-100B-100C.

CUNEIF 101B Selected Readings in Akkadian 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2022, Spring 2020

In each semester of this course, the student who has completed the first year of the study of Akkadian will read a variety of texts in the cuneiform script either of the Old Babylonian or the Neo-Assyrian periods. In any semester, the texts to be read may be drawn from a variety of text genres: legal, mythological, historical, prayer, etc., but each semester will focus on only one genre.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 100A-100B or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Cuneiform/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: 100A-100B-100C.

CUNEIF 102A Elementary Sumerian 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2021, Fall 2017

Introduction to Sumerian grammar and writing.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Background in German and French recommended

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Cuneiform/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

CUNEIF 102B Elementary Sumerian 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Spring 2018, Spring 2016

Introduction to Sumerian grammar and writing.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Background in German and French recommended

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Cuneiform/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

CUNEIF 103A Selected Readings in Sumerian 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2022, Fall 2020

Reading of texts selected for clarity of script, simplicity of vocabulary, and historical and cultural significance.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 102A-102B

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Cuneiform/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

CUNEIF 103B Selected Readings in Sumerian 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2023, Spring 2017

Reading of texts selected for clarity of script, simplicity of vocabulary, and historical and cultural significance.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 102A-102B

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Cuneiform/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

CUNEIF 106A Elementary Hittite 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2013, Fall 2008, Fall 2001

Introduction to Cuneiform Hittite language and grammar with reading of selected historical and religious texts.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Background in German and French recommended

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Cuneiform/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

CUNEIF 106B Elementary Hittite 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2009, Spring 2002, Spring 2000

Introduction to Cuneiform Hittite language and grammar with reading of selected historical and religious texts.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Background in German and French recommended

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Cuneiform/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

CUNEIF H195 Senior Honors 2 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2017

Directed study centered upon preparation of an honors thesis.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Limited to senior honors candidates

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 4 units.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Cuneiform/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

CUNEIF 198 Directed Group Study for Upper Division Students 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Instruction in areas not covered by regularly scheduled courses.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Cuneiform/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

CUNEIF 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2017

Enrollment is restricted by regulations shown in the .

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Cuneiform/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

CUNEIF 200A Advanced Akkadian 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2020, Fall 2019

Reading of a variety of genres of Akkadian documents and literature.

Texts selected are based on the individual needs of participating students.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 101A-101B

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Cuneiform/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

CUNEIF 200B Advanced Akkadian 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Spring 2021, Spring 2019

Reading of a variety of genres of Akkadian documents and literature.

Texts selected are based on the individual needs of participating students.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 101A-101B

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Cuneiform/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

CUNEIF 298 Seminar 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Fall 2019

Special topics in Cuneiform. Topics vary and are announced at the beginning of each semester.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Cuneiform/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Egyptian

EGYPT 100A Introduction to Egyptian Hieroglyphs 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

This course introduces the fundamentals of the language and hieroglyphic script of Middle Egyptian used to write stories, poems, biographies and letters, magical spells, and eye-witness accounts of historical events from thousands of years ago. The study of this ancient language enables students to read the classics of Egyptian literature and understand the emergence and development of one of the world's oldest writing systems, and the laws, customs, social structures, and religious beliefs of the ancient people of the Nile Valley. Lectures present the grammar and writing; much of the in-class time is devoted to the translating and close reading of texts, with a discussion of their cultural and historical context and meaning.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: This course is a prerequisite for Egyptian 100B, offered in the spring semester. Both semesters of Egyptian 100 are required prerequisites for any of the other ancient Egyptian language courses

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

EGYPT 100B Introduction to Egyptian Hieroglyphs 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

This course introduces the fundamentals of the language and hieroglyphic script of Middle Egyptian used to write stories and poems, biographies and letters, magical spells, and eye-witness accounts of historical events from thousands of years ago. The study of this ancient language enables students to read the classics of Egyptian literature and understand the emergence and development of one of the world's oldest writing systems, and the laws, customs, social structures, and religious beliefs of the ancient people of the Nile Valley. Lectures present the grammar and writing; much of the in-class time is devoted to the translating and close reading of texts, with a discussion of their cultural and historical context and meaning.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: EGYPTIAN 100A or with the consent of the instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

EGYPT 101A Intermediate Egyptian 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Fall 2016, Fall 2014

Readings in Middle Egyptian hieroglyphic and hieratic texts.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 100A-100B

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

EGYPT 101B Intermediate Egyptian 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2019, Spring 2017, Spring 2015

Readings in Middle Egyptian hieroglyphic and hieratic texts.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 100A-100B

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

EGYPT 102A Elementary Coptic 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2002, Fall 2000, Spring 1997

Introduction to Sahidic dialect.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: German and Greek recommended

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

EGYPT 102B Elementary Coptic 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2003, Spring 2001

Readings in Sahidic, other dialects.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: German and Greek recommended

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

EGYPT H195 Senior Honors 2 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Directed study centered upon preparation of an honors thesis.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Limited to senior honors candidates

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 4 units.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

EGYPT 198 Directed Group Study for Upper Division Students 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Instruction in areas not covered by regularly scheduled courses.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

EGYPT 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Enrollment is restricted by regulations shown in the .

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

EGYPT 201A Middle Egyptian Texts 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Fall 2022, Spring 2021

The course will be based on the reading, translation, grammatical and philological analysis of Middle Egyptian literary and magical texts. Readings include spells of the ancient Egyptian funerary corpora of the Coffin Texts and Book of the Dead, texts from stelae of the Middle Kingdom, the Middle Kingdom story of Sinuhe.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Concurrent or previous enrollment in EGYPT 100A and EGYPT 100B or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Lucarelli

EGYPT 201B Middle Egyptian Texts 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2007, Fall 2005, Spring 2000

The course is designed as a continuation of Egypt 201A and will be based on the same type of reading, translation, grammatical and philological analysis of the Middle Egyptian literary and magical texts of 201A but requiring a deeper knowledge of the grammar and translation techniques. Readings will include magical spells for daily and funerary use, texts from stelae, the story of the "Eloquent Peasant" and extracts from the ancient Egyptian "Wisdom Literature."

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Concurrent or previous enrollment in EGYPT 201A or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Lucarelli

EGYPT 202 Hieratic 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2021, Spring 2020

Hieratic is the cursive form of the ancient Egyptian hieroglyphic script, which was mostly written on papyrus and ostraca (potsherds used as a writing surface) with a brush and ink. This course introduces the Hieratic writing system used in Middle and Late Egyptian texts. The course will include reading, transcription, and translation of selected texts written in Hieratic, dating from the Old Kingdom to the Ramesside Period.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Concurrent or previous enrollment in Middle Egyptian or EGYPTIAN 100A and EGYPTIAN 100B; and EGYPTIAN 200A and EGYPTIAN 200B or Late Egyptian (EGYPTIAN 203) or with the consent of the instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

EGYPT 202B Egyptian Texts 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2019, Spring 2018, Spring 2017
Philological analysis of texts of a single genre and period.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Concurrent or previous enrollment in 201A-201B or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

EGYPT 203 Late Egyptian 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022

This course is designed to introduce students to the study of Late Egyptian, a later stage of the ancient Egyptian language used in the New Kingdom from ca 1500 to 1000 BCE. This course will cover Late Egyptian grammar through reading and translating literary texts written in both hieroglyphic and Hieratic scripts, in particular, the main literary tales of the "Two Brothers" and "Wenamun" will be examined.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Concurrent or previous enrollment in Middle Egyptian or EGYPTIAN 100A and EGYPTIAN 100B; and EGYPTIAN 200A and EGYPTIAN 200B or with the consent of the instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

EGYPT 204A Introduction to Demotic 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2020

Demotic (derived from the Greek word demos, meaning "people") is the spoken and written language used by the people of Egypt during the Saite, Persian, Ptolemaic, and Roman periods (664 BCE–452 CE). Knowledge of this stage and script of the ancient language is essential for a proper understanding of Egypt during the later periods. After an introduction to the script and grammar (including non-verbal sentences and simple verbal forms), we will read and translate texts chosen from a wide variety of sources: mummy labels, inscribed votive stelae, liturgical, funerary, and magical texts, and oracles.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: A year-long university-level course in one of the stages of the ancient Egyptian language (Middle Egyptian, Late Egyptian, Old Egyptian, or Coptic), or the permission of the instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

EGYPT 204B Demotic Texts 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2021

This course builds upon material introduced in Egyptian 204A, continuing the study of Demotic (derived from the Greek word demos, meaning "people"), the stage of the ancient Egyptian language used by the people of Egypt during the Saite, Persian, Ptolemaic, and Roman periods (664 BCE-452 CE). Knowledge of this stage and script of the ancient language is essential for a proper understanding of Egypt during the later periods. Grammar covered this semester includes all forms of verbal sentences and clauses. We will read from a variety of genres, including oaths, marriage contracts, and literary, funerary, magical, and mythological texts. Students will obtain skills to transliterate, translate, and grammatically analyze Demotic texts.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Egyptian 204A or Consent of Instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

EGYPT 205 Ptolemaic Egyptian Hieroglyphic Texts 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This course introduces the hieroglyphic texts of the temples of the Ptolemaic and Roman periods--a time when an increase in the number of signs, and the values that they could hold, widened the scribal playing field for creating expressions that function on multiple aural, visual, and thematic levels. In addition to studying the language, grammar, content, and purpose of the texts, we will examine individual scribal techniques used to foreground words and phrases singled out for emphasis, showing how they create interconnections between texts, reliefs, and architecture in the three-dimensional space of the temple.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Egyptian 100A and Egyptian 100B or Consent of Instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Hebrew

HEBREW 1A Elementary Hebrew 5 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

This course is the first semester of the elementary level of Modern Hebrew and is meant for students who have no or little experience with the Hebrew language. Students will learn to read and write the Hebrew alphabet (both print and cursive) as well as gain proficiency in speaking and listening. Students will develop a foundational vocabulary, allowing them to communicate in basic sentences. Together with the second semester of Elementary Hebrew, students will be prepared to engage with the Hebrew language in routine contexts.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of recitation and 1 hour of workshop per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

HEBREW 1B Elementary Hebrew 5 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

This course is the second semester of the elementary level of Modern Hebrew. The course continues where Elementary Hebrew 1A left off and further cultivates students' speaking, reading, listening, and writing proficiencies in Modern Hebrew. It expands on vocabulary and expressions, allowing students to hold colloquial conversations and interactions. The course complements the first semester of elementary Hebrew and together the two semesters provide students with the foundational grammar and syntax of Modern Hebrew, preparing them to engage with Hebrew in routine contexts.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Hebrew 1A or consent of the instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of recitation and 1 hour of workshop per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

HEBREW 10 Intensive Elementary Hebrew 10 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2007 10 Week Session, Summer 2007 8 Week Session, Summer 2006 10 Week Session

An intensive course in modern Israeli Hebrew. The course covers the basic syntactic and morphological patterns of modern Hebrew through the teaching and practice of communicative and interactive language skills in the four areas of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The course is equivalent to two semesters of Hebrew in the regular academic year.

