

Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures (MEL)

MEL 380 Topics in Middle Eastern Cultures 3 Hours

MEL 380.1 Gender, Clothing, and Identity in Muslim Societies 3 Hours

MEL 380.2 Introduction to Islamic Studies 3 Hours
Introduction to the academic field of Islamic Studies.

MEL 380C Topics in Middle Eastern Languages 3 Hours
Advanced studies in Middle Eastern languages.

MEL 380C.1 Targumic Aramaic 3 Hours
Examines Aramaic translations of the Hebrew bible that contain many exegetical deviations from the Hebrew text, and provide a glimpse of Jewish theology at the time of their composition.

MEL 380C.2 Syriac 3 Hours
Study of the eastern Aramaic dialect that was spoken in the ancient Near East until the Muslim occupation. Examines the use of the dialect as a vehicle for Christianity in the East; its use in poetry, science, and philosophy; and its influence on Arabic. Covers the essentials of Syriac grammar for the purpose of reading Syriac texts.

MEL 380C.3 Classical Ethiopic 3 Hours
Study of the fourth-century language of the Semitic people who lived in what is now Ethiopia and Eritrea. Covers the alphabet and grammar needed for reading translations of the Bible and other texts.

MEL 380C.4 Ugaritic 3 Hours
Study of the West Semitic languages from the city of Ugarit in what is now Syria, which was spoken from the fourteenth through twelfth century BC. Covers the essentials of grammar needed for reading Ugaritic texts.

MEL 380C.6 Akkadian I 3 Hours
Introduction to the study of Akkadian, the principal language used in ancient Assyria, Babylonia, and their environs. Explore Old Babylonian grammar and the cuneiform writing system.

MEL 380C.7 Akkadian II 3 Hours
Continue the study of Akkadian and Old Babylonian grammar, syntax, and signs.

MEL 380C.8 Akkadian III 3 Hours
Read Akkadian texts from a variety of genres and time periods, including Assyrian and Babylonian letters and royal inscriptions.

MEL 380C.9 Akkadian IV 3 Hours
Read Akkadian texts from a variety of genres and time periods, including Standard Babylonian literary texts.

MEL 381 Topics in Middle Eastern Literatures 3 Hours

MEL 382 Topics in Middle Eastern Linguistics 3 Hours

MEL 382.1 Teaching Middle Eastern Languages 3 Hours

MEL 382.2 Introduction to the Structure of Semitic Languages 3 Hours
Covers the grammatical structure of a number of ancient and modern Semitic languages (such as Akkadian, Biblical Hebrew, Ethiopic, and Modern Aramaic) and of the family of languages as a whole.

MEL 383 Topics in the Ancient Near East 3 Hours

MEL 383.10 Critical Problems in New Testament 3 Hours
Study foundational and emergent scholarly works and critical approaches in the study of Christian origins and the books of the New Testament in their ancient Jewish and Greco-Roman contexts.

MEL 383.6 Comparative Semitic Linguistics 3 Hours
Examine the Semitic languages and review the basic features of their phonology, morphology, and syntax.

MEL 383.7 Art, Gender, and Religion in Late Antiquity 3 Hours
Examine the gendered experience of religion in Late Antiquity using the evidence of artistic record, with a primary focus on the Mediterranean world.

MEL 383.8 Critical Problems in Second Temple Judaism 3 Hours
Examine the literature and material culture of Second Temple Judaism (circa 520 BCE to circa 135 CE) in dialogue with recent scholarship on Jews and Judaism in Persian, Hellenistic, and early Roman contexts.

MEL 383.9 Critical Problems in Judaism in Late Antiquity 3 Hours
Examine the literature and history of Judaism from the destruction of the Second Jewish Temple in 70 CE to the early Middle Ages, with a primary focus on classical Rabbinic Judaism as well as mystical and other writings beyond the canon.

MEL 383C Current Issues in Hebrew Bible 3 Hours
Examines the issues that are current in one major area of Hebrew Bible scholarship.

MEL 383D Exegetical Seminar in Hebrew Bible 3 Hours
Examines a biblical book (e.g. Song of Songs) or subject (e.g. Jubilee) applying history, philology, literary theory, poetics, history of interpretation, and linguistics.

MEL 389 Conference Course in Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures 3 Hours
Supervised individual study of selected problems in Middle Eastern languages and cultures.

MEL 393 Comprehensive Examination Preparation 3 Hours

MEL 194, 294, 394 Professional Development in Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures 1-3 Hours

MEL 698 Thesis 6 Hours

MEL 398R Master's Report 3 Hours
Preparation of a report to fulfill the requirement for the master's degree under the report option.

MEL 398T Supervised Teaching in Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures 3 Hours
Teaching under the close supervision of a faculty member; weekly group meetings with the instructor, individual consultation, and reports throughout the teaching period.

MEL 399W, 699W, 999W Dissertation 3,6,9 Hours