



Near Eastern Languages and Civilization

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The Near East is a region of critical importance. As its many nations continue to play pivotal roles on the world stage, the need for firm knowledge about Near Eastern languages and cultures becomes increasingly clear. These languages and cultures are our specialty. Indeed, in NELC one can find experts in Arabic, Hebrew (ancient and modern), Persian, Turkish (Ottoman and Modern), Egyptian (hieroglyphic and Coptic), and the languages of Central Asia. Our courses offer great breadth, in terms of the number of different languages taught, and great depth, in terms of the historical range our courses cover (from ancient to medieval to modern periods). As a NELC graduate student, you will develop a thorough understanding of historical and cultural contexts and skills in critical analysis of texts, research procedures, and integrative thinking.

What NELC is looking for in a M.A. candidate: We are looking for students who demonstrate a passion for and have abilities in the languages, literatures, and cultures of the Near East. Students must have a B.A. and are strongly encouraged to have undertaken at least two years of formal language study in the language of their concentration before applying. A GPA of 3.4 or higher is required. Native speakers of Near Eastern languages are encouraged to apply. Your overall application will be considered in the selection process.

Application Deadline: January 15

Items Needed for the Online Application: (1) Statement of purpose; (2) Sample of written work; (3) Three letters of recommendation; (4) GRE scores; (5) List of language experience; (6) unofficial transcript(s); (7) TOEFL scores (non-native English speakers).

Application Process: You will need to complete the Graduate School's online application to be considered for NELC's M.A. program. <https://www.grad.washington.edu/applForAdmiss/>. International applicants living outside the U.S. are strongly encouraged to complete application requirements at least thirty days prior to the January 15 deadline to ensure sufficient time for graduate admission review. For questions regarding the Graduate School's process, contact them at 206.543.5929 or uwgrad@uw.edu.

Funding: NELC has some teaching assistantships (<http://depts.washington.edu/nelc/tainfo.html>) and fellowships (<http://depts.washington.edu/nelc/funding.html>) available. Applicants interested in a T.A. position should apply for it simultaneously.

Please visit the NELC website or contact our Graduate Program Advisor at neareast@uw.edu or 206.543.6033. Admission FAQ's are on the back of this sheet.

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GRADUATE ADMISSION FAQ'S

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Where can I apply?

You can only apply online through the UW Graduate School website.

<https://www.grad.washington.edu/applForAdmiss/>

Do you have a Ph.D. program?

No.

Did you get my transcript/GRE scores/etc.?

NELC cannot view your application until you officially apply. After you officially apply, you can check the status of your application by logging in to your account.

Can I submit more/less than three (3) letters of recommendation?

No.

Just to be sure NELC received everything, can I send a copy of my application to the Department?

Please do not mail any materials to our Department.

Why is my application not marked complete even though I turned everything in by January 15?

The Graduate Program Advisor has to go through each application and make sure all of the materials were received before marking the application complete. This may take a few days after the January 15 deadline.

Can I turn in my application after January 15?

No, it will not be accepted.

When will admissions decisions be made?

Late February to early March.

I was not accepted into your program. Why?

Our Department has limited spots every year in its graduate program. Our faculty use various criterion when evaluating candidates' applications for admission. Admission decisions are not solely based on the strength of your application, but about the expectations of our graduate program as defined on our website.