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President

February 18, 2015

Dean Robert C. Stacey  
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Dear Bob:

Based on the recommendation of its Subcommittee on Admissions and Programs, the Faculty Council on Academic Standards has recommended approval of the revised program requirements for the option in Biblical and Ancient Studies within the Bachelor of Arts degree in Near Eastern Studies. A copy of the change is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilization is authorized to specify these requirements beginning summer quarter 2015.

The information should be incorporated in printed statements and in individual department websites as soon as possible. The *General Catalog* website will be updated accordingly by the Registrar's Office.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael K. Young".

Michael K. Young  
President

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Gabe Skoog (with enclosure)  
Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)  
Ms. Virjean Edwards (with enclosure)



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**CREATING AND CHANGING UNDERGRADUATE  
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<b>College/Campus</b> Arts & Sciences/Seattle	<b>Department/Unit</b> Near Eastern Languages and Civilization	<b>Date</b> 5 May 2014
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**New Programs**

Leading to a Bachelor of \_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_ degree.

Leading to a Bachelor of \_\_\_\_ degree with a major in \_\_\_\_.

Leading to a \_\_\_\_ Option within the existing major in \_\_\_\_.

Leading to a minor in \_\_\_\_.

**Changes to Existing Programs**

New Admission Requirements for the Major in \_\_\_\_ within the Bachelor of \_\_\_\_.

Revised Admission Requirements for the Major in \_\_\_\_ within the Bachelor of \_\_\_\_.

Revised Program Requirements for the Major in ~~Ancient~~ <sup>Biblical &</sup> within the Bachelor of Arts.

Revised Requirements for the Option in \_\_\_\_ within the major in \_\_\_\_.

Revised Requirements for the Minor in \_\_\_\_.

**Other Changes**

Change name of program from \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_.

Change delivery method or location of program.

New or Revised Continuation Policy for \_\_\_\_.

New Honors Requirements for \_\_\_\_.

Eliminate program in \_\_\_\_.

Proposed Effective Date: **Quarter:**  Autumn  Winter  Spring  Summer **Year: 2015**

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**EXPLANATION OF AND RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGE**

For new program, please include any relevant supporting documentation such as student learning outcomes, projected enrollments, letters of support and departmental handouts. (Use additional pages if necessary).

Please see attachment.

**OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED**

List all departments/units/ or co-accredited programs affected by your new program or changes to your existing program and acquire the signature of the chair/director of each department/unit listed. Attach additional page(s) if necessary. \*See online instructions.

Department/Unit:	Chair/Program Director:	Date:
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**CATALOG COPY**

Catalog Copy as currently written. Include only sections/paragraphs that would be changed if your request is approved. Please cross out or otherwise highlight any deletions.

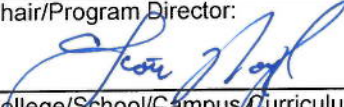
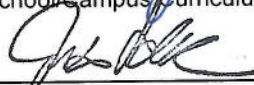

Please see attachment.

**PROPOSED CATALOG COPY**

Reflecting requested changes (Include exact wording as you wish it to be shown in the printed catalog. Please underline or otherwise highlight any additions. If needed, attach a separate, expanded version of the changes that might appear in department publications).  
**Please note:** all copy will be edited to reflect uniform style in the General Catalog.

Please see attachment.

**APPROVALS**

Chair/Program Director: 	Date: 5-5-14
College/School/Campus Curriculum Committee: 	Date: 6/9/14
Dean/Vice Chancellor: Michael C. Shyrie	Date: 6/9/14
Faculty Council on Academic Standards/ General Faculty Organization/Faculty Assembly Chair: 	Date: 10/24/2014
<b>POST TRI-CAMPUS APPROVAL (when needed)</b>	
Faculty Council on Academic Standards/ General Faculty Organization/Faculty Assembly Chair:	Date:



## Hebrew Bible and Ancient Near Eastern Studies Major—72 credits (was 73)

Form 1503: Explanation and Rationale for Proposed Changes

May 2014

**BACKGROUND:** The Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilization has put together a comprehensive package covering changes across our entire academic unit to be effective Summer Quarter 2015. One of the central components of our proposal is the revision of curriculum numbering system in the various language prefixes, as well as the NEAR E prefix. We have also applied for several new language prefixes and are proposing to retire one (HEBR). This application updates the references to specific courses where they appear in the catalog requirements for the program named above. These catalog changes are coordinated to be effective in Summer Quarter 2015, concurrently with the new course numbering schemes as well as the new prefixes so that a smooth transition can occur from the old to the new in Autumn 2015. It is the hope of the NELC faculty that proposing the changes as a single package will provide a clearer picture of our curricular goals and the reasoning behind the changes.

