

MA MES – ANE focus

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This document was compiled by the Graduate Adviser and Graduate Coordinator in consultation with Hebrew Bible/Ancient Near East faculty. The purpose of this document is to define which courses focused on the HB/ANE area count for which category of the degree requirements for the Master's in Middle Eastern Studies.

Thesis plan (30 hours)

4 seminars

2 upper-division language courses

2 concentration courses (that apply to thesis)

2 thesis courses

Report plan (33 hours)

5 seminars

2 upper-division language courses

3 concentration courses (that apply to report)

1 report course

Courses that count as seminars

Courses must have an MES cross-listing or Graduate Advisor approval to count towards the seminar requirement. Students focused on the ANE should still take a variety of MES courses.

- HEB 380C Bible in Hebrew I-IV
 - MA students must have advanced language experience in Biblical Hebrew and instructor permission to register.
- MEL 383 Topics in the ANE - Comparative Semitic Linguistics
- MEL 383 Topics in the ANE - Critical Problems in Second Temple Judaism
- MEL 383C Current Issues in Hebrew Bible
- MES 381 Topics in Seminar in Middle Eastern Civilizations and Cultures
- MES 384 Topics in the Middle East: Social Science
- MES 385 Topics in the Middle East: History
- MES 386 Topics in the Middle East: Arts and Humanities

Courses that count as upper-division language courses

Students must complete two upper-division and/or graduate-level language courses.

- HEB 380C Bible in Hebrew I-IV
- MEL 380C Akkadian III
- MEL 380C Akkadian IV
- MEL 380C Targumic Aramaic
- MEL 380C Ugaritic
- MEL 380C Syriac
- MEL 380C Ethiopic

- Any modern upper-division language

Courses that could count as concentration courses

Courses must be applicable to thesis/report to count as a concentration course (pending Graduate Adviser approval). Upper-division undergraduate courses in MES or other units may also count as concentration courses. A sample list is provided below.

- HEB 380C Bible in Hebrew I-IV
- MEL 380C Akkadian III
- MEL 380C Akkadian IV
- MEL 380C Targumic Aramaic
- MEL 380C Ugaritic
- MEL 380C Syriac
- MEL 380C Ethiopic
- Other ancient languages – would have to apply to thesis/report

Classical Civilization (upper-division undergraduate and graduate courses)

- C C 340 Advanced Topics in Classical Archaeology (upper-division undergraduate course)
- C C 348 Topics in Ancient Civilization (upper-division undergraduate course)
- C C 375 Topics in Seminar in Classical Studies
- C C 380 Topics in Seminar in Classical Archaeology
- C C 382 Topics in Field Archaeology
- C C 383 Topics in Classical Civilization
- C C 383K Current Concepts and Research in Classics

Middle Eastern Studies (upper-division undergraduate courses)

- MES 341 Topics in the Middle East: Social Science
 - The Cities of the Middle East
 - Contemporary Jerusalem
- MES 342 Topics in the Middle East: Arts and Humanities
 - Various topics may have cross-listings in other departments
 - Myths and Legends of the Ancient Near East
 - Ancient Mediterranean Religion and Astrology
 - The Qur'an
 - Biblical Archaeology
 - The Dead Sea Scrolls
 - Biblical Prophecy
 - Lost Languages and Decipherment
 - Daily Life in Ancient Egypt
 - Abraham and Abrahamic Religions
 - Angels, Demons, and Magic in Early Christianity
 - Ancient Egypt
 - Divine Persuasion in Biblical Times and Place

- Debating Genesis
- Law and Justice in the Bible
- The Book of Job
- The Five Books of Moses
- Major Islamic Texts
- MES 343 Topics in the Middle East: History
 - Prophet of Islam: His Life and Times
 - Origins of Monotheism
 - Archaeology of Jesus' World

Jewish Studies (upper-division undergraduate courses)

- J S 363 Topics in the Humanities and Arts
- J S 364 Topics in History
- J S 365 Topics in the Social Sciences

Religious Studies (upper-division undergraduate and graduate courses)

- R S 325 Prophet of Islam: His Life and Times
- R S 335 Jesus in History and Tradition
- R S 346S Debating the Bible in the Twenty-First Century
- R S 353E Beyond the New Testament
- R S 355 The Bible as Literature
- R S 375S Topics in Advanced Seminars in Religious Studies
- R S 383C Topics in Comparative Religion
- R S 383M Theory and Method in the Study of Religion
- R S 383T Topics in Theoretical Approaches to the Study of Religion
- R S 386H Topics in Critical Issues in the Hebrew Bible
- R S 386M Topics in Critical Issues in Ancient Mediterranean Religions
- R S 387M Topics in Seminars in Ancient Mediterranean Religions

Linguistics (upper-division undergraduate and graduate courses)

- LIN 345 Language Change and Language Variation
- LIN 350 Special Topics in the Study of Language
- LIN 382 Historical Linguistics