

Proposed Revisions to NELC Programs of Study

Summary

The Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (NELC) is proposing a variety of changes to many of its programs of study. Here is a brief description of the rationale and changes, with details for each major and minor explained in greater detail below. Supporting documentation is also attached.

Current Issues:

1. No significant changes have been made to NELC department majors and minors since the semester conversion in 2012. At the same time, NELC faculty has changed dramatically.
2. Upper-level language courses are extremely small in Hebrew, Persian, and Turkish.
3. NELC majors and minors typically require three semesters of language study and a culture course as prerequisites (15 credits), representing a considerable prerequisite load.
4. NELC majors do not take many courses in other subfields in NELC.
5. Jewish Studies became part of NELC in 2017. There is a great deal of overlap between Hebrew and Jewish Studies majors and minors.

Proposed Changes:

1. New learning objectives have been developed for all majors and minors. New assessment plans have been developed for all majors.
2. Require only the introductory language sequence as prerequisite for majors and minors, moving culture course requirements inside of the majors and minors.
3. Allow majors to take a cognate elective, to better situate their studies in Near Eastern Languages and Cultures and related fields.
4. Revise required courses and elective lists for majors and minors, maintaining academic rigor while relying on courses that are offered on a regular basis, so that majors can complete requirements within four years and most minors can complete requirements within two years.
5. Require 4 semesters (Persian and Turkish) or 5 semesters (Arabic and Hebrew) of total language study for language minors, instead of 6 semesters.
6. Combine Hebrew and Jewish Studies majors into a single major, with distinct language and interdisciplinary tracks.
7. Create a minor in Islamic Studies with no language requirement (submitted via curriculum.osu.edu).
8. Expand the existing Turkish minor into a minor in Turkish and Central Asia Studies, to take advantage of OSU's existing resources in Central Asia Studies.
9. Modify course numbers and create new courses to ensure that there are sufficient upper-division courses for majors and minors, taught in foreign languages and in translation. Semester conversion created few 3000 level courses in the department. We are trying to distribute department courses in a logical manner, guided by the following criteria:
 - a. 2000: Intermediate Undergraduate: introductory courses
 - b. 3000: Upper Level Undergraduate: topic or theoretical courses
 - c. 4000: Advanced Undergraduate: in-depth courses
 - d. 5000: Advanced Undergraduate and Graduate Courses

In February 2018, NELC underwent external review. In their report, dated March 3, 2018, the external review committee included the following comment: "The process of reviewing and reforming the Department's curriculum is on the right track, showing wide collaboration among faculty."

Administering Department: Near Eastern Languages and Cultures

Proposed Implementation Date: August 2019

3. Islamic Studies

Degree: Islamic Studies

The Islamic Studies major is an interdisciplinary program that allows students to combine language study with courses in NELC, Religious Studies and History. This has led to challenges both in ensuring courses are offered on a regular basis and in assessing the major. Several of the courses currently required are taught by other departments (CMRS, History, Religious Studies), so NELC cannot control if/when they will be taught and how to assess majors' work. Additionally, staffing changes in NELC have made it difficult to offer some of the core courses for the major. Revisions aim to rethink the required categories and courses to encompass an interdisciplinary field and facilitate the timely completion of the major. Please note that **we are also proposing a new minor in Islamic Studies**, submitted via curriculum.osu.edu.

The current Islamic Studies major requires 4 prerequisites (15 credits) and 10 major courses (32 credits). It divides those major courses into 6 different categories, each category ranging from a single course (ie, Theory and Method in the Study of Religion: Religious Studies 3972) to an electives category in which students select 3 of 58 listed courses. However, many of these course, both inside and outside of NELC, are not taught on a regular basis. Additionally, at least one of these courses (Religious Studies 3972) has a new prerequisite (Religious Studies 2370), which means Islamic Studies majors functionally have to add an additional course in order to complete requirements.

Relatively few institutions are able to offer an Islamic students undergraduate major or minor, since it relies on advanced language instruction and interdisciplinary courses in Islamic Studies.

University	Major Prerequisites	Major Courses
Ohio State - current	4 (15 credits)	10 (32 credits)
Michigan	None	None
Texas	4 (16 credits)	8 (24 credits)
UCLA (Middle Eastern Studies)	0	11 courses
Ohio State – Revision	3 (12 credits)	10 (32-34 credits)

Proposed Revisions:

Non-language prerequisite moved inside of major. The Islamic Studies major currently requires one culture prerequisite in addition to the 3-semester introductory language sequence. That culture course would now be part of the major.

Updating required courses. Academic Advisor Tommy Beyl frequently reports that Islamic Majors have difficulty completing courses because many of the courses required for the major are taught by different departments, and have not been offered regularly. This revision changes the categories of required courses so that NELC can provide the courses that majors need to graduate.

- Required core courses, NELC 3501 and Religious Studies 2370 have no departmental prerequisites and are taught at least once per academic year.
- NELC is committing to offering at least one Qu'ran course and one additional Islamic religion course each academic year, as well as one Islamic Society and Culture course each semester.
- The electives list has been updated to include courses that are offered regularly, inside and outside of NELC.

Allow one cognate elective for the major, to encourage students to take one course toward the major in any of the NELC fields of study.

Revised Learning Objectives

1. Students develop intermediate competency in one language relevant to Islamic Studies (Arabic, Turkish, Persian).
2. Students demonstrate familiarity with Islamic cultures and communities in the past and present.
3. Students read and interpret critically a diverse range of Islamic texts and material artifacts.
4. Students learn to interpret critically Islamic beliefs, thought and practices.

Assessment Plan

Please see attached

CURRENT Islamic Studies Major Sheet

Prerequisites (12 credits) Pick a Language		
Arabic	Persian	Turkish
1101 AU (4)	1101 AU	1101 AU
1102 SP (4)	1102 SP	1102 SP
1103 AU (4)	1103 AU	1103 AU
(3 Credits) Pick a Culture Class		
Arabic 2241 Contemporary Arab Culture	NELC 2241 Middle East Close Up	
Persian 2241 Persian Culture	NELC 2244 Films of the Middle East	
Turkish 2241 Turkish Culture		

Islamic Studies Major Requirements

The Islamic Studies major consists of a minimum of 32 credit hours. A minimum of C- in all courses counting toward the major is required. 18 of the total 33 credit hours must be acquired through instruction at OSU.

Major Language (8 credits) Pick Two Language Courses above the 1100 level*		
Arabic	Persian	Turkish
2104 SP	2104 SP	2101 SP
3105 AU	2105 AU	2102 AU
4106 SP	3101 SP	3001 SP
4108 AU		

*The courses listed below are the common 2nd and 3rd year language courses that will most often be used to fulfill this category. However, Students with advanced language skills who are not eligible to take these courses will need to substitute more advance language courses for this category.

Major History (3 credits) Pick One course			
NELC 3502 Islamic Civilization Through the Ages	(3)	MRS 2514 Golden Age of Islamic Civilization	(3)
History 2350, Islam, Politics and Society in History	(3)		

Major Contemporary Cultures (3 credits) Pick One			
NELC 3201 Islam in the United States	(3)	NELC 3702 Literatures and Cultures of the Islamic World	(3)
NELC 3204 The Middle East in the Media	(3)	NELC 4597 Islamic Revival and Social Justice	(3)
NELC 3205 Women in the Muslim Middle East	(3)		

Major Religion Part 1 (3 credits) Pick One Courses			
NELC 3501 Introduction to Islam	(3)	NELC 3230 Introduction to Shi'i Beliefs and History	(3)
Arabic 3601 Introduction to Arabic Philosophy	(3)		

Major Religion Part 2 (3 credits) Pick One Course			
Arabic 5701 The Qur'an in Translation	(3)	Arabic 4626 Introduction to the Arabic Qur'an*	(3)

Theory and Method for the Study of Religion (3 credits)	
Religious Studies 3972 Theory and Method in the Study of Religion	(3)