Currently, we offer students four major degree options, all of varying credit requirements ranging from 69-73 credits (all will be 72 credits in the new model): A) Languages and Civilization; B) Culture and Civilization; C) Hebrew Bible and the Ancient Near East; and D) Comparative Islamic Studies. The first option emphasizes the language component, the second less so. The third and fourth differ entirely.

**CHANGES:** To make this major option more commensurate with the previous two options, we propose adding the 100-level gateway course as a requirement. Other changes are primarily cosmetic and entail the addition of new courses, deletion of old courses, and changes in course titles and descriptions. The Senior Seminar course (NEAR E 491, 2 credits) is also required here. What remains the same within the major is the language section, and the particular 200-level introductory courses specific to this Program. Like the “Comparative Cultures” major, we have increased the electives section from 20 to 25 credits, and have removed the “8 credits of Upper Division” section, opting to integrate it into this newly revised electives section. The senior essay requirement is now optional in this major.

A final new requirement for all of our major options is the addition of a residency requirement. All students are now required to have at least 22 of the 72 credits required for the degree in-residence at the Department.



## CURRENT CATALOG COPY:

### *Near Eastern Studies -- Biblical and Ancient Studies*

~~73~~ credits as follows:

- ~~1. Two years of Biblical Hebrew or its equivalent as evidenced by examination (alternatively, a student may satisfy this language requirement by combining a minimum of four quarters of Biblical Hebrew with two quarters of other ancient Near Eastern languages, including Aramaic, hieroglyphic Egyptian, Coptic, Akkadian, second-year Greek, or other appropriate languages as approved by adviser and/or faculty)~~
- ~~2. NEAR E 220 and NEAR E 240~~
- ~~3. An approved program of 20 credits in courses in ancient Near Eastern history, society and culture, and ancient Near Eastern literature in translation~~
- ~~4. 8 credits in non-language, upper-division Near Eastern courses related to the ancient Near East~~
5. A senior essay on a topic in biblical and ancient Near Eastern studies (5 credits).





## PROPOSED CATALOG COPY:

*Near Eastern Studies -- Hebrew Bible and Ancient Near Eastern Studies*

72 credits as follows, ~~22 of which must be taken in-residence at the Department:~~

1. Near East Gateway course (5 credits): NEAR E 101
2. NEAR E 201 and NEAR E 202 (10 credits)
3. Two years of Biblical Hebrew or its equivalent as evidenced by examination (alternatively, a student may satisfy this language requirement by combining a minimum of four quarters of Biblical Hebrew with two quarters of other ancient Near Eastern languages, including Aramaic, Ge'ez, hieroglyphic Egyptian, Coptic, Akkadian, second-year Greek, or other appropriate languages as approved by adviser and/or faculty) (30 credits)
6. 4. Near East residency requirement: At least 22 credits of the 72 required for the degree must be taken in-residence at the Department
4. 5. Senior Seminar course (2 credits): NEAR E 491
5. 6. Near East electives (25 credits): Twenty-five (25) credits of supporting coursework from the following categories: Advanced literature: 300- or 400-level courses from NEAR E or language prefixes; Second Ancient Near Eastern language (must not exceed 15 credits); Approved relevant exceptions from other departments (must not exceed 15 credits). Note: NEAR E 498 (Senior Essay, 5 credits) can be used here if student wishes.



# Hebrew Bible & Ancient Near Eastern Studies (72 credits)

Near Eastern Languages & Civilization

Note: Courses cannot be duplicated and used in multiple areas of the degree.

Twenty-two (22) credits must be taken in-residence at the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilization.

