Why minor in Middle Eastern languages?

This minor is aimed at students from various disciplines who are interested in learning more than one of the Middle Eastern languages offered in the Department of Asian Studies (Arabic, Hebrew, Hindi-Urdu, Persian, and Turkish), both for academic purposes and to enhance their employment opportunities.

The purpose of the minor is to encourage linguistic training that will prepare students for graduate study and for careers in journalism, foreign service, and international business, as well as other fields related to the Middle East.

Students declaring this minor will be able to demonstrate commitment to Middle East studies, which will be considered favorably in the selection process for Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships. FLAS funding for Middle Eastern languages is available at UNC through five centers related to the Middle East, South Asia, and North Africa. More information on FLAS opportunities can be found at areastudies.unc.edu/flas/languages.

Requirements for the Minor

The undergraduate minor in Middle Eastern languages consists of five courses. Students pursuing this minor will take courses in any two of the Middle Eastern languages offered by the Department of Asian Studies: **Arabic, Modern Hebrew, Hindi-Urdu, Persian, or Turkish**.

Three courses will be language courses above 203 in one Middle Eastern language. The other two courses will be language courses at any level in a second Middle Eastern language. All courses must be selected from the lists below.

Placement credit (PL) may not be used to meet minor requirements. Students pursuing the Middle Eastern Languages (MELG) minor may also pursue another major or minor in the Department of Asian Studies, but not one focused on a language they are using for the MELG minor.



Courses in Arabic

ARAB 101: Elementary Arabic I ARAB 102: Elementary Arabic II ARAB 203: Intermediate Arabic I ARAB 204: Intermediate Arabic II ARAB 300: Arabic Grammar & Composition ARAB 305: Advanced Arabic I ARAB 306: Advanced Arabic II ARAB 407: Readings in Arabic I ARAB 408: Readings in Arabic II



Courses in Hebrew

HEBR 101: Elementary Modern Hebrew I HEBR 102: Elementary Modern Hebrew II HEBR 203: Intermediate Modern Hebrew I HEBR 204: Intermediate Modern Hebrew II HEBR 305: Advanced Modern Hebrew I HEBR 306: Advanced Modern Hebrew II

Courses in Hindi-Urdu

HNUR 101: Elementary Hindi-Urdu I HNUR 102: Elementary Hindi-Urdu II HNUR 203: Intermediate Hindi-Urdu I HNUR 204: Intermediate Hindi-Urdu II HNUR 305: Advanced Hindi-Urdu I HNUR 306: Advanced Hindi-Urdu II HNUR 407: South Asian Society & Culture HNUR 408: South Asian Media and Film HNUR 410: Seminar on the Urdu-Hindi Ghazal HNUR 490: Topics in Hindi-Urdu Literature & Language



Courses in Persian

PRSN 101: Elementary Persian I PRSN 102: Elementary Persian II PRSN 203: Intermediate Persian I PRSN 204: Intermediate Persian II PRSN 305: Advanced Persian I PRSN 306: Advanced Persian II

Courses in Turkish

TURK 101: Elementary Turkish I TURK 102: Elementary Turkish II TURK 203: Intermediate Turkish I TURK 204: Intermediate Turkish II

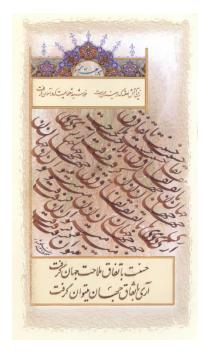


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