NEAR EASTERN LANGUAGES (M.A.)

Admission Requirements

Admission to this program is contingent upon admission to the Graduate School (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/general-information/admission/). Additionally, applicants must supply the program with a letter of intent, a 5-7 page sample of academic writing in English, and three confidential letters of recommendation. GRE scores are encouraged, but not required. International applicants must satisfy English proficiency requirements as established by the Graduate School, which may require submission of TOEFL scores.

Admission Requirements consist of: Minimum undergraduate g.p.a. of 2.75 ('C+'); and a minimum of two years of prior study in Arabic language, with a minimum g.p.a. in Arabic language courses of 3.5 ('B'+). Prior coursework in Islamic and/or Near Eastern Studies is preferred. Candidates for the master's degree with concentration in either Hebrew or Arabic must have an adequate knowledge of at least one Semitic language and some knowledge of the culture of the Near East.

Program Requirements

The master's degree is offered by this department under the following options:

Plan A: Thirty credits including a six-credit thesis; oral and written exit exams in the target language.

Plan B: Thirty credits including a three-credit essay; oral and written exit exams in the target language.

Academic Scholarship: All course work must be completed in accordance with the regulations of the Graduate School (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/general-information/academic-regulations/) and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/college-liberal-arts-sciences/academic-regulations/).

Candidacy must be established by the time twelve credits have been earned. The applicant's Plan of Work must have the approval of the academic program advisor.

Under Plan A: Students are required to complete a minimum of 30 credits, including:

Code	Title	Credits
Coursework with primary texts in Arabic		
Select one of the following courses:		3
ARB 5010	Medieval Arabic Texts	
ARB 5020	Media Arabic	
ARB 5140	Modern Arabic Literature in Arabic and English	
Electives in Arabic language studies		
Select three courses from the following (or additional courses from above):		9
ARB 5100	Teaching of Arabic as a Foreign/Second Language (TAFL)	
ARB 5210	Arabic Sociolinguistics	
ARB 5230	Structure of Arabic	
ARB 5240	Quranic Arabic	
ARB 5700	Arabic for Healthcare Professions	
ARB 6700	History of Arabic	
Electives in Near Eastern studies		
Select two of the following courses:		6
NE 5110	History and Development of Islamic Political Thought	
NE 5220	Muslim Personal Law	
NE 5710	Islam and the Challenge of Modernity	
NE 6500	Religion and Society	
Coursework at the 7000 level		
NE 7100	Islam and the West	3
NE 7300	Qur'an: History and Interpretation	3
Master's Thesis		
NE 8999	Master's Thesis Research and Direction	6
Total Credits		**30**

* Other electives can be chosen with the consent of an advisor.

Under Plan B: Students are required to complete a minimum of 30 credits, including:

Code	Title	Credits
Coursework with primary texts in Arabic		
Select one of the following courses:		3
ARB 5010	Medieval Arabic Texts	
ARB 5020	Media Arabic	
ARB 5140	Modern Arabic Literature in Arabic and English	
Electives in Arabic language studies		
Select four courses from the following (or additional courses from above):		12
ARB 5100	Teaching of Arabic as a Foreign/Second Language (TAFL)	
ARB 5210	Arabic Sociolinguistics	
ARB 5230	Structure of Arabic	
ARB 5240	Quranic Arabic	
ARB 5700	Arabic for Healthcare Professions	
ARB 6700	History of Arabic	
Electives in Near Eastern studies		
Select two of the following courses:		6
NE 5110	History and Development of Islamic Political Thought	
NE 5220	Muslim Personal Law	
NE 5710	Islam and the Challenge of Modernity	
NE 6500	Religion and Society	
Coursework at the 7000 level		
NE 7100	Islam and the West	3
NE 7300	Qur'an: History and Interpretation	3
Master's Essay		
NE 7999	Master's Essay Direction	3
Total Credits		**30**

* Other electives can be chosen with the consent of an advisor.

In addition to Arabic language (ARB) courses, students elect courses in Near Eastern studies (NE) and Hebrew (HEB), and may elect up to six credits in cognate courses in other related topics in the history, philosophy, anthropology, linguistics, literature, sociology and politics of the Middle East, with consent of advisor. At least two courses must be completed at the 7000+ level. Students are expected to write an essay or a thesis wherein they must show ability in using Arabic sources and doing research as well as demonstrate proficiency in the target language.

A final oral and written examination will be required to test the ability of the student in the target language.