

Ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern Art and Archaeology

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

The Department of Near Eastern Studies offers a major in Ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern Art and Archaeology. Students in this major choose one of two emphases: Ancient Near Eastern Art and Archaeology or Egyptian Art and Archaeology. For specific information regarding degree requirements for each emphasis, please see the Major Requirements tab on this page.

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 Major

The department recommends that students declare the major as soon as they are eligible. For information regarding prerequisites, please see the Major Requirements tab on this page. How to declare:

1. Review the course requirements.
2. Meet with the faculty undergraduate adviser.
3. Download and fill out the Declaration of Major form (http://ls-advise.berkeley.edu/fp/08Declare_Maj.pdf) from the L&S website, and follow the instructions on the form.

To declare a double major, submit a Double Major Application Form (http://ls-advise.berkeley.edu/fp/Double_Maj_Packet.pdf) to the Office of Undergraduate Advising.

To change the major, please use the Change of L&S Major (http://ls-advise.berkeley.edu/fp/Change_of_LS_Major.pdf) form.

Honors Program

With the consent of the adviser, students in any of the Near Eastern Studies majors, with an overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.3 or higher in all course work taken at the University and a GPA of 3.51 or higher in courses completed in the major, may apply for admission to the honors program in their senior year. Students must maintain the required GPA in the major in order to remain eligible for the honors program.

In addition to the GPA requirement, students must submit an honors thesis of at least 20 double-spaced, typewritten pages at the beginning of their senior year. Students are responsible for choosing a faculty supervisor for the thesis and also for enrolling in the honors course (NE STUD H195) during one semester of their senior year in order to receive credit for their thesis paper. The final draft of the honors thesis must be read and evaluated by a two-member committee consisting of the thesis supervisor and another member of the NES faculty, to be chosen at the discretion of the student and the thesis supervisor. The thesis must be deemed to be of at least B+ quality in order to qualify the candidate for graduation with the degree of honors. Assignment of the

distinctions of "high honors" and "highest honors" will be at the discretion of the evaluating committee.

Minor Program

For students who are majors in other subjects, but who have a strong interest in one of the modern languages or ancient history of the Near East, the department offers programs leading to a minor in modern Arabic, Hebrew, Persian, Turkish, or Ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern Civilizations.

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

Ancient Egyptian Near Eastern Art and Archaeology (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2017-18/undergraduate/degree-programs/ancient-egyptian-near-eastern-art-archaeology>) (Major)
 Near Eastern Civilizations (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2017-18/undergraduate/degree-programs/near-eastern-civilizations>) (Major)
 Near Eastern Languages and Literatures (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2017-18/undergraduate/degree-programs/near-eastern-languages-literatures>) (Major)
 Ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern Civilizations (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2017-18/undergraduate/degree-programs/ancient-egyptian-near-eastern-civilizations>) (Minor)
 Arabic (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2017-18/undergraduate/degree-programs/arabic>) (Minor)
 Hebrew (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2017-18/undergraduate/degree-programs/hebrew>) (Minor)
 Persian (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2017-18/undergraduate/degree-programs/persian>) (Minor)
 Turkish (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2017-18/undergraduate/degree-programs/turkish>) (Minor)

In addition to the University, campus, and college requirements, listed on the College Requirements tab, students must fulfill the below requirements specific to their major program. Please note that the department is beginning the process of evaluating its major and minor programs as part of the University's departmental review program, so the specific major and minor programs offered by the department will change in the near future. Be sure and check the department website for the most updated and reliable information.

General Guidelines

1. All courses taken to fulfill the major requirements below must be taken for graded credit, other than courses listed which are offered on a *Pass/No Pass* basis only. Other exceptions to this requirement are noted as applicable.
2. No more than one upper division course may be used to simultaneously fulfill requirements for a student's major and minor programs, with the exception of minors offered outside of the College of Letters & Science.
3. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 must be maintained in both upper and lower division courses used to fulfill the major requirements.

For information regarding residence requirements and unit requirements, please see the College Requirements tab.

Emphasis I: Ancient Near Eastern Art and Archaeology

Lower Division

NE STUD 10	Introduction to the Near East ¹	
NE STUD 15	Introduction to Near Eastern Art and Archaeology	
Lower Division, Recommended Courses		
NE STUD 18	Introduction to Ancient Egypt	
NE STUD 25	Ancient Babylonian Legends and Myths	
ANTHRO 2	Introduction to Archaeology	
Upper Division ²		
Select 8 courses from the following:		
NE STUD 108	Ancient Astronomy	4
NE STUD C120A	The Art of Ancient Mesopotamia: 3500-1000 BCE	4
NE STUD C120B	The Art of Ancient Mesopotamia: 1000-330 BCE	4
NE STUD 122	Iranian Archaeology	4
NE STUD 123	Mesopotamian Archaeology	4
NE STUD 124	Levantine Archaeology	4
NE STUD 126	Silk Road Art and Archaeology	3
NE STUD 190A	Special Topics in Fields of Near Eastern Studies: Ancient Near Eastern Studies	4
NE STUD 192A	Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Near Eastern Studies: Ancient Near Eastern Studies	
Total Units		31

¹ Must be taken for a letter grade.

