

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

Jewish Oral History Minor

The Jewish Studies major and minors were moved from the Melton Center to the NELC in Autumn 2017.

Currently there are 2 students minoring in Jewish Oral History.

The Jewish Oral History minor requires 4 courses (12 credits). It is a minor unique to OSU; there are no other universities we found that currently offer a minor in Jewish Oral History.

The only change requested for the Jewish Oral History minor is to update the required courses, several of which are no longer taught or not taught regularly. We have added appropriate options such as Introduction to Jewish Studies (JS 2201), Holocaust in Yiddish and Ashkenazic Literature and Film (Yiddish 3399) and the Ohio Field School (English 5189-S), as well as updating the electives list.

Transition Plan:

Changes to the requirements for fulfilling the Jewish Oral History Minor will go into effect at the start of the 2019/2020 Academic Year. Students who entered OSU prior to the Autumn 2019 semester can choose to fulfill either the old or the new program requirements, in consultation with the NELC Academic Advisor. Students who enroll during or after the Autumn 2019 semester will be required to fulfill the new program requirements.

Jewish Oral History Minor

*Additional elective courses in Jewish Studies can occasionally be selected from the approved list of courses in consultation with the Director of the Jewish Studies Program.

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Oral history is a tremendously powerful and important tool in today's world of Jewish Studies. The minor in Jewish Oral History at Ohio State combines a background in modern Jewish history, needed to understand the significance of such oral histories, with knowledge of the proper techniques and legal issues involved in recording oral histories through various media. This minor, which is unique to The Ohio State University, is interdisciplinary in nature and has been created through a collaboration of faculty.

Students enrolling in the Jewish Oral History Minor will take one course from each of the four content areas: Modern Jewish History, Holocaust Studies, Oral History Methods, and Electives in Jewish Studies. The areas of study are described below:

Modern Jewish History: 3 semester credits required.

History 2452	Modern Jewish History, 1700 to Present
History 3460	European Jewish History, 1789-1989

Holocaust Studies: 3 semester credits required.

History 2475	History of the Holocaust
German 3252	The Holocaust in German Literature and Film
Hebrew 2705	The Holocaust in Literature and Film

Oral History Method: 3 semester credits required.

English 4577.03	Issues and Methods in the Study of Folklore
English 4559	Introduction to Narrative and Narrative Theory
English 4577.01	Folklore in Groups and Communities

Electives: 3 semester credits required.

History 3465	American Jewish History
History 3110	The Jewish Experience in Latin America
JS 2201	Introduction to Jewish Culture Thought and Practice
Hebrew 2241	Culture of Contemporary Israel
History 2454	History of Anti-Semitism

Jewish Oral History minor program guidelines

Required for graduation No

Credit hours required A minimum of 12 credit hrs. 1000 level courses shall not be counted in the minor. At least 6 credit hrs must be upper-level courses as defined by the College of Arts and Sciences.

Transfer and EM credit hours allowed

A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination.

Overlap with the GE

A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and the minor.

Overlap with the major and additional minor(s)

- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

Grades required

- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.
- No more than 3 credit hours of coursework graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor.

X193 credits No more than 3 credit hours.

Minor approval The minor course work must be approved by the academic unit offering the minor.

Filing the minor program form The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college/school counselor.

Changing the minor Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by the academic unit offering the minor.

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Update 6/23/13 DH
BV 7-14-15

Jewish Oral History Minor

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The minor in Jewish Oral History consists of 12 credit hours of course work as listed below, in addition to the prerequisites required. Up to six credit hours of overlap between the minor and the GE will be permitted.

After the faculty adviser in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures has approved the Minor Program Form, you should file the form with your college or school counselor. For further information about the minor program, contact the department.

Jewish History and Culture (3 credits)

History 2452 Modern Jewish History (3)
History 3465 American Jewish History (3)
Jewish Studies 2201 Introduction to Jewish Culture, Thought and Practice (3)

Holocaust Studies (3 credits)

German 3252 The Holocaust in German Literature and Film (3)
Hebrew 3705 Holocaust and Israeli Society (3)
History 2475 History of the Holocaust (3)
Yiddish 3399 Holocaust in Yiddish and Ashkenazic Literature and Film (3)

Oral History Method (3 credits)

English 4577.01 Folklore I: Groups and Communities (3)
English 4577.03 Folklore III: Issues and Methods (3)
English 4559 Introduction to Narrative and Narrative Theory (3)
English 5189-S Ohio Field School (3)