Hours & Format

Summer: 8 weeks - 20 hours of lecture and 5 hours of laboratory per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

HEBREW 11A Reading and Composition for Hebrew Speaking Students 5 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Designed for heritage students who possess oral skills (speaking/ comprehension, though limited) but need to improve their writing and reading abilities, and expand their knowledge of Hebrew grammar and syntax. Completion of 11A-11B will prepare the student to take Hebrew 20A, Intermediate Hebrew.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Rudimentary knowledge of spoken Hebrew and consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of recitation per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

HEBREW 11B Reading and Composition for Hebrew-Speaking Students 5 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Designed for heritage students who possess oral skills (speaking/ comprehension, though limited) but need to improve their writing and reading abilities, and expand their knowledge of Hebrew grammar and syntax. Completion of 11A-11B will prepare the student to take Hebrew 20A, Intermediate Hebrew.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Hebrew 11A or the consent of the instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of recitation per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

HEBREW 20A Intermediate Hebrew 5 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

This course is the first semester of the intermediate level of Modern Hebrew. The course continues where Elementary Hebrew 1B left off and further cultivates the student's speaking, reading, listening, and writing proficiencies in Modern Hebrew. It expands on vocabulary and expressions, allowing students to hold colloquial conversations as well as establishing a foundation to discuss more sophisticated topics.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Hebrew 1A and 1B or the consent of the instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of recitation and 1 hour of workshop per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

HEBREW 20B Intermediate Hebrew 5 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

This course is the second semester of the intermediate level of Modern Hebrew. The course

continues where Intermediate Hebrew 20A left off and further cultivates students' speaking, reading, listening, and writing proficiencies in Modern Hebrew. It expands on vocabulary and expressions, allowing students to hold colloquial conversations as well as discussion on more sophisticated topics. The course complements the first semester of intermediate Hebrew and together the two semesters provide students with a profound foundation of Hebrew grammar and syntax as well as an expansive vocabulary, preparing them to engage with Hebrew in most contexts.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Hebrew 1B or consent of the instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of recitation and 1 hour of workshop per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

HEBREW 30 Intermediate Hebrew 10 Units

Terms offered: Summer 1997 10 Week Session, Summer 1996 10 Week Session, Summer 1995 10 Week Session

This course is equivalent to a full year of intermediate Hebrew. It will deepen skills in speaking, understanding, reading, and writing modern Israeli Hebrew.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: One year of college level Hebrew

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for 30 after taking 20A-20B.

Hours & Format

Summer: 8 weeks - 20 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

HEBREW 100A Advanced Hebrew 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2023, Fall 2020

Advanced Hebrew, especially designed for those going on to the study of modern Hebrew literature. Vocabulary building, grammar review, and literary analysis of a sampling of modern texts.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 20A-20B or equivalent

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: 20A-20B-20C.

HEBREW 100B Advanced Hebrew 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2018

Advanced Hebrew, especially designed for those going on to the study of modern Hebrew literature. Vocabulary building, grammar review, and literary analysis of a sampling of modern texts.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 20A-20B or equivalent

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: 20A-20B-20C.

HEBREW 102A Postbiblical Hebrew Texts 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2008, Fall 2002, Fall 1998

Texts from the rabbinic period (Mishnah, Tosefta, Talmud, and Midrash) and an introduction to the languages of rabbinic texts.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 20A-20B or equivalent

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

HEBREW 102B Postbiblical Hebrew Texts 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2014, Spring 2011, Spring 2009

Texts from the rabbinic period (Mishnah, Tosefta, Talmud, and Midrash) and an introduction to the languages of rabbinic texts.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 20A-20B or equivalent

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

HEBREW 103A Later Rabbinic and Medieval Hebrew Texts 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2004

Study of midrashic, exegetical, halakhic (legal), poetic, apocalyptic, messianic, or historical texts.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 20A-20B

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

HEBREW 103B Later Rabbinic and Medieval Hebrew Texts 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Study of midrashic, exegetical, halakhic (legal), poetic, apocalyptic, messianic, or historical texts.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 20A-20B

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

HEBREW 104A Modern Hebrew Literature and Culture 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2020

A close reading of selected works of modern Hebrew fiction, poetry, and drama in their cultural and historical contexts. Topics vary from year to year and include literature and politics, eros and gender, memory and nationalism, Middle-Eastern and European aspects of Israeli literature and culture.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 100A-100B or equivalent

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

HEBREW 104B Modern Hebrew Literature and Culture 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Spring 2017, Spring 2016

A close reading of selected works of modern Hebrew fiction, poetry, and drama in their cultural and historical contexts. Topics vary from year to year and include literature and politics, eros and gender, memory and nationalism, Middle-Eastern and European aspects of Israeli literature and culture.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 100A-100B or equivalent

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

HEBREW 105A The Structure of Modern Hebrew 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 1999

An analysis of Hebrew grammar, syntax, semantics, morphology, history of the language, fixed expressions, discourse analysis, contrastive features of Hebrew and English in the context of contemporary linguistic theories.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

HEBREW 105B The Structure of Modern Hebrew 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2011, Spring 2008

An analysis of Hebrew grammar, syntax, semantics, morphology, history of the language, fixed expressions, discourse analysis, contrastive features of Hebrew and English in the context of contemporary linguistic theories.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

HEBREW 106A Elementary Biblical Hebrew 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

An introduction to the language of the Hebrew Bible.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: 2A-2B

HEBREW 106B Elementary Biblical Hebrew 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2022

An introduction to the language of the Hebrew Bible.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: 2B

HEBREW N106 Elementary Biblical Hebrew 6 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2009 10 Week Session, Summer 2009 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2008 Second 6 Week Session

An introduction to the language of the Hebrew bible.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for N106 after taking 106A-106B.

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 15 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

HEBREW 107A Biblical Hebrew Texts 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2015, Fall 2011

The tools and procedure of biblical exegesis applied to simple narrative texts.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 20A-20B

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: 101A-101B

HEBREW 107B Biblical Hebrew Texts 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Spring 2016, Spring 2012

The tools and procedure of biblical exegesis applied to simple narrative texts.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 20A-20B

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: 101B

HEBREW 111 Intermediate Biblical Texts 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

A systematic study of the Prophets beginning with Isaiah.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 101A-101B or equivalent

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

HEBREW 148A The Art and Culture of the Talmud: Advanced Textual Analysis 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2011, Fall 2010, Fall 2002

In this course, we will read and analyze closely talmudic texts in the original languages--Hebrew and Aramaic--together with selected medieval commentaries. The primary focus of the course will be on the acquisition of facility in reading the Talmud, comprehension of philological and historical-cultural issues and methods of study, as well as understanding the formative relation of the Talmud to the structures and practices of traditional Jewish cultures.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 102A-102B or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

HEBREW 148B The Art and Culture of the Talmud: Advanced Textual Analysis 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2001

In this course, we will read and analyze closely talmudic texts in the original languages--Hebrew and Aramaic--together with selected medieval commentaries. The primary focus of the course will be on the acquisition of facility in reading the Talmud, comprehension of philological and historical-cultural issues and methods of study, as well as understanding the formative relation of the Talmud to the structures and practices of traditional Jewish cultures.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 102A-B or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

HEBREW 190B Special Topics in Hebrew 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2016, Spring 2011

Topics explore special themes and problems in Hebrew language and literature. They often reflect the research interests of the instructor and supplement regular curricular offerings. Specific descriptions of current offerings are available through the department.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 20A-20B or equivalent

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

HEBREW H195 Senior Honors 2 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2003

Directed study centered upon preparation of an honors thesis.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Limited to senior honors candidates

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 4 units.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

HEBREW 198 Directed Group Study for Upper Division Students 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Spring 2002, Fall 2001

Instruction in areas not covered by regularly scheduled courses.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

HEBREW 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2003, Spring 1999

Enrollment is restricted by regulations shown in the .

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 1.5-7.5 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

HEBREW 201A Advanced Biblical Hebrew Texts 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2013, Fall 2009

The exegesis of a biblical book in the light of its ancient Near Eastern background.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 101A-101B

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

HEBREW 202A Advanced Late Antique Hebrew Texts 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2020

Historical and literary study of Hebrew and Aramaic Judaic texts (e.g., Talmud and Midrash).

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 102A-102B or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

HEBREW 202B Advanced Late Antique Hebrew Texts 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2020

Historical and literary study of Hebrew and Aramaic Judaic texts (e.g., Talmud and Midrash).

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 102A-102B or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

HEBREW 203A Advanced Medieval Hebrew Texts 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2008, Fall 2004, Fall 1998

Literary analysis of belletristic Hebrew texts, either prose or poetry, chiefly from the Iberian medieval period.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 103A-103B and 105A-105B

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

HEBREW 203B Advanced Medieval Hebrew Texts 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2011, Spring 2002

Literary analysis of belletristic Hebrew texts, either prose or poetry, chiefly from the Iberian medieval period.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 103A-103B and 105A-105B

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

HEBREW 204A Advanced Modern Hebrew Literature and Culture 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2020, Fall 2018, Fall 2014

Critical approaches to the history and textual practices of modern Hebrew poetry and fiction. Alternating focus between period, genre, and author, seminar topics include stylistic developments in Hebrew poetry and fiction from the Enlightenment to the present, modernism, and modernity, the creation of the modern Hebrew novel, women writers and the Hebrew canon, and single-author seminars.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Two semesters of 104A-104B or 105A, or equivalent

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Graduate

Grading: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered.

HEBREW 204B Advanced Modern Hebrew Literature and Culture 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2017, Spring 2016, Spring 2012

Critical approaches to the history and textual practices of modern Hebrew poetry and fiction. Alternating focus between period, genre, and author, seminar topics include stylistic developments in Hebrew poetry and fiction from the Enlightenment to the present, modernism, and modernity, the creation of the modern Hebrew novel, women writers and the Hebrew canon, and single-author seminars.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Two semesters of 104A-104B or 105A, or equivalent

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Graduate

Grading: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered.

HEBREW 206 Ancient and Modern Hebrew Literary Texts 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2015

Focus on biblical texts seen from a literary point of view, attempting to establish connections with later Hebrew literature.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 100A-100B or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

HEBREW 298 Seminar 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 2016

Special topics in Hebrew. Topics vary and are announced at the beginning of each semester.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

HEBREW 301A Teaching Hebrew in College 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2012, Fall 2010, Fall 2007

The methodology of teaching Hebrew as a foreign language at the college level. Lectures on contrastive analysis of English and Hebrew, classroom strategies, and the development of instructional materials. Required of all new Graduate Student Instructors in Hebrew.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate Standing

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1 hour of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

HEBREW 301B Teaching Hebrew in College 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2013, Spring 2002, Spring 2001

The methodology of teaching Hebrew as a foreign language at the college level. Lectures on contrastive analysis of English and Hebrew, classroom strategies, and the development of instructional materials. Required of all new Graduate Student Instructors in Hebrew.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate Standing

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1 hour of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures

MELC R1A Reading and Composition in Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Summer 2025 First 6 Week Session, Fall 2024

Expository writing based on analysis of selected texts or literature in translation or writings interpreting the material culture of the ancient or modern Middle East. Specific topics vary with the instructor. R1A satisfies the first half of the Reading and Composition requirement, and R1B satisfies the second half.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Satisfaction of the Entry Level Writing Requirement

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for NE STUD R1A after completing NE STUD 1A.