² If any of the upper division courses listed are not offered in the student's junior or senior years, students may select courses from any ancient language or lecture courses in the field of ancient Near Eastern Studies.

Emphasis II: Egyptian Art and Archaeology

Some background in French, German, and/or Arabic is recommended for students who undertake this emphasis.

Lower Division

NE STUD 10	Introduction to the Near East	
NE STUD 18	Introduction to Ancient Egypt	
Lower Division, Recommended Courses		
NE STUD 15	Introduction to Near Eastern Art and Archaeology	
ANTHRO 2	Introduction to Archaeology	

Upper Division

EGYPT 100A	Elementary Egyptian	5
EGYPT 100B	Elementary Egyptian	5
EGYPT 101A	Intermediate Egyptian	3
EGYPT 101B	Intermediate Egyptian	3
NE STUD 102A	Archaeology of Ancient Egypt	4
NE STUD 102B	Archaeology of Ancient Egypt	4
Select two of the following for a total of at least 6 units:		6
NE STUD 112	Survey of Ancient Egyptian History	
NE STUD C10	Religion of Ancient Egypt	
NE STUD 106A	Art and Architecture of Ancient Egypt	
NE STUD 106E	Art and Architecture of Ancient Egypt	
NE STUD 124	Levantine Archaeology	

Total Units **30**

Undergraduate students in the College of Letters & Science must fulfill the following requirements in addition to those required by their major program.

For detailed lists of courses that fulfill college requirements, please review the College of Letters & Sciences (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2017-18/undergraduate/colleges-schools/letters-science>) page in this Guide.

Entry Level Writing (<http://writing.berkeley.edu/node/78>)

All students who will enter the University of California as freshmen must demonstrate their command of the English language by fulfilling the Entry Level Writing requirement. Fulfillment of this requirement is also a prerequisite to enrollment in all reading and composition courses at UC Berkeley.

American History and American Institutions (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2017-18/undergraduate/colleges-schools/letters-science/american-history-institutions-requirement>)

The American History and Institutions requirements are based on the principle that a US resident graduated from an American university, should have an understanding of the history and governmental institutions of the United States.

American Cultures (<http://americancultures.berkeley.edu/students/courses>)

American Cultures is the one requirement that all undergraduate students at Cal need to take and pass in order to graduate. The requirement offers an exciting intellectual environment centered on the study of race, ethnicity and culture of the United States. AC courses offer students opportunities to be part of research-led, highly accomplished teaching environments, grappling with the complexity of American Culture.

Quantitative Reasoning

The Quantitative Reasoning requirement is designed to ensure that students graduate with basic understanding and competency in math, statistics, or computer science. The requirement may be satisfied by exam or by taking an approved course.

Foreign Language

The Foreign Language requirement may be satisfied by demonstrating proficiency in reading comprehension, writing, and conversation in a foreign language equivalent to the second semester college level, either by passing an exam or by completing approved course work.

Reading and Composition

In order to provide a solid foundation in reading, writing, and critical thinking the College requires two semesters of lower division work in composition in sequence. Students must complete a first-level reading and composition course by the end of their second semester and a second-level course by the end of their fourth semester.

Breadth Requirements

The undergraduate breadth requirements provide Berkeley students with a rich and varied educational experience outside of their major program.

As the foundation of a liberal arts education, breadth courses give students a view into the intellectual life of the University while introducing them to a multitude of perspectives and approaches to research and scholarship. Engaging students in new disciplines and with peers from other majors, the breadth experience strengthens interdisciplinary connections and context that prepares Berkeley graduates to understand and solve the complex issues of their day.

Unit Requirements

- 120 total units, including at least 60 L&S units
- Of the 120 units, 36 must be upper division units
- Of the 36 upper division units, 6 must be taken in courses offered outside your major department

Residence Requirements

For units to be considered in "residence," you must be registered in courses on the Berkeley campus as a student in the College of Letters & Science. Most students automatically fulfill the residence requirement by attending classes here for four years. In general, there is no need to be concerned about this requirement, unless you go abroad for a semester or year or want to take courses at another institution or through UC Extension during your senior year. In these cases, you should make an appointment to meet an adviser to determine how you can meet the Senior Residence Requirement.