<b>Gateway Course (5 credits)</b>		Credits
	NEAR E 101	5

<b>Introductory NEAR E Course (10 credits)</b>		Credits
Introduction to the Ancient Near East	NEAR E 201	5
Introduction to the Hebrew Bible	NEAR E 202	5

<b>Two Years of Biblical Hebrew (30 credits or equivalent)</b>		Credits
Two years, or its equivalent as evidenced by examination, of Biblical Hebrew coursework at the 100- and 200-levels, 15 credits at each level for a total of 30 credits.		
100-level Biblical Hebrew Coursework		5
Intensive Biblical Hebrew (BIBHEB 105 -- 15 credits) is acceptable. Please note: This is only a Summer option, alternate years.		5
		5
200-level Biblical Hebrew Coursework		5
		5
		5

<b>Senior Seminar (2 credits)</b>		Credits
All seniors are required to take a Senior Seminar class during their final Autumn quarter.	NEAR E 491	2

<b>NEAR E Electives (25 credits)</b>		Credits
Twenty (25) credits of supporting coursework from the following categories:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advanced literature: 300- or 400-level courses from NEAR E or language prefixes</li> <li>Other language courses such as Ugaritic or Egyptian (must not exceed 15 credits)</li> <li>Approved relevant exceptions (must not exceed 15 credits)</li> </ul>		
Note: NEAR E 498 (Senior Essay, 5 credits) can be used here if the student wishes.		

Revisions\* in the NEAR E prefix

Organized by Old (current) Numbers

OLD	NEW	SHORT TITLE
150	313	ISRAELI GLOBAL CONTEXT
210	229	INTRO TO ISLAMIC CIV
211	230	INTRO TO ISLAMIC BELIEFS
212	231	INTRO TO THE QUR'AN
213	232	INTRO MOD MIDDLE EAST
220	201	ANCIENT NEAR E
240	202	HEBREW BIBLE
242	222	CULT HIST OF TURKEY
250	243	IRANIAN CULT & CIV
251	244	IRANIAN REVOLUTION
260	309	DEATH & AFTERLIFE
265	227	CENT ASIAN TRIC LIT
310	306	MODERN LIT IN ENGL
325	319	MOD NEAR LIT ENGL
326	316	ISRAELI IDENTITIES
364	358	ISLAM IN CHINA
375	260	INTRO TO CENT ASIA
402	329	CLAS ARAB LIT TRANS
403	330	MODERN ARABIC NOVEL
404	335	LANGUAGE IDENTITY
410	395	MID-EAST THRU CINEMA
411	405	ISLAMIC THGV/MSTCSM
412	398	JUDDSM/XTANTY/ISLAM
421	429	ISLAMIC THGV/MSTCSM
422	345	SPERS LIT IN TRANS
423	343	CLASSICAL PERSIAN LIT
424	344	MODERN PERSIAN LIT
430	332	CLAS MUSLIM WRITING
431	332	JARAB-AMER WRITERS
432	331	1001 NIGHTS
441	318	LIT & MODERNISM
442	322	TURKISH LIT TRANS
443	372	READING OTTOMAN LIT
451	396	BIBLICAL PROPHETS
452	307	ISRAEL 1ST & CENTUR
453	308	PROPHECY IN OLD TESTAMT
454	309	DEATH & AFTERLIFE
461	310	GENDER & SEXUALITY IN HBANE
462	313	ISRAELI GLOBAL CONTEXT
463	316	ISRAELI IDENTITIES
464	317	DEWISH LIT & FILM
471	318	LIT & MODERNISM
472	319	MOD NEAR LIT ENGL
473	316	ISRAELI FILM
481	329	CLAS ARAB LIT TRANS
482	330	MODERN ARABIC NOVEL
483	331	1001 NIGHTS
484	332	JARAB-AMER WRITERS
485	333	JUDDSM/XTANTY/ISLAM
491	334	ARAB CULTURE
492	335	LANGUAGE IDENTITY
493	343	CLASSICAL PERSIAN LIT
494	344	MODERN PERSIAN LIT
495	345	SPERS LIT IN TRANS
496	357	ICLTR ENTRL/INR ASIA
497	358	ISLAM IN CHINA
498	359	LANG/ETHNIC IDENT CA
499	372	READING OTTOMAN LIT
500	372	TURKISH LIT TRANS
510	363	MID-EAST THRU CINEMA
511	366	MOD NE LIT IN ENGL
512	396	SPECIAL STUDIES
521	429	ISLAMIC THGV/MSTCSM
522	430	CLAS MUSLIM WRITING
523	431	JARABIC LINGUISTICS
524	432	JARABIC SOCIOLING
525	433	TURKIC LINGUISTICS
526	434	DIGITAL MEDIA
527	435	NEAR E METHODOLOGY
528	436	INDEPENDENT STUDY/RSCH
529	437	SPECIAL STUDIES
530	438	NONOCS THESIS
531	439	SENIOR ESSAY
532	440	UNDERGRAD RESEARCH
533	441	ANCIENT NEAR E ART
534	442	CINEMA IN ANCIENT NEAR E
535	443	ANCIENT NEAR E RELIGS
536	444	BIBLICAL PROPHETS
537	445	USE OF HEBR BIB IN NEW TESTMT
538	446	PROPHECY IN OLD TESTAMT
539	447	GENDER & SEXUALITY IN HBANE
540	448	ANCIENT NEAR E ART
541	449	CINEMA IN ANCIENT NEAR E
542	450	ANCIENT NEAR E RELIGS
543	451	BIBLICAL PROPHETS
544	452	USE OF HEBR BIB IN NEW TESTMT
545	453	HIST BIBL INTERPRET
546	454	ISRAEL 1ST & CENTUR
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559	467	JARABIC LINGUISTICS
560	468	JARABIC SOCIOLING
561	469	ISLAMIC LAW
562	470	ICLTR ENTRL/INR ASIA
563	471	ISLAM IN CHINA
564	472	MID-EAST THRU CINEMA
565	473	MOD NE LITS IN ENGL
566	474	INTHDS/MATRLS/TEACHG
567	475	NEAR E METHODOLOGY
568	476	RESEARCH METHODS
569	477	SMNR NEAR EAST CIVL
570	478	SPECIAL STUDIES
571	479	INDEPENDENT STUDY/RSCH
572	480	MASTER'S THESIS