Major Electives (9 Credits) Pick 3 Courses			
Arabic 2701 Classical and Medieval Literature	(3)	NELC 3111 Ancient Empires	(3)
		NELC 3201 Islam in the United States	(3)
Arabic 2702 Modern Arabic Literature	(3)	NELC 3204 The Middle East in the Media	(3)
Arabic 3301 Contemporary Folklore in the Arab World	(3)	NELC 3205 Women in the Muslim Middle East	(3)
Arabic 3601 Intro Arabic Philosophy	(3)	NELC 3230 Intro to Shi'i Beliefs and History	(3)
Arabic 4120 Arabic Media Course	(3)	NELC 3502 Islamic Civilization Through the Ages	(3)
Arabic 4597 Why Do "They" Hate "Us"	(3)	NELC 3702 Literatures and Cultures of the Islamic World	(3)
Arabic 4626 Introduction to the Arabic Qur'an*	(3)		
Arabic 5627 Classical Arabic Poetry	(3)	NELC 3703 Middle Eastern Literature and Post-Colonial Theory	(3)
Arabic 5628 Classical Arabic Prose	(3)	NELC 3704 The novel in the Near East	(3)
Arabic 5651 Contemporary Arabic Prose Fiction	(3)	NELC 5197 Islamic Revival and Social Justice	(3)
Arabic 5652 Contemporary Arabic Poetry and Drama	(3)	NELC 5204 Culture and Politics in Central Asia	(3)
Arabic 5701 The Qur'an in Translation	(3)	NELC 5545 Contemporary Issues in the Middle East	(3)
Arabic 5702 Arabic Folk Narrative in Translation	(3)	NELC 5568 Studies in Orality and Literacy	(3)
Arabic 5703 Common Heritage: Biblical Figures in the Qur'an	(3)	NELC 5571 Canon and Communities in the Near East	(3)
Medieval and Renaissance Studies 2514 Golden Age of Islamic Civilization	(3)	NELC 5575 Intellectuals in the Middle East	(3)
French 5206 North Africa: Texts and Contexts	(3)	NELC 5578 Islamic Law and Society	(3)
History 2350 Islam, Politics, and Society in History	(3)	NELC 5672 Poetry and Politics in the 20 th Century Mediterranean	(3)
History 2351 Islamic Society, 610-1258	(3)	Persian 2701 Persian Literature in Translation	(3)
History 2351 Ottoman Empire, 1300-1800	(3)		
History 2352 Middle East in the 20 th Century	(3)	Persian 2704 Introduction to Persian Epic	(3)
History 2353 Islamic Central Asia	(3)	Persian 5601 Persian Prose	(3)
History 2391 Islamic India	(3)	Persian 5602 Persian Poetry	(3)
History 3304 History of Islam in Africa	(3)	Turkish 2241 Turkish Culture	(3)
History 3350 Middle East in the 19 th Century	(3)	Turkish 2701 Turkish Literature	(3)
History 3351 Intellectual and Social Movements in the Muslim World	(3)	Turkish 5241 Travels in Turkey	(3)
History 3354 Islamic Spain and North Africa	(3)	Turkish 5627 Classical Turkish Poetry	(3)
		Turkish 5651 Modern Turkish Poetry and Prose	(3)
History 3365 History of Afghanistan	(3)	Turkish 5160 Ottoman Orthography	(3)

* Arabic 2104 is a required prerequisite

REVISED Islamic Studies Major Sheet

Prerequisites (12 credits) Pick a Language		
Arabic	Persian	Turkish
1101.01 Elementary Modern Standard Arabic 1 (4)	1101 Elementary Persian I (4)	Turkish 1101 Elementary Turkish I (4)
1102.01 Elementary Modern Standard Arabic 2 (4)	1102 Elementary Persian II (4)	Turkish 1102 Elementary Turkish II (4)
1103.01 Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic 1 (4)	1103 Intermediate Persian I (4)	Turkish 1103 Intermediate Turkish I (4)

Islamic Studies Major Requirements

The Islamic Studies major consists of a minimum of 32 credit hours. In addition to course requirements, students must also complete a portfolio interview in the final year of study. A minimum of C- in all courses counting toward the major is required. Half of the total required credit hours must be acquired through instruction at OSU.

Major Language (8-10 credits) Pick Two Language Courses above the 1100 level*		
Arabic	Persian	Turkish
2104.01 Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic 2 (5)	2104 Intermediate Persian II (4)	Turkish 2101 Intermediate Turkish II (4)
3105 <i>Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic 3</i> (5)	2105 Intermediate Persian III (4)	Turkish 2102 Intermediate Turkish III (4)

Required Core (2 courses, 6 credits)			
NELC 3501 Introduction to Islam			(3)
Religious Studies 2370 Introduction to Religious Studies			(3)
Religion: Text (pick one course 3 credits)			
Arabic 5701 The Qur'an in Translation	(3)	Arabic 4626 Introduction to the Arabic Qur'an*	(3)
Religion: Traditions, Beliefs, and Practices (pick one course 3 credits)			
NELC 3230 Introduction to Shi'i Beliefs and History	(3)	Arabic 3601 Introduction to Arabic Philosophy	(3)

Society and Cultures (pick one course 3 credits)			
NELC 3502 Islamic Civilization Through the Ages	(3)	NELC 3205 Women in the Muslim Middle East	(3)
MRS 2514 Golden Age of Islamic Civilization	(3)	NELC 3702 Literatures and Cultures of the Islamic World	(3)
NELC 3201 Islam in the United States	(3)	NELC 4597 Islamic Revival and Social Justice	(3)
NELC 3204 The Middle East in the Media	(3)	NELC 5578 Islamic Law and Society	(3)

Major Electives (pick 3 courses 9 credits total)			
Language Electives			
Arabic 2111 Colloquial Arabic 1 ¹	(3)	Arabic 4626 Introduction to the Arabic Qur'an*	(3)

¹ Was Arabic 4111

* Arabic 2104 is a required prerequisite

Arabic 2112 Colloquial Arabic 2 ²	(3)	Arabic 5627 Classical Arabic Poetry**	(3)
Arabic 4106 <i>High Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic**</i>	(5)	Arabic 5628 Classical Arabic Prose**	(3)
Arabic 4108 <i>Advanced Arabic Grammar***</i>	(3)	Arabic 5651 Contemporary Arabic Prose Fiction**	(3)
Arabic 4120 Arabic Media*	(3)	Arabic 5652 Contemporary Arabic Poetry and Drama**	(3)
3101 Advanced Persian	(3)	Turkish 3001 Advanced Turkish Syntax	(3)
Non-Language Electives (only 1 elective below the 3000 level may be used as an elective; one course may be any Arabic, Hebrew, Jewish Studies, Persian, or Turkish course 3000-level or above)			
Arabic 2241 <i>Contemporary Arabic Cultures: Arts, Mass Media, Society</i>	(3)	NELC 3204 The Middle East in the Media	(3)
Arabic 2798.01 May Morocco	(3)	NELC 3205 Women in the Muslim Middle East	(3)
Arabic 2701 Classical and Medieval Arabic Literature	(3)	NELC 3230 Shi'i Beliefs and History	(3)
Arabic 2702 Modern Arabic Literature	(3)	NELC 3502 Islamic Civilization Through the Ages	(3)
Arabic 3301 Contemporary Folklore in The Arab World	(3)	NELC 3620 Everyday Life in South Asia	(3)
Arabic 3601 Introduction to Arabic Philosophy	(3)	NELC 3702 Literatures and Cultures of the Islamic World	(3)
Arabic 3705 <i>A Thousand and One Nights: Storytelling in Arabic and World Literature</i> ³	(3)	NELC 3704 The Novel in the Middle East	(3)
Arabic 5701 The Qur'an in Translation	(3)	NELC 4597 Islamic Revival and Social Justice	(3)
Arabic 5703 Biblical Figures in the Qur'an	(3)	NELC 5204 Culture and Politics in Central Asia	(3)
History 2350 Islam, Politics & Society in History	(3)	NELC 5568 Studies in Orality and Literacy	(3)
History 2351 Early Islamic Society 610-1258	(3)	NELC 5578 Islamic Law and Society	(3)
History 2352 The Ottoman Empire, 1300-1800	(3)	NELC 5645 Contemporary Issues in the Middle East	(3)
History 2353 The Middle East Since 1914	(3)	Persian 2241 Persian Culture	(3)
History 2375 Islamic Central Asia	(3)	Persian 2701 Persian Literature in Translation	(3)
History 3304 History of Islam in Africa	(3)	Persian 3350 Domestic Conflicts and Social Movements in Contemporary Iran	(3)
History 3351 Intellectual and Social Movements in the Muslim World	(3)	Persian 3704 <i>Persian Epic</i> ⁴	(3)
History 3353 Jewish Communities Under Islamic Rule	(3)	Turkish 2241 Beyond Belly Dancers and Harems: Turkish Culture	(3)
History 3365 History of Afghanistan	(3)	Turkish 2701 Mystics, Sultans, Prisoners and Dreamers: Turkish Literature in Translation	(3)
NELC 2200 Introduction to South Asia Studies	(3)	Turkish 3350 Contemporary Issues in Turkey	(3)
NELC 2241 Middle East Close Up	(3)	Turkish 5377 Turkish Music, Dance Theatre	(3)
NELC 2244 Films of the Middle East	(3)		
NELC 3201 Islam in the United States	(3)		

