

Armenian Studies

The Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures offers a minor in Armenian Studies, consisting of Armenian language, literature, culture, and history courses. The Department also offers a Major Track in Russian/East European/ Eurasian Languages and Cultures with a concentration in Armenian.

For more information, see Major Tracks (<http://slavic.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/major-tracks/>) and Minor Tracks (<http://slavic.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/minor-tracks/>) in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures.

Students who have a strong interest in an area of study outside their major often decide to complete a minor program. These programs have set requirements.

General Guidelines

1. All minors must be declared before the first day of classes in your Expected Graduation Term (EGT). For summer graduates, minors must be declared prior to the first day of Summer Session A.
2. All upper-division courses must be taken for a letter grade.
3. A minimum of three of the upper-division courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements must be completed at UC Berkeley.
4. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 is required in the upper-division courses to fulfill the minor requirements.
5. Courses used to fulfill the minor requirements may be applied toward the Seven-Course Breadth requirement, for Letters & Science students.
6. No more than one upper division course may be used to simultaneously fulfill requirements for a student's major and minor programs.
7. All minor requirements must be completed prior to the last day of finals during the semester in which the student plans to graduate. If students cannot finish all courses required for the minor by that time, they should see a College of Letters & Science adviser.
8. All minor requirements must be completed within the unit ceiling. (For further information regarding the unit ceiling, please see the College Requirements tab.)

Requirements

Courses Prerequisites ¹

ARMENI 1A	Introductory Armenian	3
ARMENI 1B	Introductory Armenian	3
Requirements ²		
ARMENI 101A	Continuing Armenian	3
ARMENI 101B	Continuing Armenian	3
Select three from the following ³		
ARMENI 102	Advanced Readings in Specialized Armenian	4
ARMENI 124	Armenian Literature in Social Context	4
ARMENI 126	Armenian Culture and Film	4
ARMENI 128	Arts and Culture in Armenia and the Diaspora Since 1991	3

HISTORY 177A	Armenia and Armenians from Ancient to Medieval Eras	4
HISTORY 177B	Armenia: From Pre-modern Empires to the Present	4

¹ Or equivalent as determined by examination.

² Or equivalent as determined by examination. If the upper-division language requirements (Armenian 101A and 101B) are passed by examination: two additional courses relevant to the minor should be added, to be determined in discussion with the Undergraduate Adviser.

³ Courses beyond those listed also apply, to be determined in discussion with the Undergraduate Adviser.

ARMENI 1A Introductory Armenian 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

An introduction to Armenian language and culture, aiming to give students basic competence in all four skills and an introduction to traditional and contemporary Armenian culture.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 1A: None. 1B: 1A or equivalent; consent of instructor

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Armenian/Undergraduate

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

Formerly known as: Eurasian Studies 1A

ARMENI 1B Introductory Armenian 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

An introduction to Armenian language and culture, aiming to give students basic competence in all four skills and an introduction to traditional and contemporary Armenian culture.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 1A or equivalent; consent of instructor

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Armenian/Undergraduate

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

Formerly known as: Eurasian Studies 1B

ARMENI 101A Continuing Armenian 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

The purpose of this course is to further develop students' Armenian proficiency in all four language skills, using discussion, oral presentations, written assignments, and a variety of readings (literature, non-fiction, folklore, newspaper articles, etc.) chosen partly for their cultural significance and partly based on student needs and interests. Emphasis on particular skills (e.g. reading) depending on student needs and interests.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 1A-1B 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 per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Armenian/Undergraduate

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

Formerly known as: Eurasian Studies 101A

ARMENI 101B Continuing Armenian 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022

The purpose of this course is to further develop students' Armenian proficiency in all four language skills, using discussion, oral presentations, written assignments, and a variety of readings (literature, non-fiction, folklore, newspaper articles, etc.) chosen partly for their cultural significance and partly based on student needs and interests. Emphasis on particular skills (e.g. reading) depending on student needs and interests.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 2A-2B 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 per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Armenian/Undergraduate

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

Formerly known as: Eurasian Studies 101B

ARMENI 102 Advanced Readings in Specialized Armenian 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2020, Spring 2017

Selected readings in Armenian drawn from a wide range of texts—literature, history, journalism, politics, law, science and technology, business and economics, etc.—tailored to the academic interests of students enrolled.

The course is designed to further develop students' language skills and to link language competence to the study of the contemporary politics, culture, and society in Armenia and the Armenian diaspora.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Armenian 101A and 101B or demonstrated advanced competence in Armenian

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

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Armenian/Undergraduate

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

ARMENI 124 Armenian Literature in Social Context 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2022, Spring 2020

This course covers selected works and topics in Armenian literature treated in a broad socio-cultural context. In addition to introducing students to some of the Armenian literary masterpieces, the course offers a lens through which to view the socio-political issues and historical legacies that shape Armenian culture and identity, in Armenia and in diaspora, in today's globalized world. Lectures, readings and discussions in English. No knowledge of Armenian language is required (students with knowledge of Armenian read in the original).

Rules & Requirements

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

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Armenian/Undergraduate

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

ARMENI 126 Armenian Culture and Film 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Spring 2021, Spring 2019

This course examines issues in Armenian culture (folklore, literature, architecture, visual arts, and film), with particular attention to Armenian cultural identity and socio-political movements in today's Armenia and in diaspora. Lectures, readings and discussions in English. No knowledge of Armenian language is required (students with knowledge of Armenian read in the original).

Rules & Requirements

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

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Armenian/Undergraduate

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

ARMENI 128 Arts and Culture in Armenia and the Diaspora Since 1991 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 8 Week Session, Summer 2024 8 Week Session, Summer 2023 8 Week Session

An overview of the literature, visual arts, and social thought produced in Armenia and its transnational diaspora since the collapse of the Soviet Union and the establishment of Armenia's independence in 1991. The course examines contemporary developments in the arts in the context of the major socio-political changes of the period.

Rules & Requirements

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

Hours & Format

Summer: 8 weeks - 6 hours of web-based lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Armenian/Undergraduate

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

Instructor: Douzjian

The department provides programmatic and individual advising services to prospective and current students who are pursuing major and minor tracks. Advisers assist with a range of issues including course selection, academic decision-making, achieving personal and academic goals, and maximizing the Berkeley experience. Students who are looking to explore their options or are ready to declare a major, double major, or minor should contact the undergraduate student services adviser.

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