NELC offers both M.A. and PhD degrees in order to foster the scholarly understanding and inquiry in the Near East.

Master of Arts in Near Eastern Languages and Cultures

Students must take a minimum of 36 credit hours of graduate courses in Near Eastern studies. Each student’s curriculum must be approved by his/her academic advisor.

- 6 credits of the required course work must be fulfilled by courses in two of the following fields: the ancient (pre-Islamic), pre-modern (medieval), or modern (1500 CE to present) history of the Middle East
- 3 credit hours of the course work must be fulfilled by a methodology/ theory course
- 12 credit hours of coursework in Arabic, Hebrew, Persian, Turkish language(s). There are two tracks: “one major language” and “two languages,” which have slightly different requirements in the degree of language study.

Special Programs include an Egyptology track and an MA/MPA in partnership with SPEA.

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A minimum of 90 credit hours of graduate work (including credits earned for the M.A.), plus dissertation. Each student’s curriculum must be approved by his/her academic advisor.

Three languages are required for the NELC PhD

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- A European research language, tested according to the rules of the Graduate School

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- Test scores (GRE or TOEFL as appropriate, see below)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Statement of Purpose (1–2 pages)
- Writing sample (5–10 pages)

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