

Ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern Civilizations

Minor

The Department of Near Eastern Studies offers a minor in Ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern Civilizations, there is no major program. For information regarding the department's major programs, please see the program pages for Ancient Egyptian Near Eastern Art and Archaeology (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/ancient-egyptian-near-eastern-art-archaeology>) , Near Eastern Languages and Literatures (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/near-eastern-languages-literatures>) , and Near Eastern Civilizations (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/near-eastern-civilizations>) in this Bulletin.

Students may pursue the major in Ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern Art and Archaeology and a minor in one of the department's language programs, even though both are administered by the Department of Near Eastern Studies; students may not pursue a major in one of the Near Eastern Studies languages and a minor in another. Students may pursue the major in Near Eastern languages and literatures and a minor in Ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern civilizations.

Declaring the Minor

For information regarding how to declare the minor, please see the Department's website (http://nes.berkeley.edu/undergraduate_majors.html) .

Other Majors and Minors offered by the Department of Near Eastern Studies

Ancient Egyptian Near Eastern Art and Archaeology (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/ancient-egyptian-near-eastern-art-archaeology>) (Major only)
 Arabic (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/arabic>) (Minor only)
 Hebrew (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/hebrew>) (Minor only)
 Near Eastern Civilizations (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/near-eastern-civilizations>) (Major only)
 Near Eastern Languages and Literatures (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/near-eastern-languages-literatures>) (Major only)
 Persian (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/persian>) (Minor only)
 Turkish (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/turkish>) (Minor only)

Students who have a strong interest in an area of study outside their major often decide to complete a minor program. These programs have set requirements and are noted officially on the transcript in the memoranda section, but are not noted on diplomas.

General Guidelines

1. All courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements below must be taken for graded credit.
2. A minimum of three of the upper-division courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements must be completed at UC Berkeley.
3. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 is required for courses used to fulfill the minor requirements.
4. Courses used to fulfill the minor requirements may be applied toward the Seven-Course Breadth Requirement, for Letters and Science students.
5. No more than one upper-division course may be used to simultaneously fulfill requirements for a student's major and minor programs.
6. All minor requirements must be completed prior to the last day of finals during the semester in which you plan to graduate. If you cannot finish all courses required for the minor by that time, please see a College of Letters and Science adviser.
7. All minor requirements must be completed within the unit ceiling. (For further information regarding the unit ceiling, please see the College Requirements tab.)

Requirements

Lower-division

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| NE STUD 15 | Introduction to Near Eastern Art and Archaeology | 4 |
| or NE STUD 18 | Introduction to Ancient Egypt | |

Recommended Lower-division Courses

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| NE STUD 25 | Ancient Babylonian Legends and Myths | 3 |
| NE STUD 34 | Hebrew Bible in Translation | 3 |

Upper-division

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| Select five courses listed in the following majors: | 15-20 |
| Ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern Art and Archaeology | |
| Ancient Near Eastern Civilizations | |
| Total Units | 25-30 |

Select a subject to view courses

- Egyptian (p. 1)
- Near Eastern Studies (p. 3)

Egyptian

EGYPT 100A Elementary Egyptian 5 Units
 Introduction to Middle Egyptian grammar and texts.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Undergraduate

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

EGYPT 100B Elementary Egyptian 5 Units
Introduction to Middle Egyptian grammar and texts.
Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Undergraduate

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

EGYPT 101A Intermediate Egyptian 3 Units
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
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
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
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
Directed study centered upon preparation of an honors thesis.
Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Limited to senior honors candidates

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for a maximum 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
Instruction in areas not covered by regularly scheduled courses.
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 - 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
Enrollment is restricted by regulations shown in the .

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Undergraduate

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

Near Eastern Studies

NE STUD R1A Reading and Composition in Near Eastern Studies 4 Units
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: UC Entry Level Writing Requirement or UC Analytical Writing Placement Exam. 1A is prerequisite to 1B

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD R1B Reading and Composition in Near Eastern Studies 4 Units
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: UC Entry Level Writing Requirement or UC Analytical Writing Placement Exam. 1A is a prerequisite to 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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 10 Introduction to the Near East 4 Units
The background and present status of the ethnic and religious groups in the Arab states, Turkey, Israel, and Iran.

Hours & Format

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

Summer: 6 weeks - 10 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 15 Introduction to Near Eastern Art and Archaeology 4 Units
The ancient Near East (present-day Iran, Iraq, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Israel, and Turkey) is considered the cradle of civilization. Here in Mesopotamia and its neighboring regions, the first cities arose, writing was invented, armies forged the earliest empires, and complex religious beliefs were expressed in art and architecture. This course surveys the major archaeological sites and monuments from the earliest settlements to the conquest of the Near East by Alexander the Great in 330 BCE.

