

NEAR EASTERN LANGUAGES & CIVILIZATIONS: CULTURES AND SOCIETIES OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA, MINOR

Like the corresponding major, the Cultures and Societies of the Middle East minor broadly explores the cultures, societies, religions, and literary traditions of the greater Middle East including Arabia, the Levant, Mesopotamia, Iran and the Persianate world, Egypt and the Nile Valley, North Africa (including the Maghreb), and Asia Minor (including present-day Turkey). It enables students to develop an understanding of deep continuities through time, and close connections among the cultures of the region and adjacent areas. The minor does not include language coursework and consists of 6 CU. Students in this minor must complete the department's two foundational courses: NELC 0001 (Introduction to the Ancient Near East) and NELC 0002 (Introduction to the Middle East). Additionally, students must fulfill 1 CU in introductory or upper-level coursework in Ancient Middle East or Hebrew and Judaic Studies (1 CU); and Societies and Cultures of the Islamic World or the Modern Middle East (1 CU). The final 2 CU are electives in intermediate or more advanced coursework. These courses should be chosen as appropriate in consultation with the student's minor advisor after discussing the student's particular intellectual interests.

Code	Title	Course Units
Requirements		
<i>Core Requirement</i>		
NELC 0001	Introduction to the Ancient Near East	1
NELC 0002	Introduction to the Middle East	1
<i>Ancient Middle East or Hebrew and Judaic Studies</i>		
Select 1 CU in either Ancient Middle East or Hebrew and Judaic Studies:		1
NELC 0003	Origin and Culture of Cities	
<i>Ancient Middle East</i>		
NELC 0004	Myths and Religions of the Ancient World	
NELC 0050	Ancient Civilizations of the World	
NELC 0100	Archaeology & The Bible	
NELC 0102	Reading Ancient Mesopotamia	
NELC 0200	Land of the Pharaohs	
NELC 0205	Literary Legacy of Ancient Egypt	
NELC 0210	Art and Architecture in Ancient Egypt	
NELC 0215	The Religion of Ancient Egypt	
NELC 0225	The World of Cleopatra	
NELC 0905	Water in the Middle East Throughout History	
NELC 1000	Iraq: Ancient Cities and Empires	
NELC 1010	History and Society of Early Mesopotamia	
NELC 1100	History of Ancient Egypt	
<i>Hebrew and Judaic Studies</i>		
NELC 0305	Great Books of Judaism	

NELC 0325	Jewish Mysticism	
NELC 0330	Themes Jewish Tradition: Iberian Conversos: Jew-Christian?	
NELC 0335	Jewish Humor	
NELC 1300	Jewish Folklore	
NELC 1310	Introduction to Modern Hebrew Literature	
NELC 1325	Jews and Christians	
NELC 1400	The Making of Scripture: From Revelation to Canon	
NELC 3300	Jewish Magic	
NELC 4305	Spirit and Law	
HEBR 4000	Rabbinic Writers on Rabbinic Culture	
Select 1 CU in either Societies and Cultures of the Islamic World or Modern Middle East:		1
<i>Societies and Cultures of the Islamic World</i>		
NELC 0400	Getting Crusaded	
NELC 0500	Introduction to the Qur'an	
NELC 0510	Muhammad and Society	
NELC 2510	Introduction to Islamic Law	
NELC 1001	The Arabian Nights	
NELC 3400	Age of Caliphs, 600-1100	
NELC 4505	Islamic Intellectual Tradition	
<i>Modern Middle East</i>		
NELC 0600	The Middle East through Many Lenses	
NELC 0620	Food in the Islamic Middle East: History, Memory, Identity	
NELC 1600	North Africa: History, Culture, Society	
NELC 1605	Muslims, Christians, and Jews in the Middle East: Historical Perspectives	
NELC 1610	Nationalism and Communal Identity in the Middle East	
NELC 1615	Migration and the Middle East	
NELC 1620	Middle Eastern Jews in Israel	
NELC 2900	Who Owns the Past? Archaeology and Politics in the Middle East	
<i>Intermediate or Advanced Electives</i>		
Select 2 CU from all of the above categories or courses in the Literary and Visual Cultures		2
<i>Methods in Literary and Visual Cultures</i>		
NELC 0102 & NELC 0205	Reading Ancient Mesopotamia and Literary Legacy of Ancient Egypt	
NELC 0305	Great Books of Judaism	
NELC 0610	Modern Middle Eastern Literature in Translation	
NELC 0615	Modern Arabic Literature	
NELC 0700	Iranian Cinema: Gender, Politics and Religion	
NELC 1200	The Bible in Translation	
NELC 1310	Introduction to Modern Hebrew Literature	
NELC 1700	Introduction to Persian Poetic Tradition	
NELC 2705	Media and Culture in Contemporary Iran	
HEBR 4000	Rabbinic Writers on Rabbinic Culture	
Total Course Units		6

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.