** Arabic 3105 is a required prerequisite

*** Arabic 4106 is a required prerequisite

² Was Arabic 4112

³ Was Arabic 2705

⁴ Was Persian 2704

Islamic Studies Curriculum Map

Course:	Students develop intermediate competency in one language relevant to Islamic Studies	Students demonstrate familiarity with Islamic cultures and communities in the past and present.	Students read and interpret critically a diverse range of Islamic texts and material artifacts.	Students learn to interpret critically Islamic beliefs, thought and practices.
Prerequisites				
Arabic, Persian, or Turkish 1101	Beg.	Beg.	Beg.	
Arabic, Persian, or Turkish 1102	Beg.	Beg.	Beg.	
Arabic, Persian, or Turkish 1103	Beg./Int.	Beg.	Beg.	
Required Language Courses				
Arabic 2104 Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic 2	Int.	Beg.	Beg./Int.	
Arabic 3105 Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic 3	Int.	Beg.	Int.	
Persian 2104 Intermediate Persian II	Int.	Beg.	Beg./Int.	
Persian 2105 Intermediate Persian III	Int.	Beg.	Int.	
Turkish 2101 Intermediate Turkish II	Int.	Beg.	Beg./Int.	
Turkish 2102 Intermediate Turkish III	Int.	Beg.	Int.	
Required Courses				
NELC 3501 Introduction to Islam		Beg.	Beg.	Beg./Int.
Religious Studies 2370 Introduction to Religious Studies		Beg.		Beg.
Arabic 5701 The Qur'an in Translation	Beg.	Adv.	Int./Adv.	Adv.
Arabic 4626 Introduction to the Arabic Qur'an	Adv.	Int.	Int/Adv.	Adv.
Arabic 3601 Introduction to Arabic Philosophy		Int.	Int./Adv.	Int./Adv.
NELC 3230: Shi'i Beliefs and History		Int.	Int.	Adv.
NELC 3201: Islam in the United States		Adv.	Int.	Int.

NELC 3204: The Middle East in the Media		Adv.	Int.	Int.
NELC 3205: Women in the Muslim Middle East		Adv.	Int.	Int.
NELC 3502: Islamic Civilization Through the Ages		Int.	Int.	Int.
NELC 3702: Literatures and Cultures of the Islamic World		Int.	Adv.	Int.
NELC 4597 Islamic Revival and Social Justice		Int.	Int.	Adv.
NELC 5578 Islamic Law and Society		Adv.	Adv.	Adv.
MRS 2514 Golden Age of Islamic Civilization		Int.	Beg.	Beg.
Electives - Language				
Arabic 2111 Colloquial Arabic I	Int.	Int.	Int.	
Arabic 2112 Colloquial Arabic 2	Int.	Int.	Int.	
Arabic 4106 High Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic	Int./Adv.	Int.	Int.	
Arabic 4108 Advanced Arabic Grammar	Adv.	Int.	Adv.	
Arabic 4120 Arabic Media	Int.	Int.	Int.	
Arabic 5627 Classical Arabic Poetry	Adv.	Adv.	Adv.	Adv.
Arabic 5628 Classical Arabic Prose	Adv.	Adv.	Adv.	Adv.
Arabic 5651 Contemporary Arabic Prose Fiction	Adv.	Adv.	Adv.	Adv.
Arabic 5652 Contemporary Arabic Poetry and Drama	Adv.	Adv.	Adv.	Adv.
Persian 3101 Advanced Persian	Adv.	Int.	Adv.	
Turkish 3001 Advanced Turkish	Adv.	Int.	Adv.	
Electives				
Arabic 2241: Culture of the Contemporary Arab World		Beg.	Beg.	Beg.
Arabic 2798 May Morocco		Beg.	Beg.	Beg.
CMRS 2514: Golden Age of Islamic Civilization		Beg.	Beg.	Beg.
History 2350: Islam, Politics & Soc. In Hist.		Beg./Int.	Beg.	
History 2351: Islamic Society, 610-1258		Beg./Int.	Beg.	
History 2352: Ottoman Empire, 1300-1800		Beg./Int.	Beg.	
History 2353: Middle East in the 20th Century		Beg./Int.	Beg.	

History 2375: Islamic Central Asia		Beg./Int.	Beg.	
History 3304: History of Islam in Africa		Int.	Int.	
History 3351: Intellectual and Social Movements in the Muslim World		Int.	Int.	Int.
History 3357: The Middle East in the 19 th Century		Int.	Int.	
History 3365: History of Afghanistan		Int.	Int.	
NELC 2241: The Middle East Up Close		Beg.	Beg.	Beg.
NELC 2244: Films of the Near East		Beg.	Beg.	
NELC 5204: Culture and Politics in Central Asia		Adv.	Adv.	Adv.
NELC 5645: Contemporary Issues in the Middle East		Adv.	Adv.	Adv.
NELC 5568: Studies in Orality and Literacy		Adv.	Adv.	Adv.
Persian 2241: Persian Culture		Beg.	Beg.	Beg.
Persian 2701: Persian Literature in Translation		Beg.	Beg.	Beg.
Persian 3704: Persian Epic		Int.	Int.	Int.
Turkish 2241: Turkish Culture		Beg.	Beg.	Beg.
Turkish 2701: Turkish Literature in Translation		Beg.	Beg.	Beg.
Turkish 5377: Turkish Music, Dance, Theater		Adv.	Adv.	Adv.

Islamic Studies major 4 year plan with a minimum of 121 hours total

Year 1			
Autumn		Spring	
Arabic, Persian, Turkish 1101 GE Language	4	Arabic, Persian, Turkish 1102 GE Language	4
NELC 3501	3	Arabic 3601, NELC 3230	3
Survey	1	GE social science	3
GE 1st Writing	3	GE Visual performing arts	3
GE Social Science	3	GE Math Basic Computation	3
Total	14		16

Year 2			
Autumn		Spring	
Arabic, Persian, Turkish 1103 GE Language	4	Arabic 2104, Persian 2104, Turkish 2101	4-5
GE 2nd writing	3	NELC 3502, 3201, 3204, 3205, 3702, 4597, 5578, MRS 2514	3
GE Biological science	3	GE Nat Science lab	3
RS 2370	3	Minor/2nd Major	3
Minor/2nd Major	3	Major Elective	3
Total	16		16-17

Year 3			
Autumn		Spring	
Arabic 3105, Persian 2105, Turkish 2102	4-5	GE Cultures/Ideas	3
Arabic 4626, 5701	3	Major Elective	3
GE Physical science	3	GE/Minor/2nd Major	3
Major Elective	3	GE/Minor/2nd Major	3
GE/Minor/2 nd Major	3	GE/Minor/2nd Major	3
Total	16-17		15

Year 1			
Autumn		Spring	
GE History	3	GE Literature	3
GE Data analysis	3	GE open option	3
GE open option	3	GE/Minor/2 nd Major	3
GE/Minor/2 nd Major	3	GE/Minor/2 nd Major	3
GE/Minor/2 nd Major	3	GE/Minor/2 nd Major	3
Total	15		15

**Islamic Studies Assessment Plan
Near Eastern Languages and Cultures
December 2018**

The Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures will collect assessment data for the Islamic Studies major from direct and indirect sources, including embedded questions in major courses, discursive departmental course evaluations for major courses, student pre- and post-tests, and exit surveys for graduating students.

**GOAL 1. Students develop intermediate competency in one language relevant to Islamic Studies
(Arabic, Turkish, Persian).**

Direct assessment: assessment of student proficiency in reading, writing, speaking and listening to Modern Standard Arabic through embedded assignments in Arabic 3105, Persian 2105 and Turkish 2102.

