

**DEPARTMENT OF NEAR EASTERN STUDIES
DEPARTMENT MAJOR APPLICATION**

Revised: 7.7.17

Instructions:

Step 1: Obtain an unofficial copy of your Cornell transcript. You may request this on line at <transcript.cornell.edu> or stop by the University Registrar office in B-07 Day Hall.

Step 2: Complete the student section of this form.

Step 3: Set up an appointment with Professor Deborah Starr, Director of Undergraduate Studies (DUS). Email das86@cornell.edu to set up an appointment. Please bring transcript and form to meeting.

Step 4: Please return completed and signed forms to Chris Capalongo, 409 White Hall.

STUDENT SECTION

Application Date: _____

Name (Last Name, First Name): _____ CUID#: _____

Email: _____

Other Major(s): _____ Date of expected graduation: _____

Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Please list all NES courses taken

Semester/Year:	Course Number:	Course Title:
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Departmental use only.

NES Advisor's Name:

NES Advisor (Signature):

Date:

DUS (Signature):

Date:

**NES DEPARTMENT MAJOR
B.A. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

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****All courses for the major must be taken for a letter grade (No S/U). Students must receive a grade of C or better for any given course.**

Language

Two years of one Near Eastern language (indicate language)

OR

One year of two Near Eastern languages (first NES language)

(second NES language)

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2016: In addition to the language requirement, *eight courses* are required to complete the major. Of these eight courses, at least three must be at the 3000 level or above, and one must be a Research Seminar. (Research Seminar courses are designated with NES-RS in the Courses of Study. If you have taken a course that you feel meets the criteria but is not marked as NES-RS, please contact the department for approval.

Core courses

NES 4560: Theory & Method in Near Eastern Studies

Plus, one of the following.....

NES 2651: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam

NES 2676: Holy War, Crusade and Jihad in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam

NES 2754: Wondrous Literatures of the Near East

Historical Breadth (three courses must fulfill temporal breadth, defined as: any one course whose chronological parameters fall within the following periods. Please indicate the three courses used to fulfill this requirement and mark if it was a Research Seminar.

	Semester/Year:	Course Number:	Course Title:	Research Seminar?
<input type="checkbox"/> 3000 B.C.E. to 600 C.E.	_____	_____	_____	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> 600 C.E. to 1800 C.E.	_____	_____	_____	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800 C.E. to present	_____	_____	_____	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

Major Electives (three courses required.)

	Semester/Year:	Course Number:	Course Title:	Research Seminar?
1.	_____	_____	_____	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
2.	_____	_____	_____	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
3.	_____	_____	_____	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

****Some course combinations are subject to departmental approval.****

Additional requirements for Honors Candidates are as follows:

NES 4998 - Fall semester of Senior Year

NES 4999 - Spring semester of Senior Year

Cumulative GPA of 3.5 in NES courses

Thesis (3 copies in final form of 60-80 pages submitted to Honors Chairperson by the Friday closest to April 7.)

Please refer to the Honors Program Checklist for complete information.

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ARTS & SCIENCES REQUIREMENTS

First Year Writing Seminars (Two courses required.)

Semester/Year: Course# and title:

1. _____
2. _____

Foreign Language Requirement

A Cornell language course, numbered 2000 or above, or a non-introductory class conducted in a foreign language.

OR

Eleven credits of study in a single foreign language.

Distribution

Nine courses, three of which are satisfied with a major in humanities or social sciences and four of which are satisfied with a major in sciences (see Courses of Study.)

Electives

Electives - 15 credits outside of major.

Physical Education (Two 1-credit, non-academic courses required in addition to passing swim test.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. **Swim test completed.**

Courses, Credit and Residency Requirements

Minimum of 34 courses (must receive a grade equivalent to C or better in any given course.)

Total of 120 credits, of which 100 credits must be A&S.

Residence: 8 full-time semesters unless exempted.

Note: Arts and Sciences requires that students must carry a minimum of 15 credits during a semester abroad.

DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES (DUS):
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