Honors Degree Programs in Near Eastern Studies

NELC offers students the opportunity to pursue the Near Eastern Studies major as an honors major. There are two levels of honors programs at the University of Washington: College Honors and Departmental Honors. For the differences, see the general University website discussing the distinction between the two.

NELC majors who have not been admitted to the College Honors program may request to be admitted to the NELC departmental honors program if they meet all four of the following requirements:

1. Students will be admitted only by NELC faculty nomination, students may convey their interest in the honors track to any NELC faculty member;

2. Prior to admission to the departmental honors program a student must have taken at least one advanced 300-level course in NELC (this does not include elementary and intermediate language courses);

3. the student must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.5 overall and 3.7 in courses required for the NELC major;

4. the student must successfully complete an honors thesis, written over the course of two quarters under the supervision of a faculty advisor; the expectations for this honors thesis are substantially higher than those for the senior essay.

**NELC majors who are also in the College Honors program must complete the above minimum requirements.** In addition, they must also take the series of courses offered by NELC faculty in the College Honors curriculum.

Departmental Honors Nomination Form (pdf file)

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