Methods: Arabic 3105, Persian 2105 and Turkish 2102 are the final language courses required for majors, though majors may choose more advanced language electives. Instructors will be asked to track student proficiency in four distinct areas: reading, writing, speaking, listening by identifying assignments that reflect student achievements at (A) beginning of the semester; (B) midpoint in the semester; (C) end of the semester.

Evaluation Criteria: Instructors will be provided with guidelines and rubrics and will choose the assignments upon which to base the assessment. Instructors will complete an assessment report at the conclusion of the semester reporting the percentage of students attaining intermediate language proficiency in the different target areas.

Indirect assessment: student pre- and post-tests; student feedback on discursive department course evaluations.

Methods: Pre- and post-tests: Students will be asked to rate their abilities in reading, speaking, writing and listening to Arabic, Turkish or Persian at the beginning and the end of the semester. These non-graded tests will be evaluated to see if students believe they have improved their language skills over the course of the semester.

Course evaluations: Students will assess whether or not they believe they have improved their skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening to Modern Standard Arabic, Persian or Turkish.

GOAL 2. Students demonstrate familiarity with Islamic cultures and communities in the past and present.

Direct assessment: Embedded questions

Each semester, our department will select one course that satisfies either the “Required Core” or the “Religion” requirements for the Islamic Studies major. For this course, we will embed questions on the final exam or project to assess the degree to which students have become familiar with the historical breadth and diversity of Islamic cultures.

Potential courses to be used for this assessment method, on a rotating basis:

NELC 3501 Introduction to Islam

Arabic 5701 The Qur’an in Translation

Arabic 4626 Introduction to the Arabic Qur'an
Arabic 3601 Introduction to Arabic Philosophy
NELC 3230 Introductions to Shi'I Beliefs and History
NELC 3509 Sufism

In addition, each semester, our department will select one course that satisfies the "Societies and Cultures" requirement for the Islamic Studies major. For this course, we will embed questions of the final exam or project to assess the degree to which students have become familiar with the historical breadth and diversity of Islamic cultures.

Potential courses to be used for this assessment method, on a rotating basis:

NELC 3502 Islamic Civilization Through the Ages
NELC 3201 Islam in the United States
NELC 3204 The Middle East in the Media
NELC 3205 Women in the Muslim Middle East
NELC 3702 Literatures and Cultures of the Islamic World
NELC 4597 Islamic Revival and Social Justice
NELC 5578 Islamic Law and Society

Instructors will be provided with suggestions of topics for the embedded question, and a rubric to assess student responses. Instructors will provide an assessment report at the end of the semester in which they assess to what degree students have met this learning goal.

Indirect assessment: student feedback on discursive department course evaluations; exit survey for graduating majors

1. In departmental student evaluations of instruction at the conclusion of each semester, students in 2000-5000 Islamic Studies courses will be asked the following question:

Please rank from 1-5, with 1 being very little and 5 being a great deal:

After taking this course, I am more familiar with past and/or present Islamic cultures and communities.

2. All graduating students will complete a NELC Graduation Survey. They will be asked:

Please rank from 1-5, with 1 being very little and 5 being a great deal:

I can competently discuss different Islamic cultures and communities.

GOAL 3. Students read and interpret critically a diverse range of Islamic texts and material artifacts.

Direct assessment: Embedded questions

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Potential courses to be used for this assessment method, on a rotating basis:

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Indirect assessment: student feedback on discursive department course evaluations; exit survey for graduating majors

1. In departmental student evaluations of instruction at the conclusion of each semester, students in 3000-5000 Islamic Studies courses will be asked the following question:

Please rank from 1-5, with 1 being very little and 5 being a great deal:

In this course, I have acquired skills to read Islamic texts or examine material artifacts; and to interpret them.

2. All graduating students will complete a NELC Graduate Survey, administered as part of the portfolio interview (see below). They will be asked:

Please rank from 1-5, with 1 being very little and 5 being a great deal:

I have acquired the skills to read a variety of Islamic texts.

I have acquired the skills to interpret Islamic texts or material artifacts, in the original language or in translation.

GOAL 4. Students learn to interpret critically Islamic beliefs, thought and practices.

Direct assessment: Embedded questions

Each semester, our department will select one course that satisfies either the “Required Core” or the “Religion” requirements for the Islamic Studies major. For this course, we will embed questions on the final exam or project to assess the degree to which students have become familiar with the historical breadth and diversity of Islamic cultures.

Potential courses to be used for this assessment method, on a rotating basis:

NELC 3501 Introduction to Islam
Arabic 5701 The Qur’an in Translation
Arabic 4626 Introduction to the Arabic Qur’an
Arabic 3601 Introduction to Arabic Philosophy
NELC 3230 Introductions to Shi’I Beliefs and History
NELC 3509 Sufism

In addition, each semester, our department will select one course that satisfies the “Societies and Cultures” requirement for the Islamic Studies major. For this course, we will embed questions of the final exam or project to assess the degree to which students have become familiar with the historical breadth and diversity of Islamic cultures.

Potential courses to be used for this assessment method, on a rotating basis:

NELC 3502 Islamic Civilization Through the Ages
NELC 3201 Islam in the United States
NELC 3204 The Middle East in the Media
NELC 3204 Women in the Muslim Middle East
NELC 3702 Literatures and Cultures of the Islamic World
NELC 4597 Islamic Revival and Social Justice
NELC 5578 Islamic Law and Society

Instructors will be provided with suggestions of topics for the embedded question, and a rubric to assess student responses. Instructors will provide an assessment report at the end of the semester in which they assess to what degree students have met this learning goal.

Indirect assessment: student feedback on discursive department course evaluations; exit survey for graduating majors

1. In departmental student evaluations of instruction at the conclusion of each semester, students in 3000-5000 Islamic Studies courses will be asked the following question:

Please rank from 1-5, with 1 being very little and 5 being a great deal:

In this course, I have acquired skills to interpret Islamic beliefs, thought, or practices.

2. All graduating students will complete a NELC Graduate Survey, administered as part of the portfolio interview (see below). They will be asked:

Please rank from 1-5, with 1 being very little and 5 being a great deal:

I have acquired the skills to interpret Islamic beliefs, thought, and practices.

Implementation Schedule:

Direct assessment: Starting in Autumn 2019

Indirect assessment: course departmental surveys and exit surveys ongoing

Assessing the Assessment Plan:

The Curriculum Committee will evaluate the first-year implementation of this assessment plan at the conclusion of 2019-2020. It will make recommendations to the Chair of Undergraduate Studies about this plan and suggest improvements.

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Subject: concurrence

Morgan,

Sorry for the delay in getting back to you – all the usual excuses! Anyway, here is IS's concurrence?

This is a note to confirm that International Studies endorses without exception the suite of changes that NELC is making to its undergraduate program. These changes are especially welcome to International Studies because they make NELC minors more flexible and accessible to its students at the same time as making it possible for them to complete their compulsory foreign language minor (Arabic, Hebrew Persian or Turkish) in two instead of three years. Their choice of courses enhancing their knowledge of the culture and literature of the region is also improved.

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NELC Department Course List

Arabic major and minor

1101 *Elementary Modern Standard Arabic I (4 credits)*

Developing the ability to use Arabic functionally and communicatively in context; intensive oral interaction with instructor and fellow students; the basics of the writing system.

1102 *Elementary Modern Standard Arabic II (4 credits)*

Developing further language ability through learning how to perform certain functions orally and using them with fellow students; reading and writing passages reflecting their abilities. pre-requisite: 1101, or placement exam.

1103 *Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic I (4 credits)*

Building on previously acquired functional abilities; using Arabic to express opinion and feelings; oral interaction in the classroom; reading authentic texts or various genres. pre-requisite: 1102, or placement exam.

2104 *Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic II (5 credits)*

Initiating and sustaining communication; reading and understanding short authentic passages; and writing to express many language functions. pre-requisite: 1103, or placement exam. Typically taught Spring semester.

2111 *Colloquial Arabic I (3 credits)*

Introduction to the phonology and grammar of the everyday spoken language used in the Eastern Arab World. pre-requisite: 1102, or placement exam.

2112 *Colloquial Arabic II (3 credits)*

Continued study of the phonology and grammar of the everyday spoken language used in the Eastern Arab world. pre-requisite: 2111, or placement exam.

