DEGREE OPTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

**OPTION 1: Major Near Eastern Studies – Languages and Civilization**

1. Two years or its equivalent (as evidenced by an examination) of one Near Eastern language
2. Nine (9) credits of advanced literature courses in one of the core languages (most require two years of preparation as a prerequisite)
3. **NEAR E 210 (Introduction to Islamic Civilization)**
4. For students of Arabic, Persian, Turkish, and Central Asian languages: **NEAR E 211 (Islam)**; for students of Hebrew: **NEAR E 240 (Introduction to the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament)** or **RELIG 210 (Introduction to Judaism)**
5. 20 further credits from:
   a. Further advanced literature courses in the student’s primary NELC language
   b. Courses in a second Near Eastern language (not to exceed 15 credits)
   c. Other NELC departmental offerings in English
   d. Courses from other departments approved for student’s program by the Undergraduate Advisor

**OPTION 2: Major Near Eastern Studies – Culture and Civilization**

1. Two years or its equivalent (as evidenced by an examination) of one Near Eastern language
2. **NEAR E 210 (Introduction to Islamic Civilization)** or (if approved by the Undergraduate Advisor) **NEAR E 220 (Introduction to the Ancient Near East)** (5 credits)
3. For students of Arabic, Persian, Turkish, and Central Asian languages: **NEAR E 211 (Islam)**; for students of Hebrew: **NEAR E 240 (Introduction to the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament)** or **RELIG 210 (Introduction to Judaism)**
4. 20 further credits in Near Eastern courses, including at least one course from each of the following course groupings (see advisor for approved courses for each category):
   a. Near Eastern Civilization course sequence
   b. Near Eastern Religion course sequence
   c. Near Eastern Literature in Translation course sequence
5. Eight (8) further credits in non-language, upper division NELC courses, or courses from other departments approved for student’s program by the Undergraduate Advisor
**OPTION 3:** Major Near Eastern Studies – Comparative Islamic Studies

1. Two years or its equivalent (as evidenced by an examination) of one of the following languages: Arabic, Persian, Turkish, Uzbek, Kazakh, or other appropriate languages as approved by NELC Undergraduate Advisor.
2. **NEAR E 210** (Introduction to Islamic Civilization)
3. **NEAR E/RELIG 211** (Islam) (5 credits) or **NEAR E/RELIG 212** (Introduction to the Qur’an)
4. 10 Credits in Islamic Religious Traditions and Texts (see advisor for approved courses)
5. 15 credits in History, Society and Culture of Islam (from at least two of the following areas; see advisor for approved courses for each category):
   a. General
   b. Near East and Africa
   c. Central Asia and Europe
   d. South Asia, Southeast Asia, Pacific Rim
6. **NEAR E 498** – Senior Essay on a topic in Comparative Islamic Studies.

**OPTION 4:** Major Near Eastern Studies – Biblical and Ancient

1. Two years or its equivalent (as evidenced by an examination) of biblical Hebrew; alternatively, a student may satisfy this language requirement by combining a minimum of four quarters of biblical Hebrew with two quarters of other ancient Near Eastern languages, including Aramaic, Hieroglyphic Egyptian, Coptic, Akkadian, second year Greek, or other appropriate languages as approved by NELC Undergraduate Advisor
2. **NEAR E 220** (Introduction to the Ancient Near East)
3. **NEAR E 240** (Introduction to the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament)
4. 20 credits in Near Eastern courses with at least one course from each of the following areas (at least 10 of these credits must be taken within NELC; see advisor for approved courses for each category):
   a. Ancient Near Eastern History, Society, and Culture
   b. Ancient Near Eastern Literature in Translation
5. Eight (8) credits in non-language, upper division NELC courses related to Ancient Near East

**REQUIREMENTS FOR PURSUING A MINOR IN NEAR EASTERN STUDIES:**

An approved program of 25 credits including: **NEAR E 210** or **220**; one course from **NEAR E 211**, **NEAR E 240**, or **RELIG 210**; additional credits from Near Eastern civilization or language courses (**NOTE**: these may not include language courses at the beginning or intermediate level).

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