Requirements this course satisfies: Satisfies the first half of the Reading and Composition requirement

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies R1A

MELC R1B Reading and Composition in Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Summer 2023 Second 6 Week Session

Expository writing based on analysis of selected texts or literatures in translation or writings interpreting the material culture of the ancient Near or modern Middle East. Specific topics vary with instructor. R1A satisfies the first half of the Reading and Composition requirement, and R1B satisfies the second half.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Previously passed an R_A course with a letter grade of C- or better. Previously passed an articulated R_A course with a letter grade of C- or better. Score a 4 on the Advanced Placement Exam in English Literature and Composition. Score a 4 or 5 on the Advanced Placement Exam in English Language and Composition. Score of 5, 6, or 7 on the International Baccalaureate Higher Level Examination in English

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for NE STUD R1B after completing NE STUD 1B.

Requirements this course satisfies: Satisfies the second half of the Reading and Composition requirement

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies R1B

MELC 10 Middle Eastern Worlds: Ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

This course introduces students to the Ancient Middle Eastern world through its languages, texts, art, and material culture. Emphasis is placed on Ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia as well as their neighbors in Iran, Turkey, Arabia, and Africa. Students are introduced to techniques scholars use to study this evidence, including philology, archaeology, visual analysis, and digital humanities. Topics include urbanism, kingship, science, religion, and death. Students interact with original materials in campus and Bay Area museums. No prior coursework is required.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5-7.5 hours of lecture and 0-2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 10

MELC 11 Middle Eastern Worlds: The Modern Middle East 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

This course provides a multidisciplinary introduction to the Middle East, an area that has long dominated the news but remains relatively unknown to most Americans. In a broad sense, the Middle East refers to "Arab" countries in general as well as Israel, Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, and the region of Kurdistan. The course aims to help students expand their knowledge and understanding of the social, economic, and cultural complexities that underlie current events and politics in the Middle East. We will examine the interplay of cultures, societies, and economies of various regional communities that remain central to the dynamics of Middle Eastern identities.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5-7.5 hours of lecture and 0-2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

MELC N16 Introduction to Islamic Art 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

The art and architecture of the Islamic lands from the seventh to the seventeenth centuries.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for NE STUD N16 after completing NE STUD 16. A deficient grade in NE STUD N16 may be removed by taking NE STUD 16.

Hours & Format

Summer:

6 weeks - 6.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/
Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies N16

MELC 18 Introduction to Ancient Egypt 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Spring 2025, Summer 2024 Second 6 Week Session

A general introduction to ancient Egypt, providing overview coverage of ancient Egyptian culture and society (history, art, religion, literature, language, social structure), Egyptian archaeology (pyramids, tombs, mummies, temples, cities, monuments, daily life), and the history and development of the modern discipline of Egyptology. Assumes no prior knowledge of subject. Almost all lectures are illustrated extensively by power point presentation. Discussion sections include meetings in the Phoebe Hearst Museum of Anthropology, which has the best collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts west of Chicago.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for NE STUD 18 after completing ANTHRO 18.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5-7.5 hours of lecture and 0-2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/
Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 18

MELC 24 Freshman Seminars 1 Unit

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Fall 2023

The Berkeley Seminar Program has been designed to provide new students with the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member in a small-seminar setting. Berkeley Seminars are offered in all campus departments, and topics vary from department to department and semester to semester.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1 hour of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/
Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final Exam To be decided by the instructor when the class is offered.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 24

MELC 25 Ancient Babylonian Legends and Myths 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Man's fate on earth, friendship, love, suffering, and evil—every civilization considers these themes. This course surveys legends and myths of ancient Mesopotamia (modern-day Iraq), a cradle of civilization, home to the world's first cities and empires, and the first writing system. Students will read ancient literary masterpieces such as the Gilgamesh Epic, Creation and Flood Myths, and other Mesopotamian literary texts in translation.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/
Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 25

MELC C26 Introduction to Central Asia 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

This course will introduce the student not only to ancient and modern Central Asia, but also to the role played by the region in the shaping of the history of neighboring regions and regimes. The course will outline the history, languages, ethnicities, religions, and archaeology of the region and will acquaint the student with the historical foundations of some of the political, social and economic challenges for contemporary post-Soviet Central Asian republics.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for NE STUD C26 after completing GEOG 55, or NE STUD 26. A deficient grade in NE STUD C26 may be removed by taking NE STUD 26.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies C26/Geography C55

Also listed as: GEOG C55

MELC 34 Hebrew Bible in Translation 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Readings from the Hebrew Bible in English translation.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 34

MELC 39A Freshmen & Sophomore Seminars 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

A freshmen and sophomore seminar course will be taught by NES faculty in Fall 2016.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4-4 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final Exam To be decided by the instructor when the class is offered.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 39A

MELC 98 Directed Group Study for Lower Division Students 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Topics vary.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Lower division standing. Student must submit a written proposal with consent of instructor to the department chair for approval

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 98

MELC 99 Supervised Independent Study 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Topics vary.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Lower division standing; 3.3 GPA and consent of instructor. Students must submit a written proposal to the chair of the department for approval

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 99

MELC 101 Women and Gender in Ancient Egypt 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Fall 2021

Women have been ignored or marginalized in much of past scholarship on ancient Egypt despite their highly visible presence in and importance to ancient Egyptian society. This course examines the roles of women and gender in ancient Egyptian society and belief systems. It reviews sources of evidence and interpretive frameworks for understanding the public and private roles of women and the definition of gender in ancient Egypt. It also places the women of ancient Egypt and ancient Egyptian gender constructions into comparative contexts with other ancient eastern Mediterranean and Middle Eastern societies.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Near Eastern Studies 18 or equivalent

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 101

MELC 102 Egyptomania 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Ancient Egypt has fascinated visitors since antiquity to our modern imagination. From mummies, pyramids, and enchanting mythologies, these fanciful ideas have made their ways into books, movies, cartoons, and music. This course will explore the way ancient Egypt has been “consumed” in the West from the Napoleonic campaign to modern pop culture. We will study the impact that ancient Egypt and its wonderful monuments and civilization has had on art, literature, music, and even a number of religious and spiritual movements in the West as well as in Middle Eastern and African cultures.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 102

MELC 103 Religion of Ancient Egypt 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025

A survey of the religious beliefs of the ancient Egyptians, based primarily upon the written sources.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 18 or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 103

MELC 104 Babylonian Religion 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Spring 2022

A survey of Babylonian religious beliefs and practices based on indigenous texts and monuments.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for NE STUD 104 after completing NE STUD C104.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 10 weeks - 4.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 104

MELC 105 Ancient Mesopotamian Literature 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

A representative survey of original 3rd-1st millennium Cuneiform texts in translation. The Sumerian religious and scholastic tradition; myths of creation, hymns, epics and early historical material.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 105A

MELC 108 Ancient Astronomy 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

The course focuses on ancient astronomy from Babylonia to the Greco-Roman world. Readings from primary texts, including Babylonian astronomical and astrological documents (MUL.APIN, Enuma Anu Enlil, etc.) and Greek treatises such as Geminus= Introduction to the Phenomena and Ptolemy's Almagest are used. Problems of the calendar and of planetary motion are of special interest. Two different approaches to celestial phenomena are covered, one from cuneiform texts, predominantly arithmetical and linear and the other from hellenistic Greek antiquity, characteristically geometrical and introducing a quantitative dimension only after contact with and borrowing from Babylonian astronomy.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for NE STUD 108 after completing COM LIT 151, IDS 113, or CLASSIC 130.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 108

MELC 109 Mesopotamian History: Stories of Ancient People and Places 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024

This course introduces students to the history of Mesopotamia, ancient Iraq, home to the world's first cities, writing and monetary exchange. Reading micro-histories of better- and lesser-known historical figures and original Akkadian and Sumerian sources (in translation), students will experience, from the distance of many millennia, the rise and fall of empires, class structures that divided and united society, the treatment of minority populations, the contributions of women --- scholars, queens, and priestesses, and the contributions of the Mesopotamian intellectual tradition to human experience. A visit to the Hearst Museum of Anthropology provides an opportunity for students to interact with original materials from antiquity.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5-7.5 hours of lecture and 0-2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 109

MELC 110 Digital Humanities and Egyptology 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023

The material and written culture of ancient Egypt constitutes one of the best preserved and most robust archaeological corpora to survive from antiquity as well as one of the most popular avenues for public engagement within the Humanities. Digital initiatives have become crucial for the conservation, documentation, and dissemination of ancient Egyptian material and texts to the broadest possible audience. This course will introduce students to the main projects of Egyptology in the field of archaeology, philology, and material studies, which apply techniques of Digital Humanities, from 3D modeling of objects and architectural spaces to digital epigraphy and the creation of searchable databases.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for NE STUD 110 after completing NE STUD 110. A deficient grade in NE STUD 110 may be removed by taking NE STUD 110, or NE STUD 110.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Instructor: Lucarelli

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 110

MELC 111 Disease, Health and Pandemics in Ancient Egypt, the Ancient Middle East, and the Classical World 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2021

Disease is a constant of the human condition. Like health, it is both a social construct and a physical reality. Epidemics are diseases that affect very large numbers of people; pandemics are epidemics with a passport—they spread over multiple countries and often continents. In this course we will survey, compare, and contrast ancient and modern conceptions of disease and health, and medicine and doctors, and examine and evaluate what evidence exists—historical, textual, archaeological—for identifying epidemics and pandemics in ancient times.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

MELC 112 Survey of Ancient Egyptian History 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

A concise survey of Ancient Egyptian history from Late Predynastic times to the conquest of Alexander the Great.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 18 or equivalent or consent of instructor

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for NE STUD 112 after completing NE STUD 101B, or NE STUD 101A.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 112

MELC 113 Gilgamesh: King, Hero, and God 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

The most famous of Babylonian heroes is Gilgamesh, King of Uruk. The Gilgamesh Epic, recorded on twelve tablets in cuneiform, follows him in his quest for fame and eternal life. In this course, we will read the Gilgamesh Epic as well as several earlier texts around the same character. Moreover, we will read additional ancient texts that elucidate one or another aspect of the Epic. We will follow the traditions around Gilgamesh and see how his fame was used for literary, religious, and political purposes. Finally, we will look at some of the modern Gilgamesh interpretations.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 113

MELC 114 Beyond Wikipedia: The Ancient Middle East 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Today, much of the information we gather on any topic comes from Internet sources. Goal of this class is to increase students' skills in critically evaluating the scholarly value of information on the Ancient Near East that is to be found in web pages, e-journals, and online books. We will consider the goal and context of sources of information (touristic, commercial, scholarly, religious, etc.) and how this influences and filters the information provided. Although the class will focus on Internet resources, we will not neglect to use the same critical eye when using print media. The class will feature a number of collaborative projects in which this critical attitude may be practiced.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring:

15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Summer: 10 weeks - 4.5 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 114