3105 *Modern Standard Arabic III (5 credits)*

Developing reading skills through reading adapted and authentic Arabic texts; selections reflect cultural and literary aspects of Arabic culture. pre-requisite: 2104, or placement exam. Typically taught Autumn semester.

4106 *High Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic (5 credits)*

Continued development of language skills through reading and evaluating a variety of authentic Arabic texts and genres; writing compositions on various aspects of Arabic culture. pre-requisite: 3105, or placement exam. Typically taught Spring semester.

4108 *Advanced Arabic Grammar (3 credits)*

Advanced discussion of Arabic morphology and syntax with readings from both modern and classical texts from various genres. pre-requisite: 4106, or placement exam. Typically taught Autumn semester.

4120 *Arabic Media (3 credits)*

Reading/Listening to contemporary media in Arabic--youth culture, politics, contemporary issues. pre-requisite: 2104, or placement exam.

2241[H] *Contemporary Arab Cultures: Arts, Mass Media, Society (3 credits)*
A general survey and examination of the socio-cultural structure of the modern Arab world. Taught in English.

2701 *Classical and Medieval Arabic Literature in Translation (3 credits)*
Reading and analysis of major works of Arabic literature from the 6th to the 17th centuries including classical poetry, the Qur'an, and the Arabian Nights.

2702[H] *Modern Arabic Literature in Translation (3 credits)*
Reading and analysis of representative works of the 19th and 20th centuries by contemporary Arab women authors.

3301 *Contemporary Folklore in the Arab World (3 credits)*
Study of comparative folklore in the Arab world, including verbal art, material culture, visual self-presentation, and performance.

3601 *Introduction to Arabic Philosophy (3 credits)*
Surveying the development and major subjects and thinkers of the most vivid period of Arabic philosophy.

3705 *A Thousand and One Nights: Storytelling in Arabic and World Literature (3 credits)*
Readings from The Arabian Nights; the history of the text, translations and literary and cinematic adaptations.

4626 *Introduction to the Arabic Qur'an (3 credits)*
A linguistic, literary, and cultural analysis of selected chapters from the Qur'an. pre-requisite: 2104 or placement exam.

5401 *Translation: Theory and Practice (3 credits)*
Examination of some general guidelines for translating from Arabic to English or from English to Arabic, depending on the first language of the student. Requires advanced reading proficiency.

5611 *History of the Arabic Language (3 credits)*
Survey of the evolution of the Arabic language in its cultural and historical setting.

5627 *Classical Arabic Poetry (3 credits)*
Selected readings from classical and medieval Arabic poetry; Arabic metrics and literary theory.

5628 *Classical Arabic Prose (3 credits)*
Selected readings reflecting the evolution of Arabic prose literature from its origins to the late Abbasid period.

5651 *Contemporary Arabic Prose Fiction (3 credits)*
Reading and analysis of short stories and novels representative of major developments and trends of the 20th century.

5652 *Contemporary Arabic Poetry and Drama (3 credits)*
Reading and analysis of plays and poems representative of major developments and trends of the 20th century.

5701 The Qur'an in Translation (3 credits)

An introduction, in English, to the literary, religious, and cultural implications of the fundamental book of Islam.

5702 Arabic Folk Narrative in Translation (3 credits)

Literary and cultural aspects of 1001 Nights and other popular narratives (epics, legends, folktales) in the Arab world.

5703 Common Heritage: Biblical Figures in the Qur'an (3 credits)

Examining and comparing the images of important prophets in the Bible and the Qur'an.

NELC 4601 Israeli and Palestinian Literature (3 credits)

An exploration of Israeli and Palestinian history, identity and conflict using a variety of Arabic and Hebrew texts in translation.

Prereq: English 1110 (110).

Hebrew and Jewish Studies major and minors

Hebrew courses

1101 Elementary Hebrew I (3 credits)

Conversation, reading, writing, vocabulary building, phonetics, and grammar of Hebrew. Closed to native speakers of this language. Prereq: Not open to students with 3 or more years of high school Hebrew through regular course enrollment or EM credit or credit for 101. This course is available for EM credit. GE for lang course.

1102 Elementary Hebrew II (4 credits)

Reading of passages from various periods of Hebrew literature; review of salient points of elementary grammar & introduction to elements of classical Hebrew. Not open to native speakers of this language through regular course enrollment or EM credit. Prereq: 1101, or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 102. This course is available for EM credit. GE for lang course.

1103 Intermediate Hebrew I (4 credits)

Reading of Modern Hebrew short stories, poems, and essays; special emphasis on oral practice and Hebrew idioms. Closed to native speakers of this language. Prereq: 1102, or permission of instructor. This course is available for EM credit. GE for lang course.

2105 Intermediate Hebrew II (4 credits)

Development of communication skills in Modern Hebrew; special emphasis on using new grammatical skills in advanced forms of composition and conversation. Not open to native speakers of this language or students with EM credit. Prereq: 1103 (104), or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 205.

4101 Advanced Hebrew (4 credits)

Review of Hebrew grammar; composition on assigned topics and some practice in translation. Prereq: 1103 (104).

2241[H] Culture of Contemporary Israel (3 credits)

An introduction to the culture of modern Israel: historical roots, socio-political institutions and developments, and literary and artistic creations reflecting the realities of contemporary Israeli

society. Prereq: 2241H requires Honors standing, or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 241. GE cultures and ideas and diversity global studies course.

2367.01 *Script & Scripture: The Bible in Contemporary Arts, Media, and Literature (3 credits)*

The Bible is a foundational text for contemporary art, literature, and political discourse as well as a sacred text in some religious traditions. This course examines Biblical reflections in cultural production, with particular focus on the American experience. It also gives students opportunities to see their own cultural contexts anew, and to explore the Bible's possible relevance to our time. Prereq: English 1110.01 or equiv. GE writing and comm: level 2 and VPA course.

2700[H] *Hebrew Bible in Translation (3 credits)*

Reading and analysis of selected chapters from the Hebrew scriptures and post-biblical Hebrew writings representative of major historical, cultural, and literary trends. Prereq: 2700H requires Honors standing or permission of instructor. English 1110 (110). Not open to students with credit for 370. GE lit and diversity global studies course.

3245 *Israeli Film & Society (3 credits)*

A survey of Israeli films from 1948 to the present day, tracing the development of film production in Israel as well as the relationship between film and society. Prereq: English 1110 (110). Not open to students with credit for 245 or 2245. GE VPA course.

3703 *Prophecy in the Bible (3 credits)*

The dynamics of Israelite prophecy and apocalyptic in the context of ancient Near Eastern culture. Prereq: English 1110 (110). Not open to students with credit for 373 or 2703. GE lit and diversity global studies course.

3704 *Women in the Bible and Beyond (3 credits)*

An examination of the social, legal, and religious position of women as they appear in the Hebrew Bible and the ways in which they have been represented and interpreted in later textual, visual, and audio sources. Prereq: English 1110 (110). Not open to students with credit for 374 or 2704. GE lit and diversity global studies course.

3705 *Israeli Society and the Holocaust (3 credits)*

The State of Israel was established soon after the Holocaust. This course examines the effects of the Nazi genocide on Israeli society, including political debates, public trials, films, museums and literature, while also reflecting on larger themes of genocide, trauma, memory, and commemoration. Taught in English. Prereq: English 1110 (110). Not open to students with credit for NELC 375. GE cultures and ideas and diversity global studies course.

3708 *Biblical Wisdom Literature (3 credits)*

An examination of the various ideas, themes, attitudes, implications, and genres of biblical and post-biblical wisdom literature. Prereq: English 1110 (110). Not open to students with credit for 378 or 2708. GE lit and diversity global studies course.

4102 *Hebrew and the Media (3 credits)*

Practice improving Hebrew conversation, comprehension, and writing through an exploration of contemporary Israeli media such as newspapers, internet, television, radio and film. Prereq: 1103 (104), or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 402.

4601 Modern Hebrew Short Story (3 credits)

Reading and discussion of masterpieces of modern Hebrew short stories in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Prereq: 1103 (104), or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 421.

4602 Modern Hebrew Poetry (3 credits)

Reading and discussion of masterpieces of modern Hebrew poetry in the 19th and 20th centuries. Prereq: 1103 (104), or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 422.

4605 Introduction to Rabbinic Literature(3 credits)

Reading and discussion of the ideas and teachings of the Mishnah as they are reflected in the unique Mishnaic language. Prereq: 1103 (104), or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 425.

