

Articulation Agreement by Major

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Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures, Lower Division B.A.

COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCE

COLLEGE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS THIS MAJOR IS OFFERED BY THE COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCE (L&S).

By the end of the spring term preceding fall enrollment at Berkeley, you must complete:

- 1) The L&S Requirements in Reading & Composition, Quantitative Reasoning, and Foreign Language; **OR**
- 2) IGETC

Major Requirements:

Complete as many lower division major requirements as possible. See details on preparation for this major below.

Primary selection criteria for admission, in general:

- completion of L&S Requirements (or IGETC), plus
- strength of academic preparation, and
- grade point average.

For more information on admission to UC Berkeley:

<http://admissions.berkeley.edu>

For more information on majors at UC Berkeley:

Berkeley Academic Guide: <http://guide.berkeley.edu>

PROGRAM

In February 2021, UC Berkeley approved the department to change its name to Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures (formerly Near Eastern Studies) and the undergraduate degree to Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures, BA. The new major will commence in fall 2021.

The [Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures](#) (MELC) major is the study of the languages, literature, history, and cultures of the Middle East from antiquity to modern times. MELC offers language programs in Arabic, Hebrew, Persian, and Turkish, and in the ancient languages of Egyptian, Sumerian, Akkadian, and Aramaic. Students can explore the interconnected worlds of ancient Egypt, Mesopotamia, and their neighbors, as well as the modern literature and diverse cultures of the modern Middle East. The major also offers study in pre-modern and modern Jewish, Christian, and Islamic traditions. The program offers students the opportunity to participate in a discovery experience that is innovative, collaborative, transdisciplinary, and features digital research.

Languages & Literature

The major in Middle Eastern Language and Cultures offers two specializations: 1) Languages and Literature and 2) Middle Eastern Worlds. Students in the Languages and Literature specialization can pursue a concentration in the modern languages of:

- Arabic
- Hebrew
- Persian

Middle Eastern Worlds

The Middle Eastern World's specialization is the study of the material, intellectual, and religious histories and cultures of the region from ancient to modern times. Students can pursue a concentration in:

- Ancient Middle Eastern Worlds
- Modern Middle Eastern Worlds

PREPARATION FOR TRANSFER AT THE JUNIOR LEVEL

The [Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures](#) (MELC) major requires two lower division courses MELC 10 and MELC 11 and 7 upper division courses in Middle Eastern language and/or culture/history.

Lower-Division Requirements

The major requires MELC 10 (Ancient Egypt & Mesopotamia) and MELC 11 (Intro to the Modern Middle East). MELC 10 and MELC 11 are offered every fall and spring semester respectively.

Lower division requirements if you plan to concentrate in Arabic, Hebrew, or Persian

- Arabic: Elementary Arabic (Arabic 1A-1B) and Intermediate Arabic (Arabic 20A-20B)
- Hebrew: Elementary Hebrew (Hebrew 1A-1B) and Intermediate Hebrew (Hebrew 20A-20B)
- Persian: Elementary Persian (Persian 1A-1B) and Intermediate Persian (Persian 20A-20B)

Upper-Division Courses

Students are required to take 7 upper division courses. Students may take courses from the MELC department or from other departments in the university. All courses for the major must be approved by the faculty major advisor. Please see the Berkeley Academic Guide for more information about the [MELC major](#).

Minors

Minors are also available in [Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures](#) (MELC), [Arabic](#), [Hebrew](#), [Persian](#), and in [Turkish](#). The minor requires 5 upper division courses.

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