Note: Courses taken through UC Extension do not count toward residence.

Senior Residence Requirement

After you become a senior (with 90 semester units earned toward your BA degree), you must complete at least 24 of the remaining 30 units in residence in at least two semesters. To count as residence, a semester must consist of at least 6 passed units. Intercampus Visitor, EAP, and UC Berkeley-Washington Program (UCDC) units are excluded.

You may use a Berkeley Summer Session to satisfy one semester of the Senior Residence requirement, provided that you successfully complete 6 units of course work in the Summer Session and that you have been enrolled previously in the college.

Modified Senior Residence Requirement

Participants in the UC Education Abroad Program (EAP) or the UC Berkeley Washington Program (UCDC) may meet a Modified Senior Residence requirement by completing 24 (excluding EAP) of their final 60 semester units in residence. At least 12 of these 24 units must be completed after you have completed 90 units.

Upper Division Residence Requirement

You must complete in residence a minimum of 18 units of upper division courses (excluding EAP units), 12 of which must satisfy the requirements for your major.

Learning Goals for the Major

1. The ability to analyze architecture, art, and archaeological sites.
2. Knowledge of the main historical and cultural periods, sites, monuments, and geographies relevant to the chosen field.
3. Familiarity with the entire area of the Near/Middle East from ancient to modern times.

4. Awareness of the importance of the Near/Middle East in today's global society.
5. The ability to formulate a well-organized argument, supported by evidence.
6. The ability to critically read and analyze scholarship in the field.
7. The ability to write and to communicate orally.

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NE STUD R1A Reading and Composition in Near Eastern Studies 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Summer 2018 First 6 Week Session, Summer 2018 Second 6 Week Session

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.

Reading and Composition in Near Eastern Studies: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Satisfaction of the Entry Level Writing Requirement

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: Final exam not required.

Reading and Composition in Near Eastern Studies: Read Less [-]

NE STUD R1B Reading and Composition in Near Eastern Studies 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Spring 2016

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.

Reading and Composition in Near Eastern Studies: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Previously passed an R_A course with a letter grade of C- or better.
Previously passed an articulated R_A course with a letter grade of C- or better.
Score a 4 on the Advanced Placement Exam in English Literature and Composition.
Score a 4 or 5 on the Advanced Placement Exam in English Language and Composition.
Score of 5, 6, or 7 on the International Baccalaureate Higher Level Examination in English

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: Final exam not required.

Reading and Composition in Near Eastern Studies: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

NE STUD 10 Introduction to the Near East 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 2016

The background and present status of the ethnic and religious groups in the Arab states, Turkey, Israel, and Iran.

Introduction to the Near East: Read More [\[+\]](#)

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.

Introduction to the Near East: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

NE STUD 15 Introduction to Near Eastern Art and Archaeology 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Spring 2016

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.

Introduction to Near Eastern Art and Archaeology: Read More [\[+\]](#)

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

Introduction to Near Eastern Art and Archaeology: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

NE STUD N16 Introduction to Islamic Art 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 1997 10 Week Session

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

Introduction to Islamic Art: Read More [\[+\]](#)

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.

Introduction to Islamic Art: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

NE STUD 18 Introduction to Ancient Egypt 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Summer 2018 Second 6 Week Session, Fall 2017

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 power point presentation. Discussion sections include meetings in the Phoebe Hearst Museum of Anthropology, which has the best collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts west of Chicago.

Introduction to Ancient Egypt: Read More [+]

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 2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

Introduction to Ancient Egypt: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 24 Freshman Seminars 1 Unit

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017

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.

Freshman Seminars: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

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

Freshman Seminars: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 25 Ancient Babylonian Legends and Myths 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2001, Fall 1996

Lectures on and readings of the Gilgamesh Epic, Creation and Flood Myths and other Mesopotamian literary texts in translation.

Ancient Babylonian Legends and Myths: Read More [+]

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.

Ancient Babylonian Legends and Myths: Read Less [-]

NE STUD C26 Introduction to Central Asia 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 2016

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.

Introduction to Central Asia: Read More [+]

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

Introduction to Central Asia: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 34 Hebrew Bible in Translation 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2001 10 Week Session, Summer 2000 10 Week Session, Fall 1996

Readings from the Hebrew Bible in English translation.

Hebrew Bible in Translation: Read More [+]

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.

Hebrew Bible in Translation: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 39A Freshmen & Sophomore Seminars 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Fall 2016

A freshmen and sophomore seminar course will be taught by NES faculty in Fall 2016.