5100 Introduction to Biblical Hebrew (3 credits)

Introduction of main elements of Biblical Hebrew grammar and syntax, for study of ancient and late antique Mediterranean religion and History, for students in Classics, History, NELC, etc. Requires no previous study of Hebrew language but assumes moderate experience with studying another/non-native language. Prereq: Third-semester level [1103] in any other modern or classical language, or permission of instructor.

5101 Biblical Hebrew Grammar (3 credits)

Introduction to the phonology, morphology, and syntax of the Biblical Hebrew idiom. Prereq: 1103 (104), or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 601.

5105 History of the Hebrew Language (3 credits)

Genealogical and typological relations within the Semitic family; a survey of Biblical, Mishnaic, and Modern Hebrew. Prereq: 1103 (104), or permission or instructor. Not open to students with credit for 611.

5601 Introduction to Hebrew Literary and Cultural Texts (3 credits)

Literary and cultural Hebrew texts from the biblical to the modern period; students will develop the ability to read critically and to build analytical vocabulary. In Hebrew. Prereq: 2205 (205), or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 620.

5602 The Bible as Literature: Selected Readings (3 credits)

Critical study of basic issues in the language and analysis of biblical texts. In Hebrew. Prereq: 4601 (421) or 4602 (422). Repeatable to a maximum of 12 cr hrs.

5603 Readings in Rabbinic Literature (3 credits)

Study of selected texts and issues in Rabbinic literature, and discussions of the methods by which they are studied. In Hebrew. Prereq: Permission of instructor. Repeatable to a maximum of 12 cr hrs.

5802 The Problem of Evil in Biblical and Post-Biblical Literature (3 credits)

Study of the vexing problem of evil; the seeming contradiction between tradition and experience; extensive readings and discussions of appropriate biblical and post-biblical literature. In English. Prereq: Not open to students with credit for 671.

5806 *Studies in Biblical Law (3 credits)*

Examination of the various biblical corpora of laws within the context of a great body of legal collections which extended throughout the ancient Near East. Prereq: 3370H (370H), or Grad standing, or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 676.

Jewish Studies courses

2201 *Introduction to Jewish Culture, Thought, and Practice (3 credits)*

An introduction to the historical, ideological, and cultural growth of Judaism examined from a variety of methodological perspectives. GE cultures and ideas and diversity global studies course.

2241 (*/Yiddish 2241*) *Yiddish Culture (3 credits)*

Introductory survey of political, social, ideological, and religious trends as reflected in Yiddish culture, especially folklore and literature. Prereq: GE cultures and ideas and diversity global studies course.

2367 (*/Yiddish 2367*) *Jewish-American Voices in U.S. Literature (3 credits)*

Introduction to Jewish-American literature; development of expository writing and argumentation skills through systematic and critical reflection upon their own country from the perspective of an ethnic community. Prereq: English 1110 (110) or equiv. GE writing and comm course: level 2 and cultures and ideas course.

2516 *The Medieval Jewish Experience (3 credits)*

A survey of ten centuries of medieval Jewish culture from the rise of Islam to the death of Shabbetai Zvi, the false Messiah (1676). Prereq: Not open to students who have taken 216, MedRen 2516 (Medieval 216), or JewshSt 2516. GE cultures and ideas and diversity global studies course. Cross-listed in MedRen 2516.

3111 (*/Philosophy 3111*) *Introduction to Jewish Philosophy(3 credits)*

A general introduction to major figures and trends in medieval, modern, and contemporary Jewish philosophy; emphasis on Philo, Saadia, Maimonides, Spinoza, Mendelssohn, and Buber. GE cultures and ideas course.

3120 *Engaging Time in Philosophy, Religion, Science and the Arts (3 credits)*

Explore the concept, meanings and uses of Time from philosophical and Jewish cultural perspectives, incorporating comparisons with time in contemporary arts, literature and sciences. Team-taught class incorporates two intellectual traditions while incorporating arts and scientific perspectives on time as well. Course culminates in interdisciplinary conference on Time in April, on campus. Taught in English. Fulfills GE Cultures and Ideas requirement.

3205 *Art and Judaism (3 credits)*

An exploration of the nature and function of art in ancient Judaism from the standpoints of history, cultural history, and material culture. Prereq: English 1110 (110). Not open to students with credit for 345. GE VPA course.

3209 *The World of the Rabbis (3 credits)*

Examination of the origins, literature, and religious values of the movement of intellectuals who remade the culture of Judaism in the 2nd through 6th centuries. Prereq: English 1110 (110). Not open to students with credit for 379. GE cultures and ideas course.

3210[H] *The Jewish Mystical Tradition (3 credits)*

The history of Jewish mysticism from antiquity to the present, with emphasis on its implications for the comparative study of religious experience. Prereq: English 1110 (110). Not open to students with credit for NELC 375. GE cultures and ideas and diversity global studies course.

3371 (*Yiddish 3371*) *Yiddish Literature in Translation (3 credits)*

Reading, analysis, and discussion of representative works and of the development of major movements and genres in Yiddish literature. GE lit and diversity global studies.

3399 (*Yiddish 3399*) *The Holocaust in Yiddish and Ashkenazic Literature and Film (3 credits)*

Reading and analysis of texts, films and music pertaining to the topic of the Holocaust, the genocide perpetrated by Nazi Germany against European Jewry, and its impact on Ashkenazic-Jewish civilization.

Prereq: Not open to students with credit for 399 or German 399. GE lit and diversity global studies course.

4721 (*Yiddish 4721*) *Studies in Yiddish Literature (3 credits)*

Advanced study of specific literary periods, figures, and/or topics involving extensive reading and discussion of appropriate primary and secondary source materials.

Repeatable to a maximum of 9 cr hrs.

History courses

2450: *Ancient and Medieval Jewish History, 300 BCE-1100 CE (3 credits)*

Introduction to the history of Jewish communities, religion, and culture in the Near East from the Greco-Roman period to the First Crusade. Prereq or concur: English 1110.xx, or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 330.01 or JewshSt 2450. GE cultures and ideas and historical study and diversity global studies course. Cross-listed in JewshSt.

2451: *Medieval and Early Modern Jewish History, 700-1700 CE (3 credits)*

Introduction to the history of Jewish communities, religion, and culture in Europe during the Medieval and Early Modern periods. Prereq or concur: English 1110.xx, or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 330.01, 330.02, or JewshSt 2451. GE historical study course. Cross-listed in JewshSt

2452: *Modern Jewish History 1700-Present (3 credits)*

Study of the history of Jewish communities and Judaism from the early modern period to the early 21st century. Prereq or concur: English 1110.xx, or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 330.02 or JewshSt 2452. GE historical study course. Cross-listed in JewshSt.

2453: *History of Zionism and Modern Israel (3 credits)*

The history of Zionist movement and the modern state of Israel from beginnings to present.

Prereq or concur: English 1110.xx, or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 334 or JewshSt 2453. GE historical study course. Cross-listed in JewshSt.

3218: Paul & His Influence in Early Christianity (3 credits)

Survey of the life and thought of the apostle Paul in translation, and his influence on the formation of Christianity. Prereq: English 1110.xx, or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for Clas 3407. GE for lit and historical study course.

3219: Historical Jesus (3 credits)

The purpose of this course is to consider the problem of how historical facts and religious persuasion are related where a religion, such as Christianity, lays claim to historical truth through examination of the figure of Jesus. Students will learn about historical methodology and a major religious figure about which there is considerable academic and theological debate. Prereq: English 1110.xx, or permission of instructor. GE historical study course.

3353: Jewish Communities under Islamic Rule (3 credits)

Lecture and discussion course examining the experiences of Jewish communities in predominantly Muslim societies from the advent of Islam through ca. 1800. Sometimes this course is offered in a distance-only format. Prereq: English 1110.xx and any History 2000-level course, or permission of instructor. GE historical study and diversity global studies course.

3450: History of Ancient Israel (to 300 BCE) (3 credits)

Survey of the history and historiography of Israel from its origins to the advent of Hellenism. Prereq: English 1110.xx, and any History 2000-level course; or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 530.01 or JewshSt 3450. GE historical study course. Cross-listed in JewshSt.

