Armenian Studies

The Department of Armenian Studies offers courses that lead to the B.A. degree in Armenian Studies. The program is designed to provide a solid academic foundation in Armenian letters, history, politics, and culture. As such, the program intends to prepare students for teaching in Armenian schools and for community service and leadership, as well as for graduate studies.

A major in Armenian Studies requires the completion of 42 credits in this Department, including the Armenian component of the general education program. To qualify for a B.A. in Armenian Studies, students entering as sophomores must complete a minimum of 94 credits of 200-level courses. Students entering as freshmen must complete a minimum of 124 credits, of which at least 94 credits ought to be 200-level courses. In both cases, the 200-level courses must include 42 credits in the Department and 30 credits of general university requirements.

Courses in the Department are usually given in Armenian; each year, however, a number of courses are given in English and appear on the semester course schedule with the regular number followed by an “E” (e.g. 211E).

The Department also offers a minor in Armenian Studies. It requires 18 credits: Armenian Language (3cr.), Armenian History (3cr.), Armenian Literature (3cr.), Armenian Cultural History (3cr.), one elective in any discipline (3cr.), Special Topics or Senior Seminar (3cr.). For more details regarding minors, kindly refer to the Minors section of the catalog.

The Department of Armenian Studies publishes a scholarly annual, the *Haigazian Armenological Review*, which is devoted to original research in the area of Armenian Studies. The Department also offers lectures and seminars to educators and the public at large. While contributing to the life of the University and the local Armenian community, these activities also enrich the educational experience of students pursuing an Armenian degree as these students are invited to benefit from the lectures and to submit their own work for publication.

General Education

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Four Area Electives (12 cr.)
One of the four electives must be chosen from the Armenian Cultural History section of the following course offerings.

Armenian Studies Courses

Armenian Language

ARM 200 Introduction to Armenian (3cr.)
This course aims at teaching the Armenian alphabet, short conversations, short sentences and the use of simple verbs, focusing more on the listening and speaking skills of Armenian, rather than writing and reading. (Not Open to Armenian Students)

ARM 201 Elementary Armenian (3cr.)
This bilingual English-Armenian course aims at teaching the Armenian alphabet, reading short texts, writing sentences, conjugating verbs, speaking, listening and translating. (Open to Armenian students with no prior instruction in Armenian)

ARM 203 Advanced Modern Armenian - A (3cr.)
A comprehensive study of the different language skills: spelling, conversation, vocabulary, grammar, and composition.

ARM 204 Advanced Modern Armenian - B (3cr.)

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An in-depth study of advanced grammar, syntax, text analysis, proper phrasing, foreign terms, and prospects of the Armenian language.

**ARM 205 Classical Armenian** *(3cr.)*

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Basic grammar with emphasis on nouns, adjectives, adverbs, verbs, use of prepositions, styles, syntax, practical homework, translation from modern to classical Armenian and vice versa. Prerequisite: ARM 203.

**ARM 209 History of Armenian Language** *(3cr.)*

 jinovjakan մեկ մինչև տասներորդ դար մեջ (հայերենի հնուցչություն երկրաշարժը, կազակերտի հայերեն, ցուցանակ հայերեն, Պարսկահայ դիտուհի ու գործարար, օգտակար բարելավություն հայերենի վրա) և բազմազանության բազա մեջ հիմնավորանքեր, առաջադրականության, դիտարկության:  
An introduction to the development of the Armenian language from the fifth century C.E. to the present with special emphasis on grammar, pronunciation, etymology, and morphology. Prerequisite: ARM 205.

**ARM 292 Seminar: Selected Topics in Armenian Language** *(3cr.)*

 հայերենի հիմնական դասագրություն և տարբերակություն մասնագիտական խմբի համար. Հայերենի և տարբերակության վերահրատարակելու խմբի:  
Special topics of interest to students in such areas as Armenian language and linguistics, to be chosen by the Department.

**Armenian Literature**

 Հայերենի և հայերենի հիմնական դասագրություն և կրթության մեջ իր տեսակի պատմականության, արվեստի և գրականության, պատմականության և առաջադրության կենսագիր.
The course covers the history of ancient Armenian literature from its beginnings in the fifth century A.D. to the late Middle Ages. It encompasses the lives and works of renowned Armenian authors of that period, together with readings from selected texts.

**ARM 222 History of Armenian Literature - 2** (3cr.)

The course covers the history of modern Armenian literature, with emphasis on the contribution of the Mekhitarian and the famous Eastern and Western Armenian authors of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. It encompasses reading from selected texts and review of literary periodicals published during this period.

**ARM 224 Armenian Poetry 1850-1920** (3cr.)

The course is designed to explore Armenian poetry from the mid-19th century to the early decades of the 20th century, with selected readings and a brief study of the research done in this field.

**ARM 225 Armenian Short Story and Novel 1850-1920** (3cr.)

The study of Armenian prose from the mid-19th century to the early decades of the 20th century, with selected readings and a brief study of the research done in this field.
ARM 227 Contemporary Armenian Literature of the Diaspora

An investigation of the birth and development of Diaspora literature in the U.S., France, Egypt, Iran, Turkey, Syria and Lebanon, with readings of selected texts; an overview of the Diaspora literary periodicals, their characteristics and future prospects.

ARM 228 Soviet Armenian Literature

An inquiry into the birth and development of Soviet Armenian literature, with selected readings, as well as an overview of Soviet Armenian literary periodicals, their characteristics and future prospects in the post-Soviet era.

ARM 230 Armenian Folk Literature

A study of different genres of Armenian folk literature: legends, epic songs, folktales, myths, fables, folksongs and the folk epic “Daredevils of Sassoun”, with readings from selected texts.

ARM 292 Selected Topics in Armenian Literature From the 5th to 20th Centuries

Special topics of interest to students in such areas as Armenian Literature, to be chosen by the Department.
ARM 211 History of the Armenian People from Prehistory to the 11th Century A.D. (3cr.)

A scientific study of the political history of the Armenian people in the light of international developments from the pre-Armenian period of the history of Armenia to the invasions of the Seljuks, as well as the social, economic and cultural aspects of Armenian history.

ARM 212 History of the Armenian People from 11th Century to 1991 (3cr.)

A critical study of the political history of the Armenian people in the light of international developments from the Seljuk invasions up to the Declaration of