Elective Courses (3 credits)

Hebrew
3245 (3), 3703 (3), 3704 (3), 3705 (3), 3708 (3), 5802 (3)

History
3218 (3), 3219 (3), 3353 (3), 3450 (3), 3455 (3), 3465 (3),
3470 (3),

Jewish Studies
3205 (3), 3210 (3), 3245 (3),

NELC
4601 (3)

Philosophy
3111 (3)

Political Science
4327 (3)

Yiddish
3371 (3), 3399 (3), 4721 (3)

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Revised Jewish Oral History Minor Sheet

Jewish Oral History Minor Requirements

The Hebrew minor consists of a minimum of 12 credit hours. A minimum of C- in any course counting toward the minor is required. Half of the total hours in the minor must be acquired through instruction at OSU.

Jewish History and Culture (pick 1 course 3 credits)			
History 2452 Modern Jewish History	(3)	History 3465 American Jewish History	(3)
Jewish Studies 2201 Introduction to Jewish Culture, Thought and Practice	(3)		

Holocaust Studies (pick 1 course 3 credits)			
History 2475 History of the Holocaust	(3)	Yiddish 3399 Holocaust in Yiddish and Ashkenazic Lit and Film	(3)
German 3252 The Holocaust in German Literature and Film	(3)	Hebrew 3705 Holocaust in Israeli Society	(3)

Minor Oral History Method (pick 1 course 3 credits)			
English 4577.03 Folklore III: Issues and Methods	(3)	English 4577.01 Folklore I: Groups and Communities	(3)
English 4559 Introduction to Narrative and Narrative Theory	(3)	English 5189-S Ohio Field School	(3)

Minor Elective (pick 1 course 3 credits)			
Hebrew/JS 3245 Israeli Film and Society ¹	(3)	History 3465 American Jewish History	(3)
Hebrew/JEWSHST 3703 <i>Prophecy in the Hebrew Bible</i> ²	(3)	History 3470 Messiahs and Messianism in Jewish History	(3)
Hebrew/JEWSHST 3704 <i>Women in the Bible and Beyond</i> ³	(3)	Hebrew/JEWSHST 3205 Art and Judaism ⁴	(3)
Hebrew/JEWSHST 3708 <i>Wisdom Literature in the Hebrew Bible</i> ⁵	(3)	Hebrew/Jewish Studies 3210 Kabbalah and the Jewish Mystical Tradition	(3)
Hebrew 3705 Holocaust and Israeli Society	(3)	NELC 4601 <i>Israeli and Palestinian Literature</i>	(3)
Hebrew 5802 <i>The Problem of Evil in Biblical and Post-Biblical Literatures</i>	(3)	Philosophy 3111 Intro to Jewish Philosophy	(3)
History 3218 Paul and His Influence on Early Christianity	(3)	Political Science 4327 Politics in the Middle East	(3)

¹ Was Hebrew 2245

² Was Hebrew 2703

³ Was Hebrew 2704

⁴ Was Hebrew 2205

⁵ Was Hebrew 2708

History 3219 Historical Jesus	(3)	Yiddish 3371 Yiddish Literature in Translation	(3)
History 3353 Jewish Communities under Islamic rule	(3)	Yiddish 3399 Holocaust in Yiddish and Ashkenazic Lit and Film	(3)
History 3450 History of Ancient Israel	(3)	Yiddish 4721 Studies in Yiddish Literature	(3)
History 3455 Jewish Life from the Early Renaissance to the Early Enlightenment	(3)		



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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing a letter of concurrence on behalf of the Melton Center for Jewish Studies in support of the new NELC Jewish Studies Major and Minor programs. The major and minor were always housed in the Center (since the late 1970s) and we always had a small but dedicated group of student majors and minors. In recent years, however, it has become increasingly clear that moving the programs over to a department would be beneficial for students, providing them with a larger and more diverse community of peers. Also, given the move toward program and course assessment, the departments are better equipped to handle these administrative matters. NELC has done a terrific of rethinking the Jewish studies majors and minors, and incorporating them into the existing department structure, which includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Islamic Studies programs.

For all these reasons, we strongly endorse the NELC curriculum revisions.

Sincerely,
T.M. Rudavsky
Professor of Philosophy
Director of the Melton Center for Jewish Studies

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

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 of 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. Hebrew 2216

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.

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 or 2205. 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] Kabbalah and 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.

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.