Freshmen & Sophomore Seminars: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

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

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4-4 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

Freshmen & Sophomore Seminars: [Read Less](#) [-]

NE STUD 39B The Abrahamic Religions 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017

A freshmen and sophomore seminar course will be taught by NES faculty in Fall 2016.

The Abrahamic Religions: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes. 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 not required.

Instructor: Duarte De Oliveira

The Abrahamic Religions: [Read Less](#) [-]

NE STUD C92 Imagining Arab Civilization 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

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.

Imagining Arab Civilization: [Read More](#) [+]

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

Imagining Arab Civilization: [Read Less](#) [-]

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

Terms offered: Fall 2006, Spring 2006, Spring 2005

Topics vary.

Directed Group Study for Lower Division Students: [Read More](#) [+]

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 without restriction.

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.

Directed Group Study for Lower Division Students: [Read Less](#) [-]

NE STUD 99 Supervised Independent Study 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2013, Fall 2012, Fall 2011

Topics vary.

Supervised Independent Study: [Read More](#) [+]

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 without restriction.

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.

Supervised Independent Study: [Read Less](#) [-]

NE STUD 101 Women and Gender in Ancient Egypt 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2017, Spring 2015

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.

Women and Gender in Ancient Egypt: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Near Eastern Studies 18 or equivalent

Hours & Format

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

Summer: 6 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

Women and Gender in Ancient Egypt: [Read Less](#) [-]

NE STUD 102A Archaeology of Ancient Egypt 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2016, Fall 2015, Fall 2013

Archaeological survey of historical eras, major monuments and sites of ancient Egypt from the Neolithic to end of the Old Kingdom/First Intermediate Period, incorporating methodological and theoretical issues and developments as relevant.

Archaeology of Ancient Egypt: [Read More](#) [+]

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 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.

Archaeology of Ancient Egypt: [Read Less](#) [-]

NE STUD 102B Archaeology of Ancient Egypt 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2017, Spring 2014, Spring 2013

Archaeological survey of historical eras, major monuments and sites of ancient Egypt from the First Intermediate Period/Middle Kingdom to the end of the New Kingdom, incorporating methodological and theoretical issues and developments as relevant.

Archaeology of Ancient Egypt: [Read More](#) [+]

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 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.

Archaeology of Ancient Egypt: [Read Less](#) [-]

NE STUD 103 Religion of Ancient Egypt 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Summer 2012 First 6 Week Session, Summer 2011 First 6 Week Session

A survey of the religious beliefs of the ancient Egyptians, based primarily upon the written sources.

Religion of Ancient Egypt: Read More [+]

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.

Religion of Ancient Egypt: Read Less [-]

NE STUD C103 Religion of Ancient Egypt 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2014, Spring 2013, Spring 2009

A survey of the religious beliefs of the ancient Egyptians, based primarily upon the written sources.

Religion of Ancient Egypt: Read More [+]

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

Religion of Ancient Egypt: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 104 Babylonian Religion 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 1997

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

Babylonian Religion: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

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

Summer: 10 weeks - 4.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

Babylonian Religion: Read Less [-]

NE STUD C104 Babylonian Religion 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2017, Summer 2016 10 Week Session, Summer 2016 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2015 Second 6 Week Session, Spring 2015

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

Babylonian Religion: Read More [+]

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

Babylonian Religion: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 105A Ancient Mesopotamian Documents and Literature 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Fall 2016, Fall 2014

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.

Ancient Mesopotamian Documents and Literature: Read More [+]

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.

Ancient Mesopotamian Documents and Literature: Read Less [-]

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

Terms offered: Fall 2010, Fall 2007, Fall 2005

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).

Art and Architecture of Ancient Egypt: Read More [+]

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.

Art and Architecture of Ancient Egypt: Read Less [-]

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

Terms offered: Spring 2011, Spring 2008, Spring 2006

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).

Art and Architecture of Ancient Egypt: Read More [+]

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.

Art and Architecture of Ancient Egypt: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 108 Ancient Astronomy 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2015, Fall 2014

The course focuses on ancient astronomy from Babylonia to the Greco-Roman world. Readings from primary texts, including Babylonian astronomical and astrological documents (MUL.APIN, Enuma Anu Enlil, etc.) and Greek treatises such as Geminus' Introduction to the Phenomena and Ptolemy's Almagest are used. Problems of the calendar and of planetary motion are of special interest. Two different approaches to celestial phenomena are covered, one from cuneiform texts, predominantly arithmetical and linear and the other from hellenistic Greek antiquity, characteristically geometrical and introducing a quantitative dimension only after contact with and borrowing from Babylonian astronomy.

