

# Near Eastern Studies

## Overview

Instruction in the Department of Near Eastern Studies (NES) is concerned with the languages, literatures, and civilizations of the ancient, medieval, and modern Near East. The Department offers specialized training in archaeology, art history, Assyriology, Egyptology, Iranian studies, Judaic and Islamic studies, comparative Semitics, Turkish, Hebrew, Arabic, and Persian. For students in other disciplines, the Department provides a wide variety of courses to supplement such related fields as anthropology, linguistics, art history, history, political science, comparative literature, and folklore. Lecture courses offered by the Department present a comprehensive body of information on past and present Near Eastern civilizations. Many of the courses taught in the Department are restricted to a small number of students and thus afford an opportunity for close interaction with the instructing staff.

Cooperative arrangements between the University and the nearby Graduate Theological Union enable students in the Department to use the extensive library holdings of the Union and supplement their programs with selected courses in Palestinian archaeology, Biblical studies, and Semitic epigraphy and philology.

## Libraries

The Near Eastern Studies libraries are essential parts of the Department of Near Eastern Studies (NES). The Libraries can be indispensable for research to both graduate and undergraduate students in the Department. The libraries house most of the reference materials on various disciplines within NES as well as some rare books (donated by scholars—past and present—affiliated with NES). The Libraries usually carry books put on reserve by NES faculty each semester and can also be used as an excellent reading room for students and faculty. Library books are related to the following disciplines: Islamic Studies (Arabic, Turkish, and Persian, including the Mahjoub Persian Library) and Hebrew and Semitic Studies.

The Hebrew/Semitics Library and the Islamic Studies Library both contain basic reference materials, including dictionaries, encyclopedias, and some of the most important texts in their fields. Access is generally limited to graduate students in the Department. Both libraries are non-circulating.

The Baer-Keller Library of Egyptology is a non-circulating collection of approximately 9,000 volumes maintained by the Near Eastern Studies Department primarily for the use of UC Berkeley students and faculty pursuing serious study of Ancient Egyptian culture, Coptology and Papyrology. Egyptology students and professionals from other institutions are also welcome. Interested individuals should apply to the Near Eastern Studies Department. The core of the library collection comes from bequests to the Department of Near Eastern Studies by Professors Klaus Baer (1987) and Cathleen (Candy) Keller (2008). Professor Baer was an Associate Professor of Egyptology and History at UC Berkeley before becoming a Professor of Egyptology at the Oriental Institute, University of Chicago. Professor Keller was an Associate Professor of Egyptology at UC Berkeley for many years.

## Undergraduate Programs

Ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern Art and Archaeology (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/ancient-egyptian-near-eastern-art-archaeology>) : BA

Near Eastern Civilizations (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/near-eastern-civilizations>) : BA  
Near Eastern Languages and Literatures (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/near-eastern-languages-literatures>) : BA (with emphases in Arabic, Hebrew, or Persian)

Ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern Civilizations (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/ancient-egyptian-near-eastern-civilizations>) : Minor  
Arabic (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/arabic>) : Minor

Hebrew (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/hebrew>) : Minor

Persian (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/persian>) : Minor

Turkish (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/turkish>) : Minor

## Graduate Programs

Near Eastern Studies (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/graduate/degree-programs/near-eastern-studies>) : MA, PhD (with concentrations in Arabic, Hebrew, Persian Languages and Literatures, Near Eastern Archaeology, Art History, Cuneiform, Hebrew Bible, Biblical and Judaic Studies, Old Iranian Studies, Egyptology, and Islamic Studies)

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## Arabic

ARABIC 200 Arabic Grammatical Tradition 3 Units

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 as topic varies. 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**

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

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** 109

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. 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 220 Seminar in Classical Arabic Literature 3 Units**  
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 as topic varies. 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**

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 as topic varies. 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**  
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. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**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 200A Advanced Akkadian 3 Units**  
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 consent of instructor. 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:** Cuneiform/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**CUNEIF 200B Advanced Akkadian 3 Units**