3455: Jewish Life from the Renaissance to the Early Enlightenment (3 credits)

Life and thought of European and Mediterranean Jews in the early modern period. Sometimes this course is offered in a distance-only format. Prereq: English 1110.xx, and any History 2000-level course; or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 531.02, 531.03, or JewshSt 3455. GE historical study course. Cross-listed in JewshSt.

3460: European Jewish History, 1789-1989 (3 credits)

Study of European Jewish Communities from the French Revolution through the end of the Cold War. Prereq: English 1110.xx, and any History 2000-level course; or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 530.03 or JewshSt 3460. GE historical study course. Cross-listed in JewshSt.

3465: American Jewish History (3 credits)

Study of topics in American Jewish history from the colonial era to the present. Sometimes this course is offered in a distance-only format. Prereq: English 1110.xx, and any History 2000-level course; or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 530.04 or JewshSt 3465. GE historical study course. Cross-listed in JewshSt.

3470: Messiahs and Messianism in Jewish History (3 credits)

The history of Jewish messianic ideas and of Jewish messianic leadership from ancient to modern times. Prereq: English 1110.xx, and any History 2000-level course; or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 531.01 or JewshSt 3470. GE historical study course. Cross-listed in JewshSt.

Other courses

NELC 4601 Israeli and Palestinian Literature (3 credits)

An exploration of Israeli and Palestinian history, identity and conflict using a variety of Arabic and Hebrew texts in translation.

Prereq: English 1110 (110).

5120 Biblical Aramaic (3 credits)

Introduction to the language of the Aramaic sections of the books of Daniel and Ezra in the Old Testament. Prereq: Hebrew 1103 (104) or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 620.

5121 Jewish Aramaic (3 credits)

Provides students grammatical and textual skills to read Jewish post-biblical Aramaic and to introduce them to some of the most important texts written in the language. Introduces grammar of Jewish Aramaic, dialectical differences among the Aramaic of the Dead Sea Scrolls, Palestine, and Jewish Babylonia, and how these differences are reflected in the manuscript and inscriptional evidence. Prereq: Hebrew 1103, or permission of instructor.

Political Science 4327 Politics in the Middle East (3 credits)

Politics of Arab-Israeli relations, Persian Gulf, Islamic fundamentalism, and oil; processes of change and their effects on governments and international relations.

Prereq: Not open to students with credit for 546.

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(Please see courses in Arabic, Turkish and Persian)

NELC

2220 Introduction to South Asian Studies(3 credits)

A multi-disciplinary introduction to South Asia's geographical, political, cultural, and religious contexts and connections.

Prereq: English 1110 (110) or equiv. Not open to students with credit for 265 or CompStd 2220. GE culture and ideas and diversity global studies course. Cross-listed in CompStd.

2241 The Middle East Close-Up: Peoples, Cultures, Societies (3 credits)

Introduction to the culture of the Middle East as lived in its villages, towns, and cities. Not open to students with credit for 241 or Anthropol 241. GE cultures and ideas course. Cross-listed in Anthropol.

2244 Films of the Middle East (3 credits)

Overview of contemporary films from different Middle Eastern countries; how filmmakers of the region view, present, and construct their countries using particular modes of

representation. Prereq: English 1100(110). Not open to students with credit for 244. GE cultures and ideas and diversity global studies course.

3201 *Islam in the United States (3 credits)*

An examination of the main elements of Islamic belief as well as particular characteristics of each major Islamic group in the United States. Prereq: Not open to students with credit for 341. GE cultures and ideas course.

3204 *The Middle East in the Media (3 credits)*

Examination of contemporary Middle Eastern cultures through critical evaluation of the media which inform our understanding of international politics. Prereq: English 1110 (110). Not open to students with credit for 344. GE cultures and ideas and diversity global studies course.

3205 *Women in the Muslim Middle East(3 credits)*

Examination of the position of women in the contemporary Middle East; impact of regional environment on gender identity; gender bias studies in various Middle Eastern countries. Prereq: English 1100 (110). Not open to students with credit for 345. GE cultures and ideas and diversity global studies course.

3230 *Introduction to Shi'i Beliefs and History(3 credits)*

Introduction to the history, doctrinal tenets, and social manifestations of Shi'ism within Islam and in the context of Islamic civilization.

Prereq: English 1100 (110).

3501 *Introduction to Islam (3 credits)*

Examination of Islam as a world religion, enabling an understanding of its major tenets and beliefs as they are envisioned by insiders and outsiders. Prereq: English 1100 (110). Not open to students with credit for 351. GE cultures and ideas and diversity global studies course.

3502 *Islamic Civilization Through the Ages(3 credits)*

Islamic civilization through the ages offers a panoramic view of the interrelated social, political, economic, religious and intellectual developments of regions of Africa and Asia where the religion of Islam has had significant historical impact.

3620 *Everyday Life in South Asia (3 credits)*

An examination of everyday life as experienced by members of the culturally diverse population of South Asia. Prereq: English 1100 (110). Not open to students with credit for 380 or CompStd 3620. GE cultures and ideas course. Cross-listed in CompStd.

3702 *Literatures and Cultures of the Islamic World (3 credits)*

A survey of the Islamic world by way of literature and culture. Prereq: English 1110 (110). Not open to students with credit for 372. GE lit and Global Studies course.

3704 *The Novel in the Middle East(3 credits)*

The emergence of the novel in the Middle East and development of its major themes and forms. Prereq: English 1110 (110). Not open to students with credit for 374. GE lit and diversity

global studies course.

4597 *Islamic Revival and Social Justice: Utopian Ideals and Lived Realities (3 credits)*

Examination of modern Islamic revival movements in selected contemporary Muslim-majority societies. Prereq: 4th level standing or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 597.01. GE culture and ideas course and Cross-Disciplinary seminar.

NELC 5204 *Culture and Politics in Central Asia (3 credits)*

Comparative study of cultural legacy and change, including religious and secular life and civil society development, in relation to political trends in Central Asia. Prereq: Jr standing, or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 644.

NELC 5568 *Studies in Orality and Literature (3 credits)* Examination of major theories of writing and of oral composition and transmission, in juxtaposition to case material deriving from a variety of Middle Eastern cultures. Prereq: Permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 648 or CompStd 5668 (648). Cross-listed with CompStd 5668.

5578 *Islamic Law and Society (3 credits)*

Examination of the relationship between Islamic law and society; the concept of justice in Islam. Prereq: Permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 678.

5645 *Contemporary Issues in the Middle East (3 credits)*

Intensive examination of contemporary issues in the Middle East by applying an interdisciplinary approach. Prereq: IntStds 2200 (245) or jr standing. Not open to students with credit for 645. Cross-listed in International Studies.

History courses

2350: *Islam, Politics, and Society in History (3 credits)*

Introduction to the manner in which Islam has interacted with politics in the Middle East and vicinity from the rise of Islam through the present. Prereq or concur: English 1110.xx. Not open to students with credit for 340. GE historical study course.

2351: *Early Islamic Society, 610-1258 (3 credits)*

Origins and early development of selected fundamental Islamic institutions in their historical and cultural context. Prereq or concur: English 1110.xx. Not open to students with credit for 540.01. GE historical study course.

2352: *The Ottoman Empire, 1300-1800 (3 credits)*

Studies the political, economic, social, and cultural power of the Ottoman Empire from its origins, through the highpoint of its geopolitical power in the 16th century, to its further evolution through the opening of the period of European imperialism, and will examine the Ottoman Empire as a case from which to study the developmental dynamics of patrimonial sociopolitical systems. Prereq: English 1110.xx or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 3356 or 540.03. GE historical study course.

2353: The Middle East Since 1914 (3 credits)

An introductory study of the political, social and cultural history and evolution of Islamic civilization since 1914. The course will examine the impact of outside power on the Middle East, as well as the region's responses to modernity; political, socioeconomic and cultural change; ideological strategy; Islamic identity and globalization; and changes in media of communication. Prereq: English 1110.xx or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 3358 or 540.05. GE historical study course.

2375: Islamic Central Asia (3 credits)

Introductory survey of the political, cultural, religious, and economic history of Islamic central Asia from the eighth-century Arab conquests to the nineteenth-century Russian colonial era. Prereq or concur: English1110.xx, or permission of instructor.