Ancient Astronomy: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

Instructor: Rochberg

Ancient Astronomy: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 109 Mesopotamian History 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2017, Spring 2016, Spring 2015

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.

Mesopotamian History: Read More [+]

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.

Mesopotamian History: Read Less [-]

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

Terms offered: Fall 2015, Spring 2008, Spring 2003

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.

Art and Archaeology of Ancient Egypt in the First Millennium B.C: Read More [+]

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.

Art and Archaeology of Ancient Egypt in the First Millennium B.C: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 112 Survey of Ancient Egyptian History 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2013, Spring 2006

A concise survey of Ancient Egyptian history from Late Predynastic times to the conquest of Alexander the Great.

Survey of Ancient Egyptian History: Read More [+]

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.

Survey of Ancient Egyptian History: Read Less [-]

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

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2015, Spring 2014

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.

Gilgamesh: King, Hero, and God: Read More [+]

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.

Gilgamesh: King, Hero, and God: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 114 Digital Ancient Near East 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017

Today, much of the information we gather on any topic comes from Internet sources. Goal of this class is to increase students' skills in critically evaluating the scholarly value of information on the Ancient Near East that is to be found in web pages, e-journals, and online books. We will consider the goal and context of sources of information (touristic, commercial, scholarly, religious, etc.) and how this influences and filters the information provided. Although the class will focus on Internet resources, we will not neglect to use the same critical eye when using print media. The class will feature a number of collaborative projects in which this critical attitude may be practiced.

Digital Ancient Near East: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring:

15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Summer: 10 weeks - 4.5 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Near Eastern Studies/Undergraduate

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

Digital Ancient Near East: Read Less [-]

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

Terms offered: Spring 2012, Spring 2011

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.

Disciplining Near Eastern Archaeology: Explorers, Archaeologists, and Tourists in the Contemporary Middle East: Read More [+]

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

Disciplining Near Eastern Archaeology: Explorers, Archaeologists, and Tourists in the Contemporary Middle East: Read Less [-]

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

Terms offered: Fall 2011, Fall 2006

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.

The Art of Ancient Mesopotamia: 3500-1000 BCE: Read More [+]

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

The Art of Ancient Mesopotamia: 3500-1000 BCE: Read Less [-]

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

Terms offered: Fall 2012, Fall 2009, Fall 2004

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.

The Art of Ancient Mesopotamia: 1000-330 BCE: Read More [+]

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

The Art of Ancient Mesopotamia: 1000-330 BCE: Read Less [-]

NE STUD C121A Topics in Islamic Art 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2015, Fall 2013, Fall 2012

The course will treat in depth topics in Islamic architecture and topics in Islamic art. Subjects addressed may include painting, calligraphy, and book production.

Topics in Islamic Art: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

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

Topics in Islamic Art: Read Less [-]

NE STUD C121B Topics in Islamic Art 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2007, Fall 2005, Spring 2003

The course will treat in depth topics in Islamic architecture and topics in Islamic art. Subjects addressed may include painting, calligraphy, and book production.

Topics in Islamic Art: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

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

Topics in Islamic Art: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 122 Iranian Archaeology 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2015

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.

Iranian Archaeology: Read More [+]

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.

Iranian Archaeology: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 123 Mesopotamian Archaeology 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2015, Fall 2013

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.

Mesopotamian Archaeology: Read More [+]

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

Mesopotamian Archaeology: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 124 Levantine Archaeology 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2014

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.

Levantine Archaeology: Read More [+]

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

Levantine Archaeology: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 126 Silk Road Art and Archaeology 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2016, Spring 2015

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.

Silk Road Art and Archaeology: [Read More](#) [+]

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.

Silk Road Art and Archaeology: [Read Less](#) [-]

NE STUD 127 Art and Archaeology of Ancient Syria 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2005

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.

Art and Archaeology of Ancient Syria: [Read More](#) [+]

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.

Art and Archaeology of Ancient Syria: [Read Less](#) [-]

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

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

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.

The Art and Archaeology of Ancient Turkey: [Read More](#) [+]

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.

The Art and Archaeology of Ancient Turkey: [Read Less](#) [-]

NE STUD 129 Arts of Iran and Central Asia 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2017, Spring 2016, Fall 2015

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.

Arts of Iran and Central Asia: [Read More](#) [+]

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.

Arts of Iran and Central Asia: [Read Less](#) [-]

NE STUD C129 Minoan and Mycenaean Art 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2010, Fall 2005

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.

Minoan and Mycenaean Art: Read More [+]

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

Minoan and Mycenaean Art: Read Less [-]

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

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

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.

Men, Women and Gods: Common Themes in Biblical and Ancient Mediterranean Texts: Read More [+]

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.

