

# Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures Major

Specialization: Middle Eastern Languages and Literatures

Concentration: Persian, BA Degree

<b>Persian Major Requirements</b>	
<b>Middle Eastern Languages &amp; Literature</b>	<b>Persian</b>
<b>2 Lower Division Courses</b>	MELC 10 – Ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia MELC 11 – Modern Middle East
<b>Prerequisites (do not count for the major)</b>	Persian 1A – Elementary Persian Persian 1B – Elementary Persian Persian 20A – Intermediate Persian Persian 20B – Intermediate Persian
<b>2 Upper Division Language Courses</b>	Persian 100A – Advanced Persian Persian 100B – Advanced Persian
<b>3 Language &amp; Literature Courses</b>	Persian 101B- Readings in Persian Literature Persian 102A - Classical Prose Persian 102B - Classical Prose Persian 103A - Classical Poetry Persian 103B - Classical Poetry Persian 104A - Modern Lit Persian 104B - Modern Lit Persian 105 - Modern Prose
<b>2 MELC Culture and History Courses</b>	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 121C - 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 MELC 152 – Modern Arabic Literature

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*Culture and History Courses Continued*

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

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**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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