MELC 115 Early Egypt: From Village to Pyramid 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Ancient Egypt was one of the earliest, most spectacular and most powerful of the world's complex civilizations. Beginning as a series of Neolithic villages, it slowly transformed into a state and then a great kingdom with an all-powerful king. This course explores the first crucial journey of ancient Egypt, from the Neolithic through the Predynastic, Protodynastic, Early Dynastic and Old Kingdom eras. It overviews major aspects of the archaeology, art, history, and culture of Early Egypt as well as important methodological and theoretical issues.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: NE STUD 18 or consent of the instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5-7.5 hours of lecture and 0-2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 115

MELC 116 Ancient Egypt: Power, Glory and Empire in the Second Millennium 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025

Second Millennium BCE Egypt boasted powerful centralized kingdoms and an international empire alternating with weaker decentralized periods of provincial power and foreign subjugation. This course overviews selected aspects of archaeology, art, history and culture of First Intermediate Period, Middle Kingdom, Second Intermediate Period and New Kingdom Egypt, as well as related methodological and theoretical issues of interpretation. Middle and New Kingdom Egypt especially were soaring heights of cultural achievements and political power.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: NESTUD 18 or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5-7.5 hours of lecture and 0-2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 116

MELC 117AC The Origins of Racism in the West 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025

This course provides students an opportunity to investigate the similarities and differences between premodern and modern group identity narratives. Premodern narratives of peoplehood will be analyzed alongside modern racial narratives utilizing a comparative approach to reading primary sources, coupled with a critical engagement with secondary sources on the issues of racism, race, ethnicity, and religion. The course will focus on narratives related to Western Civilization, Whiteness, Anti-Blackness, Antisemitism, Orientalism, and Islamophobia. It will also cover some of the parallels and differences between Western ideologies of racism and Antisemitism and those found in certain parts of the premodern Islamic world and the Middle East.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Formerly known as: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures 117

MELC 118 Writing Systems of the World 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023

This course is about how humans have written language from ancient to modern times. Students will be introduced to the origins, evolutions, and adaptations of writing and explore various types of writing systems, including hieroglyphic, logographic, alphabetic, and syllabic, from around the world. The course will examine topics such as the invention of writing in ancient Mesopotamia, China, and Mesoamerica, the development of hieroglyphics in ancient Egypt, the evolution of the alphabet, the spread of Semitic scripts like Aramaic and Arabic, the invention of modern scripts such as Cherokee and Adlam, and even Emoji. Students will be encouraged to learn about additional scripts not covered in class as part of their assignments.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5-7.5 hours of lecture and 0-2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

MELC 119 Explorers, Archaeologists, and Tourists in the Middle East 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Spring 2022

This course examines the development of archaeology in the Middle East from 1800 to contemporary times. The first half of the course explores the roles that explorers, pilgrims, and archaeologists played in the field's development against the backdrop of European imperialism and Middle Eastern nationalism. The second half of the course evaluates urgent issues about looting, the antiquities market, repatriation, tourism, and climate change. Students will examine primary source materials such as ethnographies, memoirs, films, social media, and still images, and interrogate case studies that ponder the future of the past in the Middle East.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5-7.5 hours of lecture and 0-2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies C119/Anthropology C123F

MELC C120A The Art of Ancient Mesopotamia: 3500-1000 BCE 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2011, Fall 2006

The art and architecture of early Mesopotamia will be explored in terms of the social, political, and cultural context of ancient Sumer, Babylonia, and Assyria during the period of urbanization and early kingdoms. The course provides an integrated picture of the arts of Mesopotamia and neighboring regions from 3500-1000 BCE with an emphasis on the development of visual narrative, the use of art in the expression of authority and legitimacy, and artistic interconnections between cultures. Collections on campus or in the area will be incorporated whenever possible.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for NE STUD C120A after completing NE STUD 120A. A deficient grade in NE STUD C120A may be removed by taking NE STUD 120A.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies C120A/History of Art C120A

Also listed as: HISTART C120A

MELC C120B The Art of Ancient Mesopotamia: 1000-330 BCE 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2020

The royal art and architecture of later Mesopotamia will be explored in terms of the social, political, and cultural context of the great empires of Assyria, Babylon, and Persia. The course provides an integrated picture of the arts of Mesopotamia and neighboring regions from 1000-330 BCE with an emphasis on the development of visual narrative, the use of art in the expression of authority and legitimacy, and artistic interconnections between cultures. Collections on campus or in the area will be incorporated whenever possible.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for NE STUD C120B after completing NE STUD 120B. A deficient grade in NE STUD C120B may be removed by taking NE STUD 120B.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies C120B/History of Art C120B

Also listed as: HISTART C120B

MELC C121 Topics in Islamic Art 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2015

The course will treat in depth topics in Islamic architecture and topics in Islamic art. Subjects addressed may include painting, calligraphy, and book production.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for MELC C121A after completing HISTART 121A, NE STUD 121A, or MELC 121A. A deficient grade in MELC C121A may be removed by taking NE STUD 121A, NE STUD 121A, or MELC 121A.

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures C121A/ History of Art C121A

Also listed as: HISTART C121A

MELC 122 Iranian Archaeology 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

A survey of the archaeology of Iran and its neighbors from the Paleolithic Era to the Sasanian period. Students will analyze architecture, artifacts, and written sources, discuss debates, and learn archaeological methods.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: MELC 10 is recommended

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for NE STUD 122 after completing NE STUD 122B, or NE STUD 122A.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 122

MELC 123 Archaeology of Mesopotamia 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

A survey of Mesopotamian archaeology from the Paleolithic Era to 300 BCE investigating the origins of agriculture, urbanism, states, and empires in ancient Iraq, Syria, and Turkey. Students will analyze architecture, artifacts, and written sources, discuss current debates, and learn archaeological research methods.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: MELC 10 is recommended

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for NE STUD 123 after completing NE STUD 123A, or NE STUD 123B.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 123

MELC 124 Archaeology of the Levant 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025

A survey of Levantine archaeology from the Paleolithic Era to 300 BCE investigating the origins of agriculture, technologies, villages, and states in ancient Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, and Syria. Prehistoric, Canaanite, and Israelite societies are emphasized. Students will analyze architecture, artifacts, and written sources, discuss debates, and learn archaeological methods.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: MELC 10 is recommended

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5-7.5 hours of lecture and 0-2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 124

MELC 125 Art and Archaeology of Middle Eastern Christianity 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021

This course explores the art, archaeology, and history of Middle Eastern Christian communities from Late Antiquity to the Middle Ages. Particular emphasis is placed on the everyday life of Christian populations in their various contexts, especially on Assyrian and Syriac-speaking communities. This course investigates material evidence using historical and archaeological methods in order to reconstruct the complex history of Middle East Christianity.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

MELC 126 Silk Road Art and Archaeology 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

The course will outline art and archaeology of the Silk Roads from the 5th century BCE to the 10th century CE. A number of specific sites located along the Silk Roads will be selected and explored in depth, as examples which reveal the manifold cultural currents along the trade routes. Special attention will be paid to the eclecticism in Silk Road cultures brought about by the movement of peoples and merchandise which facilitated the spread and fusion along these trading routes of various ideas, cultural forms, art styles, and religious concepts. The social and political underpinnings of this eclecticism will be examined.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 126

MELC 127 Art and Archaeology of Ancient Syria 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

The course provides a broad introduction to the cultures of ancient Syria from the Neolithic period to 500 BCE. The diversity of cultures and their development over time will be assessed in light of the built environment and artistic production. Emphasis is placed on interpreting the material culture of the region within its social and political contexts.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 127

MELC 128 Art and Archaeology of Ancient Turkey 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This course explores the art and archaeology of ancient Turkey from the Neolithic period to the time of Alexander's conquest of the Near East (330 BCE). The survey will include geographic and historical considerations and will focus in particular on the ancient sites and monuments. Topics of discussion may include the Anatolian mother goddess, resource procurement, trade contacts, the Trojan war, and the rise of Phrygia and Lydia. A general theme throughout the course is the issue of defining indigenous, regional cultures and the ways in which they interacted with the broader ancient world.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 128

MELC 129 Arts of Iran and Central Asia 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This course focuses on the arts of the Iranian cultural environment from the mid-first Millennium BCE through the first Millennium CE. Geographically, it covers a region stretching east from modern Iran to Afghanistan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan, and north towards the Central Asian steppes, the ancestral home of important ancient Iranian pastoral nomadic tribes. The course will, among others, explore the art and archaeology of the Achaemenids, Parthians, Sasanians, and Sogdians to come to a better understanding of the social, political, and cultural underpinnings of the pre-Islamic Iranian world.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 129

MELC C129 Minoan and Mycenaean Art 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2010, Fall 2005

This course analyzes the art, architecture, and archaeology of prehistoric Greece, concentrating on the Minoan and Mycenaean palatial arts of the Bronze Age (3000-1200 BCE). The evocative yet still enigmatic remains of palaces and funerary complexes, frescoes and vase paintings, and precious worked pieces will be closely examined in terms of their forms and cultural contexts. The place of prehistoric Greece in the international world of the eastern Mediterranean will also be explored.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for NE STUD C129 after completing NE STUD 129. A deficient grade in NE STUD C129 may be removed by taking NE STUD 129.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies C129/History of Art C140

Also listed as: HISTART C140

MELC 130 History of Ancient Israel 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

The patriarchal age through the Hellenistic period.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 130

MELC 131 Aspects of Biblical Religion 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

The teachings of ancient Israel's priests, prophets and sages on various universal problems.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 131

MELC 132 Biblical Poetry 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

A survey of the poetics and genres of poetry in the Hebrew Bible, focusing on close reading of selected texts. Theoretical issues will include the dynamics of parallelism, metaphor, intertextuality, agency, and gender. Historical issues will include the ancient Near Eastern literary genres and the political and ritual dynamics of the biblical poems. Throughout the course, we will also be reading selected modern poems that respond to biblical poetry. Primary texts will be largely drawn from the books of Psalms, Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, and the prophets. All texts will be read in translation.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 132

MELC 133 Judaism in Late Antiquity 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This class will examine the emergence and development of classical Judaism, its piety, institutions, thought, and literature.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for MELC C133 after completing NE STUD 133, or MELC 133. A deficient grade in MELC C133 may be removed by taking NE STUD 133, NE STUD 133, or MELC 133.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies C133/Religious Studies C133/Undergrad Interdisciplinary Studies C153

MELC 134 Topics in History and Cultures of Israel 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022

A course on trends in Jewish religious, cultural, and social life. The course will study innovative and conservative aspects of thought, ritual, and belief in relation to contemporary life and traditional Jewish values in at least one country other than the United States.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5-7.5 hours of lecture and 0-2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 134

MELC 135 Literature and History in the Hebrew Bible 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024

Our understanding of the Hebrew Bible has been transformed in recent years due to insights from literary criticism, anthropology, archaeology, and historiography. This course explores the impact of these innovations and provides a multilayered introduction to the writings of the Hebrew Bible, focused on the mingling of memory, religion, and the literary imagination.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for NE STUD 135 after completing UGIS C152.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5-7.5 hours of lecture and 0-2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 135

MELC 136 History and Historiography in the Hebrew Bible 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