Men, Women and Gods: Common Themes in Biblical and Ancient Mediterranean Texts: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 130A History of Ancient Israel 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 1998

The patriarchal age through the Hellenistic period.

History of Ancient Israel: Read More [+]

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.

History of Ancient Israel: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 130B History of Ancient Israel 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

The patriarchal age through the Hellenistic period.

History of Ancient Israel: Read More [+]

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.

History of Ancient Israel: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 131 Aspects of Biblical Religion 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2004, Fall 2002, Spring 1998

The teachings of ancient Israel's priests, prophets and sages on various universal problems.

Aspects of Biblical Religion: Read More [+]

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.

Aspects of Biblical Religion: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 132 Biblical Poetry 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2008

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.

Biblical Poetry: [Read More](#) [+]

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.

Biblical Poetry: [Read Less](#) [-]

NE STUD C133 Judaism in Late Antiquity 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2007, Spring 2006, Spring 2004

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

Judaism in Late Antiquity: [Read More](#) [+]

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

Judaism in Late Antiquity: [Read Less](#) [-]

NE STUD 135 Jewish Civilization I: The Biblical Period 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018

Our understanding of the biblical period has been transformed in recent decades due to the rediscovery of Israel's cultural context and the influence of literary and anthropological forms of interpretation. We will explore Israel's culture from its inception through the Second Temple period, emphasizing the close readings of texts and the diversity of biblical worldviews.

Jewish Civilization I: The Biblical Period: [Read More](#) [+]

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.

Instructor: Hendel

Formerly known as: Near Eastern Studies C135/Religious Studies C132

Jewish Civilization I: The Biblical Period: [Read Less](#) [-]

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

Terms offered: Fall 2006, Spring 2002

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.

History and Historiography in the Hebrew Bible: [Read More](#) [+]

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.

History and Historiography in the Hebrew Bible: [Read Less](#) [-]

NE STUD 137 Modern and Contemporary Jewish Thought 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 1995

An analysis of modern Jewish movements and ideas. Topics include Spinoza, Hasidism, the Enlightenment, Jewish religious movements in America, Zionism, Buber, Rosensweig, Kaplan, Heschel.

Modern and Contemporary Jewish Thought: Read More [+]

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.

Modern and Contemporary Jewish Thought: Read Less [-]

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

Terms offered: Fall 2004, Spring 2003, Spring 2000

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.

The Hero in the Bible and the Ancient Near East: Read More [+]

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.

The Hero in the Bible and the Ancient Near East: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 139 Modern Jewish Literatures 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2013, Spring 2010, Spring 2005

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.

Modern Jewish Literatures: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Upper division standing or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

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.

Modern Jewish Literatures: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 140 Topics in Islamic Thought and Institutions 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2017, Spring 2016, Spring 2015

Selected topics from Islamic intellectual history.

Topics in Islamic Thought and Institutions: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

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

Topics in Islamic Thought and Institutions: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 141 Modern and Contemporary Islamic Thought 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

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

Modern and Contemporary Islamic Thought: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

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.

Modern and Contemporary Islamic Thought: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 142 Shi'ite Islam 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2007, Fall 2001, Fall 1997

The beliefs, traditions, and practices of the Shi'ite school of Islam.

Shi'ite Islam: Read More [+]

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.

Shi'ite Islam: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 143A Islam in Iran 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2008, Fall 2004, Fall 2000

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.

Islam in Iran: Read More [+]

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.

Islam in Iran: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 143B Islam in Iran 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2009, Spring 2005, Spring 2001

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.

Islam in Iran: Read More [+]

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.

Islam in Iran: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 144 Sufism: The Mysticism of Islam 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2016, Fall 2015, Fall 2014

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.

Sufism: The Mysticism of Islam: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

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

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.

Sufism: The Mysticism of Islam: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 146 Islam 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2016 10 Week Session, Summer 2016 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2015 Second 6 Week Session

This course aims at introducing students to some of the most important features of the Islamic religious tradition. The main subjects of discussion include life of Muhammad, the Quran, Tradition, Law, Sufism, Theology, Philosophy, and Politics. The course will cover both medieval and modern Islam and will touch upon all major sects. In reference to the modern period, particular emphasis will fall on the relationship of medieval and modern interpretations and on the emergence of "political" and "liberal" Islam with reference to the history of the modern Middle East. Students will also be exposed to important theories and methods in the academic study of the discipline.

Islam: Read More [+]

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 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.

Islam: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 146A Islam 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2018 Second 6 Week Session, Fall 2017, Summer 2017 Second 6 Week Session

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.

Islam: Read More [+]

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.

