Information on major requirements is subject to change and is provided here for information purposes. For current information about major requirements, contact your CLA student community or the major department. --- 01/02

B.A.
The study of the ancient Near East is the study of the civilizations of ancient Mesopotamia, Syria, Israel, Egypt and Persia. Students study the languages, literatures, and material remains of the great civilizations of the fertile crescent that have made lasting contributions in law, religion, myth, monumental architecture, art, and the sciences.

Preparatory Coursework
Students intending to major in ancient Near Eastern studies are required to complete Afro 3102—Intermediate Arabic II or Hebr 3012—Intermediate Hebrew II.

Degree Requirements
Students must complete at least 120 credits to graduate, including at least 30 credits in the major. These credits include an additional Near Eastern language from the list below, courses chosen from anthropology, archaeology, art history, linguistics, literature, and completion of a major project.

Required Courses

Language (one of the following two-course sequences)
- Akka 5011-5012
- Arm 5011-5012
- Copt 5001-5002
- Sum 5011-5012

Art History and Archaeology
- Clas 3008—History of Ancient Art
- Clas 3088 or 3089—Archaeology in Biblical Lands
- ArtH 3142—Art of Egypt

Social Sciences (two courses from the following)
- Anth 3001, 3009, 3011

Linguistics
- Ling 3001—Introduction to Linguistics
- Ling 3601—Introduction to Historical Linguistics

Final Project
A major project is required, including registration in ANE 3951 (1-4 cr). Double majors in ancient Near Eastern studies and Hebrew complete only one project. The project generally takes the form of a paper, but other forms of a project may be considered.

What can I do with a major in Ancient and Near Eastern studies?

Skills
Ancient and Near Eastern studies majors develop skills that are applicable to a wide variety of careers. These skills include:
- Knowledge base in art history and archaeology
- Verbal and written communication skills
- Analyzing and critical thinking skills
- Listening, clarifying, questioning and responding skills
- Ability to work well with diverse groups

Employment
Common areas of employment for this major include but are not limited to:
- Education—teaching, research, admissions, advising, student affairs
- Government—public information, campaigns, research, elected official
- Media—writing, editing, public relations, management
- Nonprofit—fundraising, programming, management
You have not declared a major until you have:

- completed a Major Program Form with your major adviser
- filed a copy with the major department
- filed a copy with your CLA student community
- be sure to keep a copy for yourself

Today’s workplace requires individuals with interpersonal skills, the ability to communicate effectively, an ability to solve problems, and adaptability. CLA graduates find that they are well-prepared in all these areas and that their education—especially when combined with experience gained through internships, volunteer positions, past jobs, and other collegiate involvement—makes them competitive.

The Career & Community Learning Center provides students with the tools to identify and pursue potential careers. An extensive resource room, the CLA Link website, career courses and workshops, and a helpful staff are just some of the ways we can help.

How do I declare an Ancient and Near Eastern studies major?

You will be required to declare a major by the time you have completed 60 credits.

1. Talk with someone from the department: an adviser, a professor, or a teaching assistant, to learn more about the major and its requirements.

2. When you decide upon an Ancient and Near Eastern studies major, meet with the appropriate person from the department to complete a Major Program form.

3. Bring a copy of the form to your CLA student community.

4. If you decide to change your major, contact your student community to learn more about your new major’s declaration process.

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