A critical examination of the form and content of history-like narratives of the Hebrew Bible in the light of concepts of history and historiographic practices in the ancient Near East and in contemporary historical studies. Selective focus on one or more books in Genesis through Kings, Chronicles, and Ezra-Nehemiah.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 136

MELC 137 Modern and Contemporary Jewish Thought 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

An analysis of modern Jewish movements and ideas. Topics include Spinoza, Hasidism, the Enlightenment, Jewish religious movements in America, Zionism, Buber, Rosensweig, Kaplan, Heschel.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 137

MELC 138 The Hero in the Bible and the Ancient Middle East 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

An investigation of concepts of the hero/heroine in the literature of ancient Mesopotamia, Canaan, and Israel. The importance of heroic epic in defining and exploring morality, the self, and the cosmos will be a guiding concern. Texts include the epics of Gilgamesh and Aqhat, the Hebrew Bible, and the New Testament. All texts are read in translation.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 138

MELC 139 Modern Jewish Literatures 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Trends and genres in modern Jewish literatures--translated from Hebrew and Yiddish, with selected texts translated from other Jewish languages like Ladino and Judeo-Arabic. Focus will be on developments in Jewish literary traditions since the enlightenment in the context of tensions between occidental and oriental formations of Jewish culture.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Upper division standing or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 139

MELC 140 Topics in Islamic Thought and Institutions 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Selected topics from Islamic intellectual history.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 140

MELC 141 Modern and Contemporary Islamic Thought 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

A survey of leading Muslim thinkers and movements of the past two centuries.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 141

MELC 142 Shi'ite Islam 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

The beliefs, traditions, and practices of the Shi'ite school of Islam.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 142

MELC 143 Islam in Iran 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

A general survey of the religious history of Iran in the Islamic period, covering the rise and development of religious institutions, the elaboration of the religious sciences, Sufism, and sectarian movements.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 143A

MELC 144 Sufism: The Mysticism of Islam 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025

A general presentation of Sufism that, while not aiming at exhaustiveness, will seek to acquaint students with the place and function of Sufism in Islam; the main outlines of its history; doctrinal and ritual features; the relationship between Sufism and literature, especially poetry; the principal Sufi orders; leading figures in the elaboration of Sufism as a distinct mode of Islamic practice; and the great diversity of Sufism as reflected in its geographic spread throughout the Muslim world.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 144

MELC 145 Women in Islam 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024

This course explores the status of women in Islam by examining how the most authentic Islamic sources, the Qur'an, and Hadith, have addressed the role of women in society. We will critically discuss the different interpretations of these texts and their instructions towards women. In addition, the course will examine other academic writings to investigate questions, such as whether the resistance to modernity in Muslim societies is due to Islam or patriarchal laws. Did Islam dictate the patriarchal order in Muslim societies? What are the difficulties that Muslim women face in their societies? Also, the course will include biographies of many great Muslim women whose names are enshrined in the ancient and modern history of Islam.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

MELC 146 Islam 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Fall 2024

This course aims at introducing students to some of the most important features of the Islamic religious tradition. The main subjects of discussion include life of Muhammad, the Quran, Tradition, Law, Sufism, Theology, Philosophy, and Politics. The course will cover both medieval and modern Islam and will touch upon all major sects. In reference to the modern period, particular emphasis will fall on the relationship of medieval and modern interpretations and on the emergence of "political" and "liberal" Islam with reference to the history of the modern Middle East. Students will also be exposed to important theories and methods in the academic study of the discipline.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5-7.5 hours of lecture and 0-2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 146

MELC 147 The Rise of Islamic Civilization 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

A survey of Islamic civilization in the Middle East during the medieval period. Topics include the emergence of Islam in Arabia and the role of the Prophet Muhammad; the rapid rise of an Islamic empire and its effects on the societies it governed; the creation of an Islamic civilization and the religious, political, and intellectual debates it engendered; contact with Europe and Asia through trade, Crusades, and nomadic conquest; the contributions of non-Muslims, women, slaves.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 147

MELC 148 Emergence of the Modern Middle East 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024

The course provides a chronological and thematic approach using biographies and texts to trace the emergence of the modern Middle East from the late 17th to the early 20th century culminating in the dissolution of the Ottoman dynasty and the advent of the nation-state structure. The course contextualizes the region's social history, culture, religious, and social stratification, colonization, and Orientalism as a pathway toward understanding the forces that shaped the modern Middle East.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5-7.5 hours of lecture and 0-2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 148

MELC 149 The Modern Middle East from WWI to the Present 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

The course will trace the birth of the modern map of the Middle East, explore the development of new nation-states, the emergence of various social-religious movements, anti-colonial struggles, and forging national identities as well as the erasure of others. We will explore the emerging national projects and contestations in Turkey, Iran, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Saudi Arabia, and the un-making of Palestine. The course will explore the emerging and continued instrumentalization of ethnic, religious, and cultural differences by domestic and external forces, and the continued mobilization of colonial discourses in the post-colonial era.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 149

MELC 150A Arabic Literature in Translation 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

No knowledge of Arabic is required. Survey of Arabic literature from its origins in pre-Islamic poetry through its historical development during the Umayyad, and Abbasid periods.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 150A

MELC 150B Arabic Literature in Translation 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Spring 2023

No knowledge of Arabic is required. Survey of Arabic literature in its development from the post-Abbasid period to the present.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 150B

MELC 151 Middle Eastern Women Writers 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024

This course focuses on poetry, short stories, novels, and the history of Middle Eastern women writers. The course will feature writings from women of diverse social and religious backgrounds and their distinct role in shaping the cultural history of Arabic poetry and literature. Texts may range from the pre-Islamic to the Medieval period as well as contemporary writings in both print and digital. Students will examine various literary methods developed over time by women writers seeking to defend and assert their rights for independence, education, and self-fulfillment. Examining their narratives from both historical and fictional sources will allow us to reflect on contemporary concerns regarding freedom, human rights, and equality.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for NE STUD 151 after completing NE STUD 151. A deficient grade in NE STUD 151 may be removed by taking NE STUD 151, or NE STUD 151.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Meerkhan

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 151

MELC 152 Cultural Encounters in Modern Arabic Literature 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This course is organized around two broad but inter-related issues: the quest for identity and the representation of the "other" in modern Arabic literature. Central to both concerns is the treatment of colonialism, nationalism, and gender in modern Arabic literature and Arab culture in general.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 152

MELC 153 Synagogues, Cathedrals, and Mosques: The Rise and Fall of Islamic Spain 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025

This course focuses on the cultural history of Islamic Spain (Al-Andalus) from the Muslim conquest of 711 until the expulsion of Moriscos in 1609. Topics covered include the history, literature, architecture, arts, and music of Al-Andalus. The major aim is for students to develop an understanding of and a sensibility to the history, politics, and cultures of Al-Andalus as well as its social and cultural relevance to contemporary audiences.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 153

MELC 154 Narratives of Identity in Israeli and Palestinian Fiction 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

The dynamics of identity in contemporary Israeli and Palestinian fiction. Since in both literary traditions the quest for identity invariably involves an encounter with the cultural "other," the examination of this phenomenon within a single context can be revealing. We will approach the subject through lectures, discussion, and the viewing of video and film dramatizations of Arabic and Hebrew works that deal with identity, and make use of the class location to significantly enhance learning by visiting Arabic and Hebrew theaters and literary establishments and by meeting and interacting with Israeli and Palestinian writers, critics, and scholars.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 15 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 154

MELC 155 The Thousand and One Nights in World Literary Imagination 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2022

This course investigates the writing, transmission, and reception of The Thousand and One Nights. After studying the tales and examining their structure, students will investigate how stories were transmitted, translated, and received in Europe. This process offers a window into 19th-century attitudes about gender and race, especially Western views of the "oriental" other. How the tales were creatively manipulated by Western writers will be studied as will the influence of these stories on modern Arabic literature. Examples of how the stories are represented in Western films will be considered. All works will be read in English translation.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 155

MELC 156 Sociolinguistics of the Middle East 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021

The Middle East, Iran, and North Africa are home to a great number of languages and dialects, including many varieties of Arabic, as well as Persian, Kurdish, Hebrew, Aramaic, Berber, and more. This course provides an introduction to the current status of these languages, their social settings, and relevant parts of their histories. Students will acquire a basic foundation in sociolinguistics and linguistic anthropology as we explore how these languages change, struggle, and thrive. Knowledge of a language from the region (e.g. Arabic or Persian) will be helpful; no background in linguistics is required.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 5.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 156

MELC 157 Reel Arabs: Film and Fiction in the Middle East 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2023, Fall 2022

This course introduces students to the main themes and tropes in contemporary Arab cultural production. Within an analytical framework, the course surveys a variety of examples from the written and cinematic culture. These include films, fiction, autobiographies, documentaries, music as well as critical articles and essays. The texts engage a wide range of topics including desire, gender, Islam, colonialism, revolution, nationalism, borders, and refugees in the modern Arabic-speaking world. Ultimately, the course seeks to provide a critical method that will enable students to study and appreciate contemporary Arab culture. Knowledge of Arabic is not required.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

MELC 158AC Middle East: Post-Colonialism, Migration, and Diaspora 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024

The course focuses on the impacts of migration and displacement of people from postcolonial Middle East region and the U.S. legal, political, social, and religious discourse on cross-cultural and ethical issues which arise in immigration practice while placing the phenomena within a global and transnational context. Three separate groups in the US will be examined; Middle Eastern immigrants, El Salvadoran diaspora, and rightwing white communities. The course seeks to draw connections between Middle Eastern migration and diaspora in the colonial and postcolonial periods leading to the modern period of restrictive immigration policies, building of walls, targeting Arab and Muslim immigrants as well as all immigrants from the Global South.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5-7.5 hours of lecture and 0-2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 158AC

MELC 159 Middle East, Empire, and Orientalism 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

From Roman to American imperial interests, the Middle East sits at the crossroads of empires and the focal point for power struggles and Orientalist imaginaries. This course explores the intersections of culture, race, and imperialism, and Western engagement in the Middle East over the last 150 years. The recent invasion of Iraq has led to a renewal in the idea of "empire" building in the Middle East. The ideas of empire, colonial legacies, Orientalist tropes, war and competition for oil, and current globalization and neoliberal policies impacting the region will be explored.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 159

MELC 160 Religions of Ancient Iran 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2022

Principally devoted to Zoroastrianism and Manicheanism but with some attention to Indo-Iranian origins, and relevance of Iranian religion for the history of Hellenistic Gnosticism, Judaism, and Islam.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 160

MELC 161 Topics in Persian Art and Culture 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021

An introduction to the visual and material cultures of the Persianate world. Persian art has one of the richest artistic heritages in world history and includes a wide range of artistic development in architecture, sculpture, painting, weaving, pottery, calligraphy, and metalwork. This course will explore the arts in terms of their larger social, political, and cultural context in history. In addition to the Iranian plateau, the course may also cover other regions that are part of the Iranian cultural domain, which stretches from India, Afghanistan, Central Asia to Egypt, and the Mediterranean.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 161

MELC 162 History of Persian Literature 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024

These courses offer a comprehensive introduction to the main currents in Persian literature from the 10th century to the contemporary period. They introduce students to various genres, period styles, and crucial formal and thematic elements necessary to the understanding of Persian literature. While 162A deals with classical Persian literature, 162B deals with Persian literature since the advent of modernity in Persian-speaking lands, namely the 19th century. Both courses emphasize the impact of social factors, political events, and intellectual currents on Persian literary production. The course is taught in English. Knowledge of Persian is desirable but not required.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 2.5 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures 162A

MELC 163 Persian Literature in Translation 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023

An engaged study of Persian literature in translation, drawing on texts from the 8th to the 21st century. Readings will illustrate philosophies of either individual thinkers and themes, or the development within particular genres such as poetry, mysticism, novels, etc. We will further strive to understand the socio-political-religious milieu(s) of the text(s) and their author(s).

