Graduate Program: How to Apply

Application Deadline: January 15

What NELC is looking for in a MA candidate

We are looking for students who demonstrate a passion for and have abilities in the languages, literatures, and cultures of the Near East. Students must have a Bachelor's Degree and are strongly encouraged, though not required, to have undertaken at least two years of formal language study in a Near Eastern language before applying. A GPA of 3.4 or higher is required. Native speakers of Near Eastern languages are also encouraged to apply. Your overall application will be considered in the selection process.

Applicants are encouraged to apply for a FLAS Fellowship. The FLAS Fellowship is awarded for the study of the following NELC languages: Arabic, Modern Hebrew, Persian, Kazakh, Turkish, Uygur and Uzbek. The FLAS fellowship application is due at the end of January.

Application Process

You will need to complete the Graduate School's online application by January 15th to be considered for NELC's M.A. program. Students can only begin the program Autumn quarter. Read our Graduate Admissions FAQ’s flier for questions about the NELC admissions process.

If you are an International applicant living outside the U.S., you are strongly encouraged to complete application requirements at least thirty days prior to the deadline for the program to ensure sufficient time for graduate admission review.

Items Needed for the Online Application*: 

1. Statement of purpose
2. Sample of written work
3. Three letters of recommendation
4. GRE scores
5. List of language experience
6. Unofficial transcript(s): if you are accepted, the Graduate School will ask for your official transcript(s).

Please do not mail any materials to the Department. Official GRE scores must be reported to UW institution code 4854. There is no department code.

Funding

NELC has some teaching assistantships and fellowships available. Applicants interested in a T.A. position should apply for it simultaneously.
If you have any questions about the application process, please contact the Graduate Program Advisor at neareast@uw.edu.

Graduate Non-Matriculated (GNM) Students

Please check with the Graduate Program Advisor to see if NELC is accepting Graduate Non-Matriculated students before you start the application process.

When to apply

Autumn Quarter—September 1
Winter Quarter—December 1
Spring Quarter—March 1
Summer Quarter—May 15

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