

Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures Major

Specialization: Middle Eastern Languages and Literatures

Concentration: Arabic, BA Degree

Arabic Major Requirements	
Middle Eastern Languages & Literature	Arabic
2 Lower Division Courses	MELC 10 – Ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia MELC 11 – Modern Middle East
Prerequisites (do not count for the major)	Arabic 1A – Elementary Arabic Arabic 1B – Elementary Arabic Arabic 20A – Intermediate Arabic Arabic 20B – Intermediate Arabic
2 Upper Division Language Courses	Arabic 100A – Advanced Arabic Arabic 100B – Advanced Arabic
3 Language & Literature Courses	Arabic 103 - Media Arabic Arabic 104A - Modern Prose Arabic 104B - Classical Prose Arabic 105A - Modern Poetry Arabic 105B - Classical Poetry Arabic 107 - Arabic Hist. & Geo Texts Arabic 108 - Islamic Rel. & Philo. Text in Arabic Arabic 111A - Survey Arabic Lit Arabic 111B - Survey Arabic Lit Arabic 115A - Colloquial Arabic Arabic 115B - Colloquial Arabic
2 MELC Culture & History Courses	MELC 117AC - The Origins of Racism in the West MELC 118 - Writing Systems of the World MELC 119 - Explorers, Archaeologists, and Tourists in the Middle East MELC C121 - Topics in Islamic Art MELC 140 – Islam Thought & Institutions MELC 141 – Modern Islamic Thought MELC 142 – Shi’ite Islam MELC 144 – Sufism MELC 145 - Women in Islam MELC 146 – Islam MELC 147 – Rise of Islamic Civilization MELC 148 - Emergence of the Modern Middle East MELC 149 - Modern Middle East from WWI to Present MELC 150A – Arabic Literature in Translation MELC 150B – Arabic Literature in Translation MELC 151 – Middle Eastern Women Writers

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Culture and History Courses Continued

MELC 152 – Modern Arabic Literature
MELC 153 – Islamic Spain
MELC 154 – Narratives of Identity Israel/Palest. Fiction
MELC 155 – The Thousand and One Nights in World Literature
MELC 156 – Sociolinguistics of the Middle East
MELC 157 - Middle Eastern Film
MELC 158AC – Middle East: Post Colonialism, Diaspora, and Migration
MELC 159 – Middle East, Empire, Orientalism
MELC 160 – Religion of Ancient Iran
MELC 161 – Persian Art & Cultures
MELC 162 – History of Persian Literature
MELC 163 - Persian Literature in Translation
MELC 165 – Film and Fiction of Iran
MELC 170 – Islamic History & Historiography

MELC 171 – Turkish Literature in Translation
MELC 173 – Central Asia and Turks
MELC 170 – Islamic History & Historiography
MELC 171 – Turkish Literature in Translation
MELC 173 – Central Asia and Turks
MELC 174 – Law Early Modern Middle East
MELC 175 – History & Culture of Afghanistan
MELC 180 – The Quran
MELC 181 - Prophetic Biography
MELC C188 – Magic, Religion & Science
MELC 190A – Special Topics MELC
MELC 192A – Undergrad Seminar
MELC 199 – Supervised Independent Study

Important Notes:

- **All courses for the major must be approved by the faculty major adviser.**
 - **Courses from other departments at Berkeley may count toward the major, but they must receive prior approval from the faculty major adviser.**
 - **At least four upper-division courses must be taken within the MELC department to satisfy the major requirements.**
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