

# NEAR EASTERN LANGUAGES & CIVILIZATIONS: ARABIC & HEBREW STUDIES, BA

The major in Arabic and Hebrew Studies explores the interrelationships between Arab and Hebrew cultures in the context of the modern and medieval Middle East. Emphasis includes facility in Arabic and/or Hebrew language, alongside courses in history, literature, and cultures of the medieval and modern Middle East.

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

Code	Title	Course Units
<b>College General Education Requirements and Free Electives</b>		
Foundational Approaches + Sectors <sup>1</sup> + Free Electives		20
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
<i>Language Requirement</i>		
Select 6 course units of Language Requirement <sup>2</sup>		6
<i>Breadth Requirement</i>		
NELC 0001/ ANCH 0100/ HIST 0730	Introduction to the Ancient Near East	1
NELC 0002	Introduction to the Middle East	1
<i>Concentration Requirements<sup>3</sup></i>		
Select 5 course units of Concentration Requirement		5
Select 1 course unit of Concentration Paper		1
<b>Total Course Units</b>		<b>34</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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/>).

<sup>2</sup> This requirement may be split: 4 course units of one language (Arabic or Hebrew) and two years of the other.

<sup>3</sup> May focus on either Medieval or Modern Periods, to be chosen in consultation with the major advisor. NOTE: No more than one PSCI class may be taken as an elective.

## Honors

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

Code	Title	Course Units
NELC 4995	Senior Conference	1
NELC 4999	Independent Study	1

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2023 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.