Hours & Format

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

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

Instructor: Feldman

NE STUD N16 Introduction to Islamic Art 4 Units

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

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 18 Introduction to Ancient Egypt 4 Units

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 slides. Discussion sections are held in the Phoebe Hearst Museum of Anthropology, which has the best collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts west of Chicago.

Hours & Format

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

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 24 Freshman Seminars 1 Unit

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 as topic varies. 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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 25 Ancient Babylonian Legends and Myths 3 Units

Lectures on and readings of 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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD C26 Introduction to Central Asia 3 Units

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.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

Also listed as: GEOG C55

NE STUD 34 Hebrew Bible in Translation 3 Units

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD C92 Imagining Arab Civilization 4 Units

This course examines major aspects of Arab culture through literature, art, film, and other media. Questions of religious, political, and philosophical nature co-exist in Arab culture with literary conventions and aesthetic norms. The course explores the dynamic interaction among these abiding concerns of Arab culture from pre-Islamic times to the present.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

Also listed as: UGIS C92

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

Topics vary.

Rules & Requirements

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

Credit Restrictions: Enrollment is restricted; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section of this catalog.

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 directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 99 Supervised Independent Study 1 - 4 Units
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

Credit Restrictions: Enrollment is restricted; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section of this catalog.

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 101 Women and Gender in Ancient Egypt 4 Units

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 Near Eastern societies.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Near Eastern Studies 18 or equivalent

Hours & Format

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

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 102A Archaeology of Ancient Egypt 4 Units**Rules & Requirements**

Prerequisites: 18 or equivalent or consent of instructor

Credit Restrictions: Students who have taken 175A, 175B, 175C, or 175D will receive no credit for 102A-102B.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 102B Archaeology of Ancient Egypt 4 Units**Rules & Requirements**

Prerequisites: 18 or equivalent or consent of instructor

Credit Restrictions: Students who have taken 175A, 175B, 175C, or 175D will receive no credit for 102A-102B.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 103 Religion of Ancient Egypt 3 Units

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD C103 Religion of Ancient Egypt 3 Units

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

Also listed as: RELIGST C103

NE STUD C104 Babylonian Religion 3 Units

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

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

Also listed as: RELIGST C104

NE STUD 105A Ancient Mesopotamian Documents and Literature 3 Units

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 106A Art and Architecture of Ancient Egypt 4 Units

Stylistic and iconographic study of Egyptian art and architecture from Predynastic times through the end of the pharaonic period. Discussion sections will focus on Egyptian material in the Hearst Museum collection. Will cover the period from Predynastic times until the end of the First Intermediate Period (ca. 5000-2000 BC).

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: A. 18 or equivalent, or consent of instructor. B. 106A or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

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

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 106B Art and Architecture of Ancient Egypt 4 Units

Stylistic and iconographic study of Egyptian art and architecture from Predynastic times through the end of the pharaonic period. Discussion sections will focus on Egyptian material in the Hearst Museum collection. Will consider the period from the end of the First Intermediate Period through the Graeco-Roman Period (ca. 2000 BC - 1st century AD).

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: A. 18 or equivalent, or consent of instructor. B. 106A, or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

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

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 108 Topics in the Ancient Mediterranean World 2 - 4 Units
Varying topics in the cultural connections of the ancient Mediterranean world from the fourth millennium B.C.E. to late antiquity. Typical themes/topics might include: ideologies of gender and sexuality; comparative religions or literatures; archaeological and/or historical interconnections.

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 lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 5.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 109 Mesopotamian History 3 Units

Ancient Mesopotamian political, cultural, and economic history from the invention of script to the Persian conquest of Babylon will be presented in survey, and one topic will be selected for in-depth study.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 110 Art and Archaeology of Ancient Egypt in the First Millennium B.C 3 Units

The course surveys the art and/or archaeology of ancient Egypt in the first millennium B.C. It covers ancient Egyptian material culture of the Third Intermediate, Late, Ptolemaic, and Early Roman periods.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 18 or equivalent or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 112 Survey of Ancient Egyptian History 4 Units

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 112 after taking 101A-101B; 2 units after taking 101A or 101B.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 113 Gilgamesh: King, Hero, and God 4 Units

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD C119 Disciplining Near Eastern Archaeology: Explorers, Archaeologists, and Tourists in the Contemporary Middle East 3 Units

This course examines the roles that Near Eastern archaeology plays within the context of recent Middle Eastern history and society, from 1800 to the present day. Topics include the discipline's entanglement with imperialism, nationalism, science, tourism, the antiquities trade, media, and war. Students will examine and discuss ethnographies, technical reports, memoirs, films, and images.