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/
Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

MELC 165 Film and Fiction of Iran 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This course introduces students to major themes in modern Iranian literature and cinema. Short story readings and discussions provide an analytical framework for the screening of films covering diverse topics of significance in Iran today. All films have English subtitles; lectures and readings are in English. No prior knowledge of Iranian history or literature is required.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Upper division status

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5-7.5 hours of lecture and 0-2.5 hours of discussion per week

8 weeks - 6-6 hours of lecture and 0-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/
Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 165

MELC 170 Islamic History and Historiography (600-1050) 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021

The course introduces students to Islamic history and challenges of Islamic historiography from the rise of Islam (ca.600 CE) to the coming of the Seljuks (1050CE). Students will gain an understanding of the religious, social, and political institutions of Islam in their historical contexts. Throughout the course, they will be exposed to various primary and secondary sources that help them develop a sense of how the historical narrative was produced.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/
Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 170

MELC 171 Turkish Literature in Translation 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

A study of Turkish literature in translation, drawing on texts from the 8th to the 20th century. Readings will be chosen to illustrate the development within specific genres: lyric poetry, drama, folktale, etc.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/
Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures 170A

MELC 173 Topics in the History of Central Asia and the Turks 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

A survey of the main themes in the cultural, ethnic, and linguistic history of Central Asia and adjacent regions, principally from the rise of Islam down to the present. The first half of the course will deal with the Iranian element in Central Asia, and particularly with the Tajiks. The second half will be devoted to the Turks, including their history and expansion, not only in Central Asia but also in Anatolia and South East Europe.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures 173A

MELC 174 Law and Society in the Early Modern Middle East 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This course examines the social and religious lives of women and men through the lens of the law. A major concern is the relationship between law and culture, namely, the ways in which the law reflected ideals and tensions ranging from ideological competition between states to the problems of ordinary townspeople and peasants. In analyzing actual court cases, we will ask how individuals participated in the life of the court, and how they used the court to articulate their own self-interest and sense of moral worth. Readings will be in English. Students wishing to work with sources in the original Ottoman Turkish should also enroll in Turkish 104 (1 unit).

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 174

MELC 175 History and Culture of Afghanistan 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023

This course will discuss Afghanistan from ancient times to the present, including the emergence of Afghanistan as a modern nation-state and its geo-strategic importance. The Soviet invasion and aftermath will be emphasized, along with issues of state and society, ethnic diversity and tribal structure, challenges of modernization, and nationalism and political identity. The role of religion and mystical orders and the role of art, music, and literature will also be discussed.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 175

MELC 180 The Quran and Its Interpretation 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Summer 2024 Second 6 Week Session, Spring 2024

The course introduces students to Quran and to methods of its interpretation, as adopted in the exegetical (tafsir) literature. In addition to being exposed to secondary academic literature on the Quran and its exegesis, students will be offered a high dose of primary exegetical texts in translation. Passages from a number of periods and denominations will be selected, so that students may develop an appreciation of the interpretive range of a constantly-evolving tradition.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5-7.5 hours of lecture and 0-2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Ahmed

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 180

MELC 181 Prophetic Biography 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

In the early seventh century, Muhammad initiated a movement that evolved into a global religion and civilization, profoundly influencing numerous cultures worldwide. This course endeavors to offer students a holistic understanding of the Prophet Muhammad's life, drawing from the perspectives of both Muslim and Western scholars. Throughout the course, students will explore various discourses surrounding Muhammad's life and character. For instance, they will delve into the biographies penned by Muslim scholars across different eras, spanning from ancient to modern times. Additionally, the course will examine the diverse perspectives of non-Muslim scholars, examining how they have perceived and depicted Muhammad from various vantage points.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/
Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

MELC 187 The Assyrians and Other Religious Groups in the Middle East 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Spring 2022

This course explores the history and culture of religious groups in the Middle East beginning in the Roman and Sasanian Eras and extending up to the current day. Evidence from Christian, Jewish, Zoroastrian, Yezidi, and Muslim communities will be investigated. Particular emphasis will be placed on the development of the Assyrians from their ancient origins in Mesopotamia, their Christianization, and to their modern global diaspora. Primary texts will be read in translation and material culture will be examined in class. Themes such as persecution, nationalism, and genocide, among other topics, will be studied.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for MELC 187 after completing NE STUD 125. A deficient grade in MELC 187 may be removed by taking NE STUD 125, or NE STUD 125.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/
Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 125

MELC C188 Magic, Religion, and Science: The Ancient and Medieval Worlds 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Spring 2018, Spring 2016

This course will explore magic as an experimental science within the learned traditions of civilizations that we consider as fundamental for a modern Western identity: from ancient Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece and Rome to the medieval and early modern Middle East, Byzantium, and Europe. The primary sources used for this exploration will be texts on demons, magic, divination, and the sophisticated philosophical background to such beliefs. In addition, archeological remains pertinent to these practices such as talismans, amulets, and other magical objects will be discussed.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/
Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Also listed as: HISTORY C188C

MELC 190A Special Topics in Fields of Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures: Ancient Middle Eastern Studies 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

Topics explore themes and problems in the various fields of Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures. They often reflect the research interests of the instructor and supplement regular curricular offerings. Specific descriptions of current offerings in this series are available through the department.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 5.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/
Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 190A

MELC 190B Special Topics in Fields of Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures: Egyptian Studies 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2023, Spring 2022

Topics explore themes and problems in the various fields of Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures. They often reflect the research interests of the instructor and supplement regular curricular offerings. Specific descriptions of current offerings in this series are available through the department.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 5.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 190B

MELC 190C Special Topics in Fields of Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures: Jewish Studies 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Spring 2022

Topics explore themes and problems in the various fields of Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures. They often reflect the research interests of the instructor and supplement regular curricular offerings. Specific descriptions of current offerings in this series are available through the department.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 5.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 190C

MELC 190D Special Topics in Fields of Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures: Islamic Studies 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023

Topics explore themes and problems in the various fields of Near Eastern studies. They often reflect the research interests of the instructor and supplement regular curricular offerings. Specific descriptions of current offerings in this series are available through the department.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 10 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 5.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 190D

MELC 190E Special Topics in Fields of Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures: Arabic 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Topics explore themes and problems in the various fields of Near Eastern studies. They often reflect the research interests of the instructor and supplement regular curricular offerings. Specific descriptions of current offerings in this series are available through the department.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 5.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 190E

MELC 190H Special Topics in Fields of Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures: Hebrew 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Topics explore themes and problems in the various fields of Near Eastern studies. They often reflect the research interests of the instructor and supplement regular curricular offerings. Specific descriptions of current offerings in this series are available through the department.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 5.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 190H

MELC 190I Special Topics in Fields of Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures: Iranian/ Persian 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Topics explore themes and problems in the various fields of Near Eastern studies. They often reflect the research interests of the instructor and supplement regular curricular offerings. Specific descriptions of current offerings in this series are available through the department.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 5.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 190I

MELC 192 Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures 2 or 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This series is designed to acquaint upper division students with advanced research strategies in specific areas of Near Eastern Studies. The course may reflect current research and interests of the instructors and will introduce students to specialized problems in the field. Two units for presentation; four units for paper and presentation.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of seminar per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 10-10 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 192

MELC 192A Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Middle Eastern Studies: Ancient Middle Eastern Studies 2 or 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This series is designed to acquaint upper-division students with advanced research strategies in specific areas of Middle Eastern Studies. The course may reflect current research and interests of the instructors and will introduce students to specialized problems in the field. Two units for presentation; four units for paper and presentation.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of seminar per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 10-10 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 192A

MELC 192B Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Middle Eastern Studies: Egyptian Studies 2 or 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This series is designed to acquaint upper-division students with advanced research strategies in specific areas of Middle Eastern Studies. The course may reflect current research and interests of the instructors and will introduce students to specialized problems in the field. Two units for presentation; four units for paper and presentation.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of seminar per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 10-10 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 192B

MELC 192C Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Middle Eastern Studies: Jewish Studies 2 or 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This series is designed to acquaint upper-division students with advanced research strategies in specific areas of Middle Eastern Studies. The course may reflect current research and interests of the instructors and will introduce students to specialized problems in the field. Two units for presentation; four units for paper and presentation.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of seminar per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 10-10 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 192C

MELC 192D Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Middle Eastern Studies: Islamic Studies 2 or 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This series is designed to acquaint upper-division students with advanced research strategies in specific areas of Middle Eastern Studies. The course may reflect current research and interests of the instructors and will introduce students to specialized problems in the field. Two units for presentation; four units for paper and presentation.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of seminar per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 10-10 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 192D

MELC 192E Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Middle Eastern Studies: Arabic 2 or 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This series is designed to acquaint upper-division students with advanced research strategies in specific areas of Middle Eastern Studies. The course may reflect current research and interests of the instructors and will introduce students to specialized problems in the field. Two units for presentation; four units for paper and presentation.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of seminar per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 10-10 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 192E

MELC 192F Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Middle Eastern Studies: Cuneiform 2 or 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This series is designed to acquaint upper-division students with advanced research strategies in specific areas of Middle Eastern Studies. The course may reflect current research and interests of the instructors and will introduce students to specialized problems in the field. Two units for presentation; four units for paper and presentation.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of seminar per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 10-10 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 192F

MELC 192G Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Middle Eastern Studies: Egyptian 2 or 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This series is designed to acquaint upper-division students with advanced research strategies in specific areas of Middle Eastern Studies. The course may reflect current research and interests of the instructors and will introduce students to specialized problems in the field. Two units for presentation; four units for paper and presentation.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for NE STUD 192G after completing NE STUD 192H.