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 consent of instructor. 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:** Cuneiform/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**CUNEIF 298 Seminar 1 - 4 Units**

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. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**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 201A Later Stages of Egyptian 3 Units**

Introduction to late Egyptian and Demotic.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** 101A-101B and 102A-102B

**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 202B Egyptian Texts 3 Units**

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. 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 201A Advanced Biblical Hebrew Texts 3 Units**

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. 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 202A Advanced Late Antique Hebrew Texts 3 Units**

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 as texts vary. 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**  
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 as texts vary. 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**  
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. 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 203B Advanced Medieval Hebrew Texts 3 Units**  
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. 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 204A Advanced Modern Hebrew Literature and Culture 3 Units**  
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 as topic varies. 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**  
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 as topic varies. 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**  
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. 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 298 Seminar 1 - 4 Units**  
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. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**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**  
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**  
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.

## Iranian

**IRANIAN 201A Iranian Philology 3 Units**  
Reading of texts in Avestan, western Middle Iranian, and Sogdian, taken from Zoroastrian, Manichaean, and Buddhist texts.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** 110A-110B, 111A-111B, or consent of instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. 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:** Iranian/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**IRANIAN 201B Iranian Philology 3 Units**  
Reading of texts in Avestan, western Middle Iranian, and Sogdian, taken from Zoroastrian, Manichaean, and Buddhist texts.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** 110A-110B, 111A-111B, or consent of instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. 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:** Iranian/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

## Near Eastern Studies

### NE STUD 200 Graduate Proseminar 1 Unit

Introduction to the academic profession of Near Eastern studies. 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.

#### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 1-2 hours of seminar per week

#### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Near Eastern Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

NE STUD 202 Fields, Methods and Current Trends in Ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern Studies 2 - 4 Units

An introduction to the diversity of fields and disciplines that comprise ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern studies, including current and traditional methods and trends. Designed for candidates for higher degrees in Near Eastern Studies and related programs.

#### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor

#### Hours & Format

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

#### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Near Eastern Studies/Graduate

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

NE STUD 205 Using Cuneiform Texts in Research 3 Units

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 consent of instructor. 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:** Near Eastern Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

NE STUD C220 Seminar in Near Eastern Art 2 or 4 Units

Seminar on critical aspects of Near 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. 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:** Near Eastern Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**Also listed as:** HISTART C220

NE STUD 223 Seminar in Near Eastern Archaeology 2 or 4 Units

Seminar on critical aspects of Near Eastern archaeology requiring intensive study and presentation of a research paper and oral report. Topics vary from semester to semester.

#### Rules & Requirements

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. 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:** Near Eastern Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**Formerly known as:** 223A-223B

NE STUD 290A Special Studies: Near Eastern Studies 1 - 5 Units

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

#### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 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:** Near Eastern Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.



**NE STUD 290B Special Studies: Arabic 1 - 5 Units**

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

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 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:** Near Eastern Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**NE STUD 290C Special Studies: Cuneiform 1 - 5 Units**

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

**Hours & Format**

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

**Summer:** 8 weeks - 1.5-9 hours of independent study per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Near Eastern Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**NE STUD 290D Special Studies: Egyptian 1 - 5 Units**

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

**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:** Near Eastern Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**NE STUD 290E Special Studies: Hebrew 1 - 5 Units**

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

**Hours & Format**

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

**Summer:** 8 weeks - 1.5-9 hours of independent study per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Near Eastern Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**NE STUD 290F Special Studies: Iranian 1 - 5 Units**

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

**Hours & Format**

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

**Summer:** 8 weeks - 1.5-9 hours of independent study per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Near Eastern Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**NE STUD 290G Special Studies: Semitics 1 - 5 Units**

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

**Hours & Format**

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

**Summer:** 8 weeks - 1.5-9 hours of independent study per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Near Eastern Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**NE STUD 290H Special Studies: Turkish 1 - 5 Units**

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

**Hours & Format**

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

**Summer:** 8 weeks - 1.5-9 hours of independent study per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Near Eastern Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**NE STUD 291 Dissertation Writing Workshop 4 Units**

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. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**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:** Near Eastern Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**NE STUD 292 Museum Internship 4 Units**

Jointly supervised by a professional staff of a participating museum and a faculty member in the Art and Archaeology division of the Department of Near Eastern Studies.