3304: History of Islam in Africa (3 credits)

Africa from the emergence of Islam in the 600s to the Present. African contributions to Islam and the impact of Islam on African societies. Sometimes this course is offered in a distance-only format. Prereq: English 1110.xx and any History 2000-level course, or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 541.02 or AfAmASt 3304 (541). GE historical study course. Cross-listed in AfAmASt

3351: Intellectual and Social Movements in the Muslim World (3 credits)

Upper-level lecture/discussion course on significant intellectual and social movements in the Middle East and vicinity from the advent of Islam to the present. Prereq or concur: English 1110.xx, or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 542.01. GE historical study course.

3353: Jewish Communities under Islamic Rule (3 credits)

Lecture and discussion course examining the experiences of Jewish communities in predominantly Muslim societies from the advent of Islam through ca. 1800. Sometimes this course is offered in a distance-only format. Prereq: English 1110.xx and any History 2000-level course, or permission of instructor. GE historical study and diversity global studies course.

3365: History of Afghanistan (3 credits)

This course will address Afghan society, its historical foundations, and the challenges that confront it. Prereq: English 1110.xx, or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 355. GE historical study course.

Religious Studies

2102.02 Comparative Sacred Texts (3 credits)

Introduction to religious views of the universe, the supernatural, social organization, ethics, etc., through sacred texts (oral and written) of diverse cultures and historical periods.

2370 Introduction to Religious Studies (3 credits)

Introduction to the academic study of religion through comparison among major traditions (Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, etc.) and smaller communities.

Persian

(Please see NELC courses in Islamic Studies)

1101 Elementary Persian I (4 credits)

Introduction to Persian; development of listening, reading, speaking, and writing skills. Closed to native speakers of this language. Not open to students with credit for Persian 101. This course is available for EM credit. GE for lang course.

1102 Elementary Persian II (4 credits)

Further development of listening, writing, speaking, and reading skills; reading of simplified Persian texts. Closed to native speakers of this language. Prereq: 1101 or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 102. This course is available for EM credit. GE for lang course.

1103 Intermediate Persian I (4 credits)

Further development of listening, writing, speaking, and reading skills; reading of simplified Persian texts. Closed to native speakers of this language. Prereq: 1102 or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 102. This course is available for EM credit. GE for lang course.

2104 Intermediate Persian II (4 credits)

Extensive reading from literary texts, with practice in conversation and composition. Prereq: 1103 (104). Not open to students with credit for 201.

2105 Intermediate Persian III (4 credits)

Continued reading from literary texts, with further practice in conversation, composition, and translation. Prereq: 2101 (201). Not open to students with credit for 202.

3101 Advanced Persian: Reading and Composition (4 credits)

Extensive reading of classical and modern Persian literary texts, with practice in grammar and composition at an advanced level. Prereq: 2102, or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 301.

2241 Persian Culture (3 credits)

A survey of Persian culture through the reading of Persian literature in translation, viewing of Persian films, and listening to Persian music.

Prereq: Not open to students with credit for 241. GE cultures and ideas and diversity global studies course.

2701 Persian Literature in Translation (3 credits)

A study of Persian literature in translation and the history of its discourses, genres, and styles. Prereq: English 1110 (110). Not open to students with credit for 371. GE lit and diversity global studies course.

3704 Persian Epic in Translation (3 credits)

An introduction, in English, to the Shahnameh of Abol Qasem Ferdowsi. Prereq: English 1110 (110). Not open to students with credit for 374. GE lit course.

Turkish and Central Asia Studies

(Please see NELC courses in Islamic Studies)

1101 Elementary Turkish I (4 credits)

Introduction to Turkish; development of listening, reading, speaking, and writing skills. Typically offered Autumn semester.

1102 Elementary Turkish II (4 credits)

Further development of listening, writing, speaking, and reading skills; reading of simplified Turkish texts. Prereq: 1101, or placement exam. Typically offered Spring semester.

1103 Intermediate Turkish I (4 credits)

Reading of Turkish short stories and poems with attention to literary and cultural appreciation; development of basic language skills. Prereq: 1102, or placement exam. Typically offered Autumn semester.

2101 Intermediate Turkish II (4 credits)

Extensive reading from literary texts, with practice in conversation and composition. Not open to native speakers of this language. Prereq: 1103, or placement exam. Typically offered Spring semester.

2102 Intermediate Turkish III (4 credits)

The study of nineteenth and twentieth-century texts, with advanced composition and translation. Prereq: 2101, or placement exam. Typically offered Autumn semester.

3001 Advanced Turkish Syntax (4 credits)

Focuses on the acquisition of advanced Turkish syntax, and specifically on subordinate clauses. It will include advanced readings in literature and non-fiction. Prereq: 2102, or placement exam. Typically offered Spring semester.

2241 Beyond Belly-Dancers and Harems: Turkish Culture (3 credits)

An introduction to Turkish culture through reading of literature and criticism, and listening and viewing of films, slides, and performances arranged for the class. Prereq: Not open to students with credit for 241. GE cultures and ideas and diversity global studies course.

2701 Mystics, Sultans, Prisoners and Dreamers: Turkish Literature in Translation (3 credits)

A study of Turkish literature and the history of its discourses, genres, and styles. Not open to students with credit for 372. GE lit and diversity global studies course.

5377 Turkish Theatre, Music, & Dance (3 credits)

Exploration of Turkish theatre, music, and dance. Prereq: Jr, Sr, or Grad standing; or permission of instructor.

Uzbek

1101 Elementary Uzbek I (4 credits)

Introduction to Uzbek language; development of listening, reading, speaking and writing skills. Prereq: Not available to native speakers. This course is available for EM credit. GE for lang course.

1102 *Elementary Uzbek II (4 credits)*

Continued study of Uzbek Language, with appropriate cultural background; further development of listening, reading, speaking, and writing skills. Prereq: 1101 (101), or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 102, or to native speakers. This course is available for EM credit. GE for lang course.

1103 *Intermediate Uzbek I (4 credits)*

Continued study of Uzbek Language, with appropriate cultural background; further development of listening, reading, speaking, and writing skills.

Prereq: 1102, or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 101, 102, or to native speakers. This course is available for EM credit. GE for lang course.

2101 *Intermediate Uzbek II (4 credits)*

Extensive reading from literary texts, with practice in conversation and composition. Prereq: 1103 or 104. Not open to students with credit for 201, or to native speakers.

Intermediate Uzbek III (4 credits)

Continued reading from literary texts, with further practice in conversation, composition, and translation.

Prereq: 2101 (201). Not open to students with credit for 202, or to native speakers.

3102 *Advanced Uzbek (4 credits)*

This course aims: to increase fluency in oral expression; develop skills in listening, reading and writing; extend knowledge of literary Uzbek language; and enable research in Uzbek. Course will use four skills approach as well as communicative. Using authentic language materials (newspapers, journals, TV programs) will be emphasized.

Prereq: 2102

NELC 5204 *Culture and Politics in Central Asia (3 credits)*

Comparative study of cultural legacy and change, including religious and secular life and civil society development, in relation to political trends in Central Asia. Prereq: Jr standing, or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 644.

History

2352: *The Ottoman Empire, 1300-1800 (3 credits)*

Studies the political, economic, social, and cultural power of the Ottoman Empire from its origins, through the highpoint of its geopolitical power in the 16th century, to its further evolution through the opening of the period of European imperialism, and will examine the Ottoman Empire as a case from which to study the developmental dynamics of patrimonial sociopolitical systems. Prereq: English 1110.xx or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 3356 or 540.03. GE historical study course.

2375: Islamic Central Asia (3 credits)

Introductory survey of the political, cultural, religious, and economic history of Islamic central Asia from the eighth-century Arab conquests to the nineteenth-century Russian colonial era. Prereq or concur: English1110.xx, or permission of instructor.

3375: Mongol World Empire: Central Eurasia, 1000-1500 (3 credits)

This course will address the social, cultural, and political history of medieval Central Eurasia, focusing on the Mongol Empire and its legacy. Prereq or concur: English 1110.xx, or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 544. GE historical study and diversity global studies course.

3376: The Silk Road: Commerce and Culture in Eurasia 200 BCE-1498 CE (3 credits)

A study of the commercial and cultural relations among Chinese, Indian, Iranian, and Roman/Islamic civilizations. Prereq: English 1110.xx, or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 341. GE historical study and diversity global studies course.

3365: History of Afghanistan (3 credits)

This course will address Afghan society, its historical foundations, and the challenges that confront it. Prereq: English 1110.xx, or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 355. GE historical study course.