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of seminar per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 10-10 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 192G

MELC 192H Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Middle Eastern Studies: Hebrew 2 or 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This series is designed to acquaint upper-division students with advanced research strategies in specific areas of Middle Eastern Studies. The course may reflect current research and interests of the instructors and will introduce students to specialized problems in the field. Two units for presentation; four units for paper and presentation.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of seminar per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 10-10 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 192H

MELC 192I Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Middle Eastern Studies: Iranian/Persian 2 or 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This series is designed to acquaint upper-division students with advanced research strategies in specific areas of Middle Eastern Studies. The course may reflect current research and interests of the instructors and will introduce students to specialized problems in the field. Two units for presentation; four units for paper and presentation.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of seminar per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 10-10 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 192I

MELC 192J Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Middle Eastern Studies: Semitics 2 or 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This series is designed to acquaint upper-division students with advanced research strategies in specific areas of Middle Eastern Studies. The course may reflect current research and interests of the instructors and will introduce students to specialized problems in the field. Two units for presentation; four units for paper and presentation.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of seminar per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 10-10 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 192J

MELC 192K Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Middle Eastern Studies: Turkish 2 or 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This series is designed to acquaint upper-division students with advanced research strategies in specific areas of Middle Eastern Studies. The course may reflect current research and interests of the instructors and will introduce students to specialized problems in the field. Two units for presentation; four units for paper and presentation.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of seminar per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 10-10 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 192K

MELC 193 Middle Eastern Archaeological Field School 6 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This course teaches archaeological field methods through hands-on instruction. Students work with the project staff and receive exposure to techniques like excavation, survey, illustration, photography, and artifact processing. Students also learn local archaeology and history through weekly lectures and field trips.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: No prerequisites but courses in archaeology or Middle/ Near Eastern studies are recommended

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 40 hours of fieldwork, 5 hours of laboratory, and 2 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 193

MELC H195 Senior Honors 2 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

Directed study centered upon preparation of an honors thesis.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Limited to senior honors candidates

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for NE STUD H195 after completing NE STUD 195. A deficient grade in NE STUD H195 may be removed by taking NE STUD 195.

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 4 units.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-4 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies H195

MELC 198 Directed Group Study for Upper Division Students 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Instruction in areas not covered by regularly scheduled courses: Phoenician, Cypriote, Syrian Archaeology.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 1.5-7.5 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 198

MELC 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024

Enrollment is restricted by regulations shown in the

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 2.5-10 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 1.5-7.5 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 199

MELC 200 Graduate Proseminar 1 Unit

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Introduction to the academic profession of Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures. This course will survey the various disciplines and subfields contained under this rubric, including their developmental histories, methodologies, and primary and secondary data sources. Enrollment in this course is required of all graduate students during their first year of study.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for NE STUD 200 after completing NE STUD 200. A deficient grade in NE STUD 200 may be removed by taking NE STUD 200.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 200

MELC 202 Fields, Methods and Current Trends in Ancient Egyptian and Middle Eastern Studies 2 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

An introduction to the diversity of fields and disciplines that comprise ancient Egyptian and Middle Eastern Studies, including current and traditional methods and trends. Designed for candidates for higher degrees in Middle Eastern Studies and related programs.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Graduate

Grading: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 202

MELC 205 Using Cuneiform Texts in Research 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This seminar is meant for graduate students who wish to use cuneiform texts (in original or in translation) for their research. The most general question that we will ask is: how does a text produce meaningful information? The seminar is organized around three tasks: evaluation of secondary literature, methodological reflection on the use of texts, and using cuneiform texts in a scholarly paper.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Basic knowledge (at least one year) of a cuneiform language

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 205

MELC C220 Seminar in Middle Eastern Art 2 or 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2012

Seminar on critical aspects of Middle Eastern art requiring intensive study and presentation of a research paper. Topics vary from semester to semester.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies C220/History of Art C220

Also listed as: HISTART C220

MELC 223 Seminar in Middle Eastern Archaeology 2 or 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

Seminar on critical aspects of Middle Eastern archaeology requiring intensive study and presentation of a research paper and oral report. Topics vary from semester to semester.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for NE STUD 223 after completing NE STUD 223B, or NE STUD 223A.

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 223

MELC 290A Special Studies: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures 1 - 5 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Students may enroll in more than one section of 290, but the total number of units of Special Study in any one semester may not exceed 12.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0-0 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 2.5-12.5 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 1.5-9 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 290A

MELC 290B Special Studies: Arabic 1 - 5 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

Students may enroll in more than one section of 290, but the total number of units of Special Study in any one semester may not exceed 12.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-2 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 2.5-12.5 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 1.5-9 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/
Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 290B

MELC 290C Special Studies: Cuneiform 1 - 5 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Students may enroll in more than one section of 290, but the total number of units of Special Study in any one semester may not exceed 12.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-2 hours of independent study per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 1.5-9 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/
Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 290C

MELC 290D Special Studies: Egyptian 1 - 5 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022

Students may enroll in more than one section of 290, but the total number of units of Special Study in any one semester may not exceed 12.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1.5-9 hours of independent study per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 1.5-9 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/
Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 290D

MELC 290E Special Studies: Hebrew 1 - 5 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Students may enroll in more than one section of 290, but the total number of units of Special Study in any one semester may not exceed 12.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-2 hours of independent study per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 1.5-9 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/
Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 290E

MELC 290F Special Studies: Persian 1 - 5 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Students may enroll in more than one section of 290, but the total number of units of Special Study in any one semester may not exceed 12.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-5 hours of independent study per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 1.5-9 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/
Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 290F

MELC 290G Special Studies: Semitics 1 - 5 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Students may enroll in more than one section of 290, but the total number of units of Special Study in any one semester may not exceed 12.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-2 hours of independent study per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 1.5-9 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/
Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 290G

MELC 290H Special Studies: Turkish 1 - 5 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Students may enroll in more than one section of 290, but the total number of units of Special Study in any one semester may not exceed 12.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-2 hours of independent study per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 1.5-9 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/
Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 290H

MELC 291 Dissertation Writing Workshop 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2022, Fall 2021

A faculty member will oversee the group, offering guidance and making sure guidelines are followed. Students will manage the group's day-to-day operations. At least one week before each meeting a student will pre-circulate a draft of a chapter. During the meeting, students will give feedback on the draft. This feedback will be used to revise the chapter, which will be due at the end of the semester. The workshop is open to graduate students from other departments who are writing on topics associated with Near Eastern Studies.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Advancement to candidacy, limited to students engaged in research for and writing of the doctoral dissertation

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of workshop and 1.5 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/
Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 291

MELC 292 Museum Internship 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

Jointly supervised by a professional staff of a participating museum and a faculty member in the Art and Archaeology division of the Department of Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 10-12 hours of internship per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 24-35 hours of internship per week

8 weeks - 18-26 hours of internship per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/
Graduate

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 292

MELC N295 Supervised Field Research in Archaeology 2 - 8 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Full time participation in an archaeological excavation or exploratory survey, preceded by three hours of seminar per week for one half of one semester, at the discretion of the instructor. Students will participate in all aspects of the operation and will be responsible for preparing a written report on some specific part of the work. Geographical areas and sites to be determined each year. Students taking the seminar only will receive 2 units only.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for NE STUD N295 after completing NE STUD 295. A deficient grade in NE STUD N295 may be removed by taking NE STUD 295.

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer: 8 weeks - 2-8 hours of fieldwork per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/
Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies N295

MELC 296 Topics in Egyptology 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022

Graduate seminar on varying topics in Egyptology. Focus may be archaeological, chronological, comparative, cultural, historical, methodological, regional, textual, theoretical, thematic, or any combination thereof.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/
Graduate

Grading: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 296

MELC 297 Topics in Ancient Ceramics of Egypt and the Levant 2 or 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022

Changing topics in the study of ancient ceramics, stressing the relationship between pottery on the one hand, and archaeological practice and research in Egypt and/or the Levant on the other hand. Emphasis is placed on the relationship between pottery and broader issues involving the history and culture of these regions. Where appropriate, extensive use is made of slides and "hands-on" experience with available ceramic collections (e.g., Hearst Museum collection.)

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 102AB, 124AB or the equivalent; Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/
Graduate

Grading: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 297

MELC 298 Seminar 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024

Special topics in Near Eastern Studies. Topics vary and are announced at the beginning of each semester.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of seminar per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 2.5-7.5 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/
Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 298

MELC 299 Dissertation Research and Writing 3 - 12 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

All students advanced to candidacy must enroll in 299 every semester in which they are registered. When in residence, students are required to meet with their primary dissertation advisor at least twice a semester. Students not in residence should communicate either by phone or email with their advisor at least twice a semester. Semester grade will be based on written work turned in to the instructor to consist of at least one draft chapter of the dissertation or the equivalent.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Advancement to candidacy, limited to students engaged in research for and writing of the doctoral dissertation

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4-12 hours of independent study per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 7.5-22.5 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/
Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 299

MELC 375 Pedagogy in Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures: Ancient, Classical and Modern Perspectives 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2021

This course provides pedagogical training for graduate students preparing to teach the languages, histories, and cultures of the ancient, classical, and modern Middle East. Recognizing the central role of language instruction, the course is divided into two six-week sessions. The first session explores theories of language acquisition, instructional strategies for teaching foreign languages, and classroom management. The second session addresses pedagogical approaches to teaching content-based courses. Students will develop a teaching portfolio that includes a draft syllabus for an R1A or R1B course, sample lesson plans, and a reflective statement on the pedagogical and scholarly challenges and opportunities within their subfield.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate Standing

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/
Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 375

MELC 601 Individual Studies for Master's Students 1 - 8 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021

Individual study for the comprehensive or language requirements in consultation with the graduate adviser. Units may not be used to meet either unit or residence requirements for a master's degree.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0-1 hours of independent study per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 1.5-15 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/
Graduate examination preparation

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 601

MELC 602 Individual Study for Doctoral Students 1 - 8 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Individual study in consultation with the major field adviser, intended to provide an opportunity for qualified students to prepare themselves for the various examinations required of candidates for the Ph.D. May not be used for unit or residence requirements for the doctoral degree.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0-1 hours of independent study per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 1.5-15 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures/
Graduate examination preparation

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies 602

Persian

PERSIAN 1A Elementary Modern Persian 5 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

Introduction to Persian language, covering basics of the language skills in all aspects of reading, writing, listening comprehension, and speaking with emphasis on culture and communicative methods.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Prerequisite for Persian 1B, or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PERSIAN 1B Elementary Modern Persian 5 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

Introduction to Persian language, covering basics of the language skills in all aspects of reading, writing, listening comprehension, and speaking with emphasis on culture and communicative methods.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 1A, or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PERSIAN 10 Intensive Elementary Persian 10 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2017, Summer 2016 10 Week Session, Summer 2015 8 Week Session

This course is equivalent to a full year of elementary Persian. It will train students in the four language skills: speaking, comprehension, reading, and writing. Emphasis will be placed on the functional usage of the language.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for 10 after taking 1A-1B.