**Rules & Requirements**

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

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 10-15 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:** Near Eastern Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

**NE STUD N295 Supervised Field Research in Archaeology 2 - 8 Units**

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**

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

**Hours & Format**

**Summer:** 8 weeks - 2-8 hours of fieldwork per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Near Eastern Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**NE STUD 296 Topics in Egyptian Art and Archaeology 2 or 4 Units**

Changing topics involving ancient Egyptian art and archaeology. Focus may be regional, chronological, methodological, and/or thematic.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** 102A-102B or 106A-106B or consent of instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. 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:** Near Eastern Studies/Graduate

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



**NE STUD 297 Topics in Ancient Ceramics of Egypt and the Levant 2 or 4 Units**

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 as topic varies. 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:** Near Eastern Studies/Graduate

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

**NE STUD 298 Seminar 1 - 4 Units**

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. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**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:** Near Eastern Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**NE STUD 299 Dissertation Research and Writing 3 - 12 Units**

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. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**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:** Near Eastern Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**NE STUD 375 Teaching Modern Near Eastern Languages in College: Seminar in Language Pedagogy 3 Units**

This course is an introductory course that surveys theories of learning and approaches to the teaching of foreign languages in college. Theories will be analyzed and students encouraged to test those theories against their own experiences as students and teachers. This course is designed for new Graduate Student Instructors of Hebrew, Arabic, Persian and Turkish. This course includes classroom observations and reflective teaching.

**Objectives & Outcomes**

- Course Objectives:**
1. a theoretical background in the process of foreign language learning and teaching pedagogy
  2. a space to discuss and test these theories and develop their own teaching philosophy
  3. a place for current GSIs to discuss questions and issues that arise during their teaching
  4. practical experience in creating lesson plans, material adaptation and development, and assessment
  5. the opportunity to reflect on their own teaching and get feedback
  6. to explore issues particular to teaching all (or any) of the modern Near Eastern languages

**Student Learning Outcomes:** Students gain sufficient theoretical and practical background to prepare them for teaching language courses in NES.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Graduate Standing

**Hours & Format**

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

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Near Eastern Studies/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers

**Grading:** Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

**Instructor:** Variable

**NE STUD 601 Individual Studies for Master's Students 1 - 8 Units**  
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. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**Hours & Format**

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

**Summer:** 8 weeks - 1.5-15 hours of independent study per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Near Eastern Studies/Graduate examination preparation

**Grading:** Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

**NE STUD 602 Individual Study for Doctoral Students 1 - 8 Units**  
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. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**Hours & Format**

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

**Summer:** 8 weeks - 1.5-15 hours of independent study per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Near Eastern Studies/Graduate examination preparation

**Grading:** Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

**Persian**

**PERSIAN 200A Readings in Persian Literary Texts 3 Units**  
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. 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:** Persian/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**PERSIAN 200B Readings in Persian Literary Texts 3 Units**  
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. 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:** Persian/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**PERSIAN 202A Persian Sufi Writings 3 Units**

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. 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:** Persian/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**PERSIAN 202B Persian Sufi Writings 3 Units**

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. 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:** Persian/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**PERSIAN 298 Seminar 1 - 4 Units**

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. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**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**

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 205A Ugaritic 3 Units**

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. 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:** Semitics/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**SEMITIC 205B Ugaritic 3 Units**

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. 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:** Semitics/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**SEMITIC 209A Northwest Semitic Epigraphy 4 Units**

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. 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:** Semitics/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**SEMITIC 209B Northwest Semitic Epigraphy 4 Units**

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. 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:** Semitics/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**Turkish****TURKISH 298 Seminar 1 - 4 Units**

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. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**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.