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.

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

Plan A: Thirty-two credits including an eight credit thesis.

Plan B: Thirty-two credits including a three credit essay.

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.

Arabic (M.A. Concentration)

A student specializing in Arabic is expected to demonstrate ability in the use of Arabic sources. The student must successfully complete at least one advanced Arabic course in which work is performed with original Arabic sources (ARB 5010, ARB 5020, or ARB 5140; in extraordinary circumstances a student may request acceptance of ARB 5990 as compliance with this requirement) with a grade of 'B' or higher while enrolled in the M.A. program. In addition to Arabic language (ARB) courses, the student may 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, sociology and politics of the Middle East. At least two courses must be completed at the 7000+ level. He/she is expected to write an essay or a thesis wherein he/she must show ability in using sources and doing original research as well as demonstrate proficiency in a modern language. A final oral and written examination will be required to test the ability of the student in the language and culture of his/her area of concentration. The applicant’s program of study must have the approval of the major advisor.

Hebrew (M.A. Concentration)

A student specializing in Hebrew is expected to demonstrate ability in the use of modern Hebraic sources. In addition to Hebrew language, literature, and culture courses, the student may be advised to elect six credits in cognate courses from the disciplines of history, philosophy, anthropology, linguistics, sociology, and political science. He/she is expected to write a thesis or essay in which he/she shows ability in using sources and in doing original research as well as demonstrates proficiency in a modern language and literature. A final oral and written examination will be required to test the ability of the student in the language and culture of his/her area of concentration. The student’s program of study must have approval of the major advisor.