MIDDLE EASTERN LANGUAGES & CULTURES: ARABIC & ISLAMIC STUDIES, BA

Arabic and Islamic Studies focuses on languages and cultures of the wider Middle East in the context of Islamic Civilization. Because of the interdependence of language and culture, a primary emphasis is on gaining mastery of Middle Eastern languages such as Arabic, Persian, and Turkish, alongside coursework in history, religion, and culture.

The minimum total course units (https://www.college.upenn.edu/credits-needed-major/) for graduation in this major is 34. Double majors may entail more course units.

For more information: https://nelc.sas.upenn.edu/undergraduate/major (https://nelc.sas.upenn.edu/undergraduate/major/)

Curriculum

For information about the General Education requirements, please visit the College of Arts & Sciences Curriculum (https://www.college.upenn.edu/curriculum/) page.

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Code	Title	Course Units
College General Education Requirements and Free Electives		
Foundational Approaches + Sectors[1] + Free Electives		20
Major Requirements		
Language Requirement		
Choose one of the following languages:		6
ARAB 0000:4999		
PERS 0000:4999		
TURK 0000:4999		
Breadth Requirement		
MELC 0001/ ANCH 0100/ HIST 0730	Introduction to the Ancient Middle East	1
MELC 0002	Introduction to the Middle East	1
Concentration Requirements [3]		
Arabic and Islamic Literature (Attribute ANAT) (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/anat/)		1
Arabic and Islamic History (Attribute ANAI) (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/anai/)		1
Arabic and Islamic Religion (Attribute ANAR) (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/anar/)		1
Electives (Attribute ANAC) (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/anac/)		2
Select 1 course unit in Concentration Paper		1
Total Course Units		**34**

[1] You may count no more than one course toward both a Major and a Sector requirement. For Exceptions, check the Policy Statement (http://www.college.upenn.edu/sectors-policy/).

[2] This requirement may be fulfilled in Arabic, Persian or Turkish.

[3] May focus on either Medieval or Modern Periods, to be chosen in consultation with the major advisor.
Minimum of one course each in History, Literature (original language or in translation) and Religion.

Honors

Required: A minimum overall GPA of 3.0 and a GPA of 3.5 in major related courses.

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MELC 4995	Senior Conference	1
MELC 4999	Independent Study	1

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2024 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.