Organized by New Numbers

OLD	NEW	SHORT TITLE
101	101	NEAR E GATEWAY
198	198	SPECIAL STUDIES
199	199	STUDY ABROAD
270	201	ANCIENT NEAR E
240	202	HEBREW BIBLE
210	229	INTRO TO ISLAMIC CIV
211	230	INTRO TO ISLAMIC BELIEFS
212	231	INTRO TO THE QUR'AN
213	232	INTRO MOD MIDDLE EAST
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260	257	CENT ASIAN TRIC LIT
258	258	INTRO TO CHINGIZ ATTMATOV
259	259	FOLKTALES ALONG SR
261	260	INTRO TO CENT ASIA
262	261	KAZAKHSTAN
263	262	KYRGYZSTAN
264	263	UZBEKISTAN
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267	266	SPECIAL STUDIES
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Key: Bold courses are new; *italics* are existing courses that are changing numbers; (bold/italics/new range; just *italics*-some range).

\*Note: NELC is submitting the appropriate paperwork and forms for all courses on this list that require them. This list is provided to show the overall revisions planned for courses in the NEAR E prefix.

Sample worksheet:

NEAR Languages and Cultures (2 credits)

Gateway Course (6 credits)

Introductory NEAR E Course (6 credits)

Two Years of Primary Language (16 credits or equivalent)

Advanced Level Coursework in Primary Language (16 credits)

Senior Seminar (2 credits)

NEAR E Electives (20 credits)

any two years of the languages we offer; e.g.:- ARAB 101, 102, 103  
 ↳ 5 credits each = 15 total 1<sup>st</sup> year  
 (or ARAB 105 - 15 cr. Sum intensive)

AND: - ARAB 201, 202, 203  
 ↳ 5 credits each = 15 total 2<sup>nd</sup> year  
 (or ARAB 205 - 15 cr. summer intensive)

any 20 credits of these classes

30 credits total of ONE language