NEAR EASTERN STUDIES (B.A.)

The study of other languages, literatures, and cultures not only provides important perspectives on the world, but also sharpens analytical and reasoning skills, deepens understanding of English, and enhances the quality of one’s writing. Linguistic and broadly-based cultural studies provide excellent grounding for various professional programs, including law, business, medicine or health sciences, teaching at the high school or university level, library and information science, and museum practice.

Students should refer to the CMLLC program requirements (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/college-liberal-arts-sciences/classical-modern-languages-literatures-cultures/requirements) for admission, degree, and general education requirements.

Near Eastern Studies Major

A major in Near Eastern studies consists of thirty-eight credits.

Select eleven credits in language, linguistics, or literature beyond ARB 1020 or HEB 1020

Select twenty-seven credits in elective courses with no less than six credits in three of the following four subject areas:

- Ancient Near East
- Israeli culture/civilization
- Arab culture/Islamic civilization
- Islamic and modern Middle East history

Total Credits 38

Near Eastern Languages Majors

A major in Near Eastern languages consists of a concentration in either Arabic or Hebrew, or joint study of both languages.

The Near Eastern Languages major with a concentration in Arabic or Hebrew consists of thirty-six credits. This includes:

Select twenty-four credits in language, linguistics, or literature beyond ARB 1020 or HEB 1020

Select twelve credits in electives courses in ancient Near East, Israeli culture/civilization, Arab culture/Islamic civilization, or Islamic and modern Middle East history

Total Credits 36

The Near Eastern Languages major with a joint study in both Arabic and Hebrew consists of twenty-nine credits beyond first-year proficiency in both Arabic and Hebrew. This includes:

Select twelve credits in either Arabic or Hebrew language, linguistics, or literature courses

Select eight credits in such courses in the other language

Select nine credits in electives courses in ancient Near East, Israeli culture/civilization, Arab culture/Islamic civilization, or Islamic and modern Middle East history

Total Credits 29