

Ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern Civilizations

Minor

The Ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern Civilizations minor introduces students to the cultures, histories, languages, and archaeology of ancient Egypt and the ancient Middle East. Students will explore the principal civilizations of the ancient worlds studying the human experience as it unfolds in documents, monuments, and architectural marvels and to further investigate these ancient artifacts in modern times through the use of cutting edge technology. The minor requires students to take five upper-division courses, one course may overlap with the student's major course.

Declaring the Minor

Students may declare the minor as soon as they begin their course study. Please find the minor declaration form in the Near Eastern Studies Department. Students must declare the minor *no later than the semester before their Expected Graduation Term (EGT)*. Please see the L&S minor guidelines (<https://ls.berkeley.edu/advising/planning/schedule-planning/minors/>) for more information.

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

Ancient Egyptian Near Eastern Art and Archaeology (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2020-21/undergraduate/degree-programs/ancient-egyptian-near-eastern-art-archaeology/>) (Major)
 Near Eastern Civilizations (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2020-21/undergraduate/degree-programs/near-eastern-civilizations/>) (Major)
 Near Eastern Languages and Literatures (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2020-21/undergraduate/degree-programs/near-eastern-languages-literatures/>) (Major)
 Arabic (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2020-21/undergraduate/degree-programs/arabic/>) (Minor)
 Hebrew (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2020-21/undergraduate/degree-programs/hebrew/>) (Minor)
 Persian (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2020-21/undergraduate/degree-programs/persian/>) (Minor)
 Turkish (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2020-21/undergraduate/degree-programs/turkish/>) (Minor)

The minor in Ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern Civilizations requires one lower division course and five upper-division courses.

General Guidelines

1. All minors must be declared no later than one semester before a student's Expected Graduation Term (EGT). If the semester before EGT is fall or spring, the deadline is the last day of RRR week. If the semester before EGT is summer, the deadline is the final Friday of Summer Sessions. To declare a minor, contact the department advisor for information on requirements, and the declaration process.
2. All courses taken to satisfy the minor requirement must be taken for a letter grade and be at least 3 units.

3. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 must be maintained in order to declare and complete the minor.
4. No more than one upper division course may be used to simultaneously fulfill requirements for a student's major and minor program.
5. With the prior consent of the faculty adviser, students may take courses across various disciplines to satisfy the minor requirements.

Requirements

Lower Division

Required: One of the following lower division courses 4

NE STUD 15 Introduction to Near Eastern Art and Archaeology [4]

NE STUD 18 Course Not Available [4]

Recommended Lower Division Courses 15-20

NE STUD 25 Course Not Available

NE STUD 34 Course Not Available

Upper Division

Select five courses listed in the following majors:

NE STUD 101 Course Not Available [4]

NE STUD 102 Course Not Available [4]

NE STUD 103 Course Not Available [3]

NE STUD 104 Course Not Available [3]

NE STUD 105A Course Not Available [3]

NE STUD 108 Course Not Available [4]

NE STUD 109 Course Not Available [3]

NE STUD 110 Course Not Available [4]

NE STUD 112 Course Not Available [4]

NE STUD 113 Course Not Available [4]

NE STUD 114 Course Not Available [3]

NE STUD 115 Course Not Available [4]

NE STUD 116 Course Not Available [4]

NE STUD C119 Course Not Available

NE STUD 122 Course Not Available

NE STUD C120 Course Not Available [4]

NE STUD C12 Course Not Available [4]

NE STUD 123 Course Not Available [4]

NE STUD 124 Course Not Available

NE STUD 126 Course Not Available [3]

NE STUD 129 Course Not Available [4]

NE STUD 135 Course Not Available [4]

NE STUD 156 Course Not Available [4]

NE STUD 161 Course Not Available [4]

NE STUD C18 Course Not Available [4]

NE STUD 190A Course Not Available [4]

NE STUD 190E Course Not Available [4]

NE STUD 190C Course Not Available [4]

CUNEIF 100A Elementary Akkadian [4]

CUNEIF 100B Elementary Akkadian [4]

CUNEIF 101A Selected Readings in Akkadian [4]

CUNEIF 101B Selected Readings in Akkadian [4]

CUNEIF 102A Elementary Sumerian [4]

CUNEIF 102B Elementary Sumerian [4]

CUNEIF 103A	Selected Readings in Sumerian [3]
CUNEIF 103B	Selected Readings in Sumerian [3]
EGYPT 100A	Introduction to Egyptian Hieroglyphs [5]
EGYPT 100B	Introduction to Egyptian Hieroglyphs [5]
HEBREW 106A	Elementary Biblical Hebrew [3]
HEBREW 106B	Elementary Biblical Hebrew [3]
HEBREW 107A	Biblical Hebrew Texts [3]
HEBREW 107B	Biblical Hebrew Texts [3]
SEMITIC 100A	Aramaic [3]
SEMITIC 100B	Aramaic [3]
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Total Units	19-24

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Egyptian

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EGYPT 100A Introduction to Egyptian Hieroglyphs 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2019, Fall 2017

This course introduces the fundamentals of the language and hieroglyphic script of Middle Egyptian used to write stories, poems, biographies and letters, magical spells, and eye-witness accounts of historical events from thousands of years ago. The study of this ancient language enables students to read the classics of Egyptian literature and understand the emergence and development of one of the world's oldest writing systems, and the laws, customs, social structures, and religious beliefs of the ancient people of the Nile Valley. Lectures present the grammar and writing; much of the in-class time is devoted to the translating and close reading of texts, with a discussion of their cultural and historical context and meaning.

Introduction to Egyptian Hieroglyphs: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: This course is a prerequisite for Egyptian 100B, offered in the spring semester. Both semesters of Egyptian 100 are required prerequisites for any of the other ancient Egyptian language courses

Hours & Format

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

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Undergraduate

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

Introduction to Egyptian Hieroglyphs: Read Less [-]

EGYPT 100B Introduction to Egyptian Hieroglyphs 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2018, Spring 2016

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Introduction to Egyptian Hieroglyphs: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: EGYPTIAN 100A or with the consent of the instructor

Hours & Format

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

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Undergraduate

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

Introduction to Egyptian Hieroglyphs: Read Less [-]

EGYPT 101A Intermediate Egyptian 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Fall 2016, Fall 2014

Readings in Middle Egyptian hieroglyphic and hieratic texts.

Intermediate Egyptian: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 100A-100B

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Undergraduate

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

Intermediate Egyptian: Read Less [-]

EGYPT 101B Intermediate Egyptian 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2019, Spring 2017, Spring 2015

Readings in Middle Egyptian hieroglyphic and hieratic texts.

Intermediate Egyptian: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 100A-100B

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Undergraduate

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

Intermediate Egyptian: Read Less [-]

EGYPT 102A Elementary Coptic 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2002, Fall 2000, Spring 1997

Introduction to Sahidic dialect.

Elementary Coptic: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: German and Greek recommended

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Undergraduate

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

Elementary Coptic: Read Less [-]

EGYPT 102B Elementary Coptic 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2003, Spring 2001

Readings in Sahidic, other dialects.

Elementary Coptic: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: German and Greek recommended

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Undergraduate

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

Elementary Coptic: Read Less [-]

EGYPT H195 Senior Honors 2 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

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.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Undergraduate

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

Senior Honors: Read Less [-]

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

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Instruction in areas not covered by regularly scheduled courses.

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/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 [-]

EGYPT 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Undergraduate

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

Supervised Independent Study and Research: Read Less [-]

Near Eastern Studies

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

Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2018, Spring 2017

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 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.

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 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 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 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](#) [-]