Hours & Format

Summer: 8 weeks - 20 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PERSIAN 11A Reading and Composition for Persian Speaking Students 5 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

Designed for heritage students who possess oral skills (speaking/comprehension, though limited) but need to improve their writing and reading abilities, and expand their knowledge of Persian grammar and syntax. Completion of 11A-11B will prepare the student to take Persian 20A, Intermediate Persian.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Rudimentary knowledge of spoken Persian and consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of recitation per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PERSIAN 11B Reading and Composition for Persian-Speaking Students 5 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2018

Designed for heritage students who possess oral skills (speaking/ comprehension, though limited) but need to improve their writing and reading abilities, and expand their knowledge of Persian grammar and syntax. Completion of 11A-11B will prepare the student to take Persian 20A, Intermediate Persian.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Persian 11A or the consent of the instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of recitation per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PERSIAN 20 Intensive Intermediate Persian 10 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2017 8 Week Session, Summer 2007 10 Week Session, Summer 2007 8 Week Session

A year or more of advanced level Persian with emphasis on advanced grammar and vocabulary build up. Newspaper clippings, film reviews and cultural awareness through introduction of literature will be covered.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Persian 1A-1B or Persian 10 or equivalent

Hours & Format

Summer: 8 weeks - 20 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PERSIAN 20A Intermediate Modern Persian 5 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

The sequence begins in the fall. This course emphasizes reading of simple literary texts, expository writing and composition, formal conversation, grammar, and syntax. It involves intensive vocabulary building in preparation for advanced reading and comprehension of standard literary texts.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Persian 1A-1B or Persian 11A-11B or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of recitation per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PERSIAN 20B Intermediate Modern Persian 5 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

The sequence begins in the fall. This course emphasizes reading of simple literary texts, expository writing and composition, formal conversation, grammar, and syntax. It involves intensive vocabulary building in preparation for advanced reading and comprehension of standard literary texts.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Persian 20A or the consent of the instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of recitation per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PERSIAN 50 Persian Reading and Composition 10 Units

Terms offered: Summer 1997 10 Week Session, Summer 1995 10 Week Session

This course is designed to promote advanced literacy skills in students with different levels of spoken Persian but little or no reading and writing skills in the language. This course will prepare students to take advanced literature courses in the Persian language.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Knowledge of spoken Persian and consent of instructor

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for 50 after taking 106A-106B.

Hours & Format

Summer: 8 weeks - 20 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PERSIAN 100A Advanced Persian 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

Emphasis on intensive vocabulary building, comprehensive grammar review, reading and analysis of short literary texts of various genres from classical and modern periods, and reading newspaper clips and other original sources in Persian media.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Persian 20A-20B or equivalent, or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PERSIAN 100B Advanced Persian 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

Emphasis on intensive vocabulary building, comprehensive grammar review, reading and analysis of short literary texts of various genres from classical and modern periods, and reading newspaper clips and other original sources in Persian media.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Persian 100A or the consent of the instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PERSIAN 101A Readings in Persian Literature 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2021, Fall 2013, Fall 2012

Readings in both prose and poetry, drawn chiefly from classical and modern Persian literature, designed to increase reading skills and vocabulary and to provide a transition to the study of more challenging literary texts.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Persian 100A-100B or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PERSIAN 101B Readings in Persian Literature 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2014, Spring 2013, Spring 2012

Readings in both prose and poetry, drawn chiefly from classical and modern Persian literature, designed to increase reading skills and vocabulary and to provide a transition to the study of more challenging literary texts.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Persian 101A or the consent of the instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PERSIAN 102A Readings in Classical Persian Prose 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Spring 2019, Fall 2016

Systematic study of representative selections from all periods of classical Persian literature, with attention to the historical and intellectual context.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 101A or 101B or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PERSIAN 102B Readings in Classical Persian Prose 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2008, Spring 2006

Systematic study of representative selections from all periods of classical Persian literature, with attention to the historical and intellectual context.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 101A or 101B or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PERSIAN 103A Classical Persian Poetry 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

Systematic study of poems belonging to all genres of classical Persian poetry, with consideration of questions of prosody, rhetoric, and style.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 101A or 101B or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PERSIAN 103B Classical Persian Poetry 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2020, Spring 2018

Systematic study of poems belonging to all genres of classical Persian poetry, with consideration of questions of prosody, rhetoric, and style.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 101A or 101B or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PERSIAN 104A Contemporary Persian Literature 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2013, Summer 1996 10 Week Session

This course will deal with significant works of Persian prose and poetry from the beginning of the 19th century down to the present. Complete works or extracts from them will be read in the original as a preliminary to their analysis in terms of literary and stylistic development, as well as the changing role of literature in society. The works of the 19th century and the period of the Constitutional Revolution (1905-1911).

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 101A or 101B or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PERSIAN 104B Contemporary Persian Literature 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Spring 2017, Spring 2013

This course will deal with significant works of Persian prose and poetry from the beginning of the 19th century down to the present. Complete works or extracts from them will be read in the original as a preliminary to their analysis in terms of literary and stylistic development, as well as the changing role of literature in society. The literature of the rest of the 20th century.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 101A or 101B or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PERSIAN 105 Modern Analytical Prose in Persian 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Fall 2015, Spring 2010

This course deals with modern/contemporary critical theory, literary history, aesthetics and philosophy, and various theories of literary and cultural criticism in Persian. It concentrates on selected modern analytical, discursive, and expository texts in Persian. The course explores, from an inter- and multi-disciplinary perspective, how different movements, genres, and rhetorical aspects of modern/contemporary literature and culture have been perceived, historically contextualized, and critically positioned within the larger intellectual and scholarly domain in Persian. All texts will be read in the original Persian.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 101A-101B or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PERSIAN 120 Intensive Intermediate Persian 10 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

A year or more of advanced level Persian with emphasis on advanced grammar and vocabulary build up. Newspaper clippings, film reviews and cultural awareness through introduction of literature will be covered.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Persian 1A-1B or Persian 10 or equivalent

Hours & Format

Summer: 8 weeks - 20 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

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PERSIAN H195 Senior Honors 2 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Directed study centered upon preparation of an honors thesis.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Limited to senior honors candidates

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 4 units.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

PERSIAN 198 Directed Group Study for Upper Division Students 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Instruction in areas not covered by regularly scheduled courses.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

PERSIAN 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2003, Fall 2002

Enrollment is restricted by regulations shown in the .

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

PERSIAN 200A Readings in Persian Literary Texts 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Spring 2019, Fall 2014

Advanced topics in Persian literature from various periods of Persian culture and literary history.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Twelve units of upper division course work in Persian or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Persian/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

PERSIAN 200B Readings in Persian Literary Texts 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2016, Spring 2011

Advanced topics in Persian literature from various periods of Persian culture and literary history.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Twelve units of upper division coursework in Persian or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Persian/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

PERSIAN 202A Persian Sufi Writings 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2008, Fall 2003, Fall 2000

Readings in all genres of Sufi expression, prose and poetry, with concentration on major figures.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Persian/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

PERSIAN 202B Persian Sufi Writings 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2009, Spring 2004, Spring 2003

Readings in all genres of Sufi expression, prose and poetry, with concentration on major figures.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Persian/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

PERSIAN 298 Seminar 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2024, Fall 2022

Special topics in Persian. Topics vary and are announced at the beginning of each semester.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Persian/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

PERSIAN 301A Teaching Persian in College 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2008

Lectures on the methodology of teaching Persian as a foreign language at the college level. Lectures on constructive analysis of English and Persian, classroom strategies, and the development of instructional materials. Required of all new graduate student instructors in Persian.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate standing and consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1 hour of lecture per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 1.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Persian/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Semitics

SEMITIC 100A Aramaic 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2013

Biblical and Ancient Aramaic, including study of the Aramaic parts of Daniel and Ezra and the inscriptions and papyri from Syria, Egypt, Mesopotamia, and the Persian Empire. Sequence begins Fall.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Hebrew 100A-100B

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Semitics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

SEMITIC 100B Aramaic 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Spring 2014

Biblical and Ancient Aramaic, including study of the Aramaic parts of Daniel and Ezra and the inscriptions and papyri from Syria, Egypt, Mesopotamia, and the Persian Empire. Sequence begins Fall.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Hebrew 100A-100B

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Semitics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

SEMITIC 101 Syriac 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021

This introductory course will cover both the study of the classical Syriac language and a more general introduction to Syriac literature in all its diversity, with particular emphasis on East Syriac. Syriac is both an ancient tongue that can help us access older Christian histories as well as a living language within the liturgy of current Christian communities, such as the Assyrians. For some communities, Syriac is close to the living vernacular language. Undergraduate students will read Christian narratives developed in the Middle East from as far back as 1600 years ago.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Semitics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

SEMITIC 205A Ugaritic 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2014, Fall 2009, Fall 2006

Ugarit language and literature with stress on comparative morphology and lexicography. Sequence begins Fall.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 101A-101B or 100A-100B or equivalent

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Semitics/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

SEMITIC 205B Ugaritic 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2015, Spring 2010, Spring 2007

Ugarit language and literature with stress on comparative morphology and lexicography. Sequence begins Fall.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 101A-101B or 100A-100B or equivalent

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Semitics/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

SEMITIC 209A Northwest Semitic Epigraphy 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2015, Fall 2008, Fall 2005

This two course sequence will study the epigraphic remains of the Northwest Semitic languages. First semester will study inscriptions in Hebrew. Second semester topics will vary from year to year. Possible topics include: Canaanite dialects; El-Amarna Akkadian; Eblaite. The inscriptions will be studied both from the perspective of the comparative history of the Northwest Semitic languages and also for their relevance in illuminating contemporaneous history and culture.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Reading knowledge of Biblical Hebrew

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Semitics/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

SEMITIC 209B Northwest Semitic Epigraphy 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2016, Spring 2009

This two course sequence will study the epigraphic remains of the Northwest Semitic languages. First semester will study inscriptions in Hebrew. Second semester topics will vary from year to year. Possible topics include: Canaanite dialects; El-Amarna Akkadian; Eblaite. The inscriptions will be studied both from the perspective of the comparative history of the Northwest Semitic languages and also for their relevance in illuminating contemporaneous history and culture.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Reading knowledge of Biblical Hebrew

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Semitics/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Turkish

TURKISH 1A Elementary Modern Turkish 5 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

Sequence begins Fall.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Turkish/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

TURKISH 1B Elementary Modern Turkish 5 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

Sequence begins Fall.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Turkish/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

TURKISH 10 Elementary Turkish 10 Units

Terms offered: Summer 1997 10 Week Session, Summer 1995 10 Week Session

This course is equivalent to a full year of elementary Turkish. It will train students in the four language skills speaking, comprehension, reading, and writing. It will be taught with an interactional approach, aiming at communicative competence.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for Turkish 10 after completing Turkish 1A-1B.

Hours & Format

Summer: 8 weeks - 20 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Turkish/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

TURKISH 100A Intermediate Modern Turkish 5 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2023, Fall 2021

Sequence begins Fall.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 1A-1B or equivalent

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Turkish/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

TURKISH 100B Intermediate Modern Turkish 5 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2022

Sequence begins Fall.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 1A-1B or equivalent

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Turkish/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

TURKISH 101A Readings in Modern Turkish 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2023, Fall 2020

Selected topics from modern Turkish literary works.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 100A-100B or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Turkish/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

TURKISH 101B Readings in Modern Turkish 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2017, Spring 2016

Selected topics from modern Turkish literary works.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 100A-100B or equivalent

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Turkish/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

TURKISH H195 Senior Honors 2 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Directed study centered upon preparation of an honors thesis.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Limited to senior honors candidates

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 4 units.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Turkish/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

TURKISH 198 Directed Group Study for Upper Division Students 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2021

Instruction in areas not covered by regularly scheduled courses.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Turkish/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

TURKISH 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2000

Enrollment is restricted by regulations in the .

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Turkish/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

TURKISH 298 Seminar 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2010, Spring 2009, Fall 2008

Special topics in Turkish. Topics vary and are announced at the beginning of each semester.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Turkish/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.