Islam: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 146B Islam 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2017, Spring 2014, Spring 2013

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.

Islam: Read More [+]

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.

Islam: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 147 The Rise of Islamic Civilization 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Spring 2006, Spring 2004

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.

The Rise of Islamic Civilization: Read More [+]

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.

The Rise of Islamic Civilization: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 150A Arabic Literature in Translation 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 1998, Fall 1997, Fall 1996

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.

Arabic Literature in Translation: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

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

Arabic Literature in Translation: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

NE STUD 150B Arabic Literature in Translation 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017

No knowledge of Arabic is required. Survey of Arabic literature in its development from the post-Abbasid period to the present.

Arabic Literature in Translation: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

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

Arabic Literature in Translation: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

NE STUD 152 Cultural Encounters in Modern Arabic Literature 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Fall 2002, Fall 2001

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.

Cultural Encounters in Modern Arabic Literature: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

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

Cultural Encounters in Modern Arabic Literature: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

NE STUD 153 Synagogues, Cathedrals, and Mosques: The Rise and Fall of Islamic Spain 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2018

This course focuses on the cultural history of Islamic Spain (Al-Andalus) from the Muslim conquest of 711 until the expulsion of Moriscos in 1609. Topics covered include the history, literature, architecture, arts, and music of Al-Andalus. The major aim is for students to develop an understanding of and a sensibility to the history, politics, and cultures of Al-Andalus as well as its social and cultural relevance to contemporary audiences.

Synagogues, Cathedrals, and Mosques: The Rise and Fall of Islamic Spain: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Hours & Format

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

Summer: 8 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.

Synagogues, Cathedrals, and Mosques: The Rise and Fall of Islamic Spain: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

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

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

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.

Narratives of Identity in Israeli and Palestinian Fiction: Read More [+]

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.

Narratives of Identity in Israeli and Palestinian Fiction: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 155 Wonder and the Fantastic: <The Thousand and One Nights> in World Literary Imagination 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2015, Spring 2010, Spring 2009

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.

Wonder and the Fantastic: <The Thousand and One Nights> in World Literary Imagination: Read More [+]

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.

Wonder and the Fantastic: <The Thousand and One Nights> in World Literary Imagination: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 160 Religions of Ancient Iran 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Spring 2011, Spring 2009

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.

Religions of Ancient Iran: Read More [+]

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.

Religions of Ancient Iran: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 162A History of Persian Literature 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2015, Fall 2012, Fall 2010

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.

History of Persian Literature: Read More [+]

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.

History of Persian Literature: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 162B History of Persian Literature 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2017, Spring 2011, Spring 2009

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.

History of Persian Literature: Read More [+]

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.

History of Persian Literature: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 165 Film and Fiction of Iran 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2018 First 6 Week Session, Spring 2017, Spring 2016

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.

Film and Fiction of Iran: Read More [+]

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

Film and Fiction of Iran: Read Less [-]

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

Terms offered: Fall 2015

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.

Islamic History and Historiography (600-1050): Read More [+]

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

Islamic History and Historiography (600-1050): Read Less [-]

NE STUD 170A Turkish Literature in Translation 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

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.

Turkish Literature in Translation: Read More [+]

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.

Turkish Literature in Translation: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 170B Turkish Literature in Translation 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

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.

Turkish Literature in Translation: Read More [+]

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.

Turkish Literature in Translation: Read Less [-]

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

Terms offered: Spring 1998, Spring 1996

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.

Topics in the History of Central Asia and the Turks: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

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

Topics in the History of Central Asia and the Turks: Read Less [-]

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

Terms offered: Spring 2004

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.

Topics in the History of Central Asia and the Turks: Read More [+]

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.

Topics in the History of Central Asia and the Turks: Read Less [-]

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

Terms offered: Spring 1999

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).

Law and Society in the Early Modern Middle East: Read More [+]

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.

Law and Society in the Early Modern Middle East: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 175 History and Culture of Afghanistan 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2012, Fall 2008

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.

History and Culture of Afghanistan: Read More [+]

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.

History and Culture of Afghanistan: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 180 The Quran and Its Interpretation 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Spring 2015

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.

The Quran and Its Interpretation: Read More [+]

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

The Quran and Its Interpretation: Read Less [-]

NE STUD C188 Magic, Religion, and Science: The Ancient and Medieval Worlds 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2016

This course will explore magic as an experimental science within the learned traditions of civilizations that we consider as fundamental for a modern Western identity: from ancient Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece and Rome to the medieval and early modern Middle East, Byzantium, and Europe. The primary sources used for this exploration will be texts on demons, magic, divination, and the sophisticated philosophical background to such beliefs. In addition, archeological remains pertinent to these practices such as talismans, amulets, and other magical objects will be discussed.

Magic, Religion, and Science: The Ancient and Medieval Worlds: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours 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: HISTORY C188C

Magic, Religion, and Science: The Ancient and Medieval Worlds: Read Less [-]

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

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017

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.

Special Topics in Fields of Near Eastern Studies: Ancient Near Eastern Studies: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

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.

Special Topics in Fields of Near Eastern Studies: Ancient Near Eastern Studies: Read Less [-]

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

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Spring 2016, Fall 2003

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.

Special Topics in Fields of Near Eastern Studies: Egyptian Studies: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

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.

Special Topics in Fields of Near Eastern Studies: Egyptian Studies: Read Less [-]

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

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Fall 2015, Fall 2014

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.

Special Topics in Fields of Near Eastern Studies: Jewish Studies: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

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.

Special Topics in Fields of Near Eastern Studies: Jewish Studies: Read Less [-]

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

Terms offered: Spring 2014, Summer 2009 First 6 Week Session, Spring 2009

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.

Special Topics in Fields of Near Eastern Studies: Islamic Studies: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

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.

Special Topics in Fields of Near Eastern Studies: Islamic Studies: Read Less [-]

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

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2016

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.

Special Topics in Fields of Near Eastern Studies: Arabic: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

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.

Special Topics in Fields of Near Eastern Studies: Arabic: Read Less [-]

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

Terms offered: Spring 2017, Fall 2013, Spring 2013

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.

Special Topics in Fields of Near Eastern Studies: Hebrew: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

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.

Special Topics in Fields of Near Eastern Studies: Hebrew: Read Less [-]

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

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Spring 2009, Spring 2007

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.

Special Topics in Fields of Near Eastern Studies: Iranian/Persian: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

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.

Special Topics in Fields of Near Eastern Studies: Iranian/Persian: Read Less [-]

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

Terms offered: Fall 2014, Spring 2009, Fall 2007

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.

Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Near Eastern Studies:

Ancient Near Eastern Studies: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

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.

Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Near Eastern Studies:
Ancient Near Eastern Studies: Read Less [-]

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

Terms offered: Spring 2015, Spring 2014, Spring 2013

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.

Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Near Eastern Studies:

Egyptian Studies: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

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.

Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Near Eastern Studies:
Egyptian Studies: Read Less [-]

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

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

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.

Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Near Eastern Studies:

Jewish Studies: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

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.

Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Near Eastern Studies:
Jewish Studies: Read Less [-]

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

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

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.

Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Near Eastern Studies: Islamic Studies: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

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.

Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Near Eastern Studies: Islamic Studies: Read Less [-]

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

Terms offered: Fall 2003

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.

Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Near Eastern Studies: Arabic: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

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.

Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Near Eastern Studies: Arabic: Read Less [-]

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

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

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.

Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Near Eastern Studies: Cuneiform: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

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.

Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Near Eastern Studies: Cuneiform: Read Less [-]

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

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

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.

Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Near Eastern Studies: Egyptian: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

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.

Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Near Eastern Studies: Egyptian: Read Less [-]

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

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

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.

Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Near Eastern Studies:

Hebrew: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

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.

Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Near Eastern Studies:

Hebrew: Read Less [-]

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

Terms offered: Spring 2005

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.

Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Near Eastern Studies:

Iranian/Persian: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

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.

Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Near Eastern Studies:

Iranian/Persian: Read Less [-]

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

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

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.

Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Near Eastern Studies:

Semitics: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

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.

Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Near Eastern Studies:

Semitics: Read Less [-]

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

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

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.

Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Near Eastern Studies:

Turkish: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

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.

Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Near Eastern Studies:

Turkish: Read Less [-]

NE STUD 193 Near Eastern Archaeological Field School 6 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

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.

Near Eastern Archaeological Field School: [Read More](#) [+]

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.

Near Eastern Archaeological Field School: [Read Less](#) [-]

NE STUD H195 Senior Honors 2 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2017, Spring 2016, Spring 2015

Directed study centered upon preparation of an honors thesis.

Senior Honors: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Limited to senior honors candidates

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 4 units. 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.

Senior Honors: [Read Less](#) [-]

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

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Spring 2010, Fall 2006

Instruction in areas not covered by regularly scheduled courses:

Phoenician, Cypriote, Syrian Archaeology.

Directed Group Study for Upper Division Students: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

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.

Directed Group Study for Upper Division Students: [Read Less](#) [-]

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

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017

Enrollment is restricted by regulations shown in the

Supervised Independent Study and Research: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

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.

Supervised Independent Study and Research: [Read Less](#) [-]