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

Instructor: Porter

Also listed as: ANTHRO C123F

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

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.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

Also listed as: HISTART C120A

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

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.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

Also listed as: HISTART C120B

NE STUD C121A Topics in Islamic Art 4 Units

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

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 and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

Also listed as: HISTART C121A

NE STUD C121B Topics in Islamic Art 4 Units

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

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 and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

Also listed as: HISTART C121B

NE STUD 122 Iranian Archaeology 4 Units

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: 15 is recommended

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

Formerly known as: 122A-122B

NE STUD 123 Mesopotamian Archaeology 4 Units

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: 15 recommended

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

Formerly known as: 123A-123B

NE STUD 124 Levantine Archaeology 4 Units

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: 15 is recommended

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

Formerly known as: 124A-124B

NE STUD 126 Silk Road Art and Archaeology 3 Units

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 127 Art and Archaeology of Ancient Syria 4 Units

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 128 The Art and Archaeology of Ancient Turkey 4 Units

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 129 Arts of Iran and Central Asia 4 Units

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD C129 Minoan and Mycenaean Art 4 Units

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.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

Also listed as: HISTART C140

NE STUD 130 Men, Women and Gods: Common Themes in Biblical and Ancient Mediterranean Texts 4 Units

The Hebrew Bible is deeply embedded in the cultures of the ancient Mediterranean and Near East. In this course we will look at common biblical themes such as the creation of the world, the creation of men and women, the purpose of men and women in the world, as well as various stories relating to humankind, and see how these themes/stories are treated similarly and differently in various ancient Mediterranean and Near Eastern cultures by examining connections with the myths and literatures of ancient Mesopotamia and Greece, as well as Canaan. Biblical material will include the stories of Adam and Eve, Noah, Jephthah's daughter, and David and Jonathan.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 130A History of Ancient Israel 3 Units

The patriarchal age through the Hellenistic period.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 130B History of Ancient Israel 3 Units

The patriarchal age through the Hellenistic period.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 131 Aspects of Biblical Religion 4 Units

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 132 Biblical Poetry 4 Units

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD C133 Judaism in Late Antiquity 4 Units

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

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

Also listed as: RELIGST C133/UGIS C153

NE STUD C135 Jewish Civilization I: The Biblical Period 4 Units

This is the first course in a four-course sequence in the history of Jewish culture and civilization. It covers the biblical period and the period up to the destruction of the second temple. This course will explore the current state of our knowledge, including the legacy of ancient Near Eastern myth and religion, the history of Israelite religion, the literary features of biblical narrative, and the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

Also listed as: RELIGST C132

NE STUD 136 History and Historiography in the Hebrew Bible 3 Units

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 137 Modern and Contemporary Jewish Thought 4 Units

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 138 The Hero in the Bible and the Ancient Near East 3 Units

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 139 Modern Jewish Literatures 4 Units

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. 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

Summer: 8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 140 Topics in Islamic Thought and Institutions 3 Units

Selected topics from Islamic intellectual history.

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 141 Modern and Contemporary Islamic Thought 3 Units

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

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 142 Shi'ite Islam 3 Units

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 143A Islam in Iran 3 Units

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 143B Islam in Iran 3 Units

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 144 Sufism: The Mysticism of Islam 3 Units

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: May be repeated for credit when subject matter varies.

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 146 Islam 3 Units

A comprehensive and detailed introduction to the sources, doctrines, practices, and institutions of Islam, together with their historical development and elaboration in a select number of ethnic and geographic environments and an overview of Islam in the world today.

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 146A Islam 3 Units

A comprehensive and detailed introduction to the sources, doctrines, practices, and institutions of Islam, together with their historical development and elaboration in a select number of ethnic and geographic environments and an overview of Islam in the world today.

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 146B Islam 3 Units

A comprehensive and detailed introduction to the sources, doctrines, practices, and institutions of Islam, together with their historical development and elaboration in a select number of ethnic and geographic environments and an overview of Islam in the world today.

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 147 The Rise of Islamic Civilization 4 Units

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 150A Arabic Literature in Translation 3 Units

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 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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 150B Arabic Literature in Translation 3 Units

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 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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 151 Folktales of the Middle East 4 Units

An introduction to the art of the folktale as practiced in the folk narrative traditions of the Middle East. We will first focus on the cultural dynamics of the Arabic folktale: its portrayal of women, social conflicts and gender roles; its use of imagery, symbolism and the supernatural; and its translation of cultural themes like fate and destiny into plot motifs. We will then compare the Arabic folktale as an oral genre with tales from other traditions including Turkish and Persian.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 152 Cultural Encounters in Modern Arabic Literature 3 Units

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: May be repeated for credit when subject matter varies. 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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 153 The Medieval Frametale Genre: Its Hispano-Arabic Roots 4 Units

The art of inserting stories within stories is typical of certain Oriental literatures and was widely cultivated in Arabic. Via Spain, the Arabs transmitted this form of writing to medieval Europe. A masterpiece such as the which stands as an isolated work in Spanish literature, nevertheless bears comparison with certain Arabic works that preceded it. This course will study the structure, meaning, and function of the frametale genre, using examples from Arabic, Spanish, and English, including animal fables, romances, mirrors for princes, and picaresque narratives. It will examine the Arabic literature Spain borrowed, and show how, from Spain, individual tales found their way into the medieval West.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 154 Narratives of Identity in Israeli and Palestinian Fiction 4 Units

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. English is the language of instruction, and the required readings of novels, novellas, short stories, and works of literary and cultural criticism are in English translation. A midterm, final examination, and two short analytical papers are required.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 15 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 155 Wonder and the Fantastic: <The Thousand and One Nights> in World Literary Imagination 3 Units
After studying the tales themselves and examining their structure and how they fit into the genre of folk literature, we will investigate how the was transmitted, translated, and received in Europe, as a window on 19th-century gender and racial attitudes, especially Western views of the "oriental" other. How the was creatively manipulated by Western writers will be studied, as will the influence of these tales on modern Arabic literature itself. Several examples of how the have been 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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 160 Religions of Ancient Iran 3 Units

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 162A History of Persian Literature 4 Units

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 162B History of Persian Literature 4 Units

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 165 Film and Fiction of Iran 4 Units

Introduces students to major themes in modern Iranian literature and cinema. Short story readings and discussions provide an analytical framework of 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 history of Iranian history or literature is required.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Upper division status

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

Instructor: Pirnazar

NE STUD 170 Islamic History and Historiography (600-1050) 3 Units

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

Instructor: Ahmed

NE STUD 170A Turkish Literature in Translation 3 Units

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 170B Turkish Literature in Translation 3 Units

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 173A Topics in the History of Central Asia and the Turks 3 Units

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 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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 173B Topics in the History of Central Asia and the Turks 3 Units

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.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 174 Law and Society in the Early Modern Middle East 3 Units

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 175 History and Culture of Afghanistan 3 Units

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 180 The Quran and Its Interpretation 3 Units

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 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

Instructor: Asad Ahmed

NE STUD 190A Special Topics in Fields of Near Eastern Studies: Ancient Near Eastern Studies 4 Units

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 when topic changes.

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 190B Special Topics in Fields of Near Eastern Studies: Egyptian Studies 4 Units

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 when topic changes.

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 190C Special Topics in Fields of Near Eastern Studies: Jewish Studies 4 Units

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 when topic changes.

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 190D Special Topics in Fields of Near Eastern Studies: Islamic Studies 4 Units

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 when topic changes.

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 190E Special Topics in Fields of Near Eastern Studies: Arabic 4 Units

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 when topic changes.

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 190H Special Topics in Fields of Near Eastern Studies: Hebrew 4 Units

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 when topic changes.

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 190I Special Topics in Fields of Near Eastern Studies: Iranian/Persian 4 Units

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 when topic changes.

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 192A Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Near Eastern Studies: Ancient Near Eastern Studies 2 or 4 Units

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

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

Summer: 6 weeks - 10 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 192B Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Near Eastern Studies: Egyptian Studies 2 or 4 Units

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

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

Summer: 6 weeks - 10 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 192C Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Near Eastern Studies: Jewish Studies 2 or 4 Units

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

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

Summer: 6 weeks - 10 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 192D Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Near Eastern Studies: Islamic Studies 2 or 4 Units

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

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

Summer: 6 weeks - 10 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 192E Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Near Eastern Studies: Arabic 2 or 4 Units

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

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

Summer: 6 weeks - 10 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 192F Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Near Eastern Studies: Cuneiform 2 or 4 Units

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

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

Summer: 6 weeks - 10 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 192G Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Near Eastern Studies: Egyptian 2 or 4 Units

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

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

Summer: 6 weeks - 10 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 192H Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Near Eastern Studies: Hebrew 2 or 4 Units

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

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

Summer: 6 weeks - 10 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 192I Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Near Eastern Studies: Iranian/Persian 2 or 4 Units

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

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

Summer: 6 weeks - 10 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 192J Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Near Eastern Studies: Semitics 2 or 4 Units

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

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

Summer: 6 weeks - 10 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 192K Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Near Eastern Studies: Turkish 2 or 4 Units

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

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

Summer: 6 weeks - 10 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 193 Near Eastern Archaeological Field School 6 Units

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD H195 Senior Honors 2 - 4 Units

Directed study centered upon preparation of an honors thesis.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Limited to senior honors candidates

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 4 units.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

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

Instruction in areas not covered by regularly scheduled courses: Phoenician, Cypriote, Syrian Archaeology.

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 - 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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

NE STUD 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units

Enrollment is restricted by regulations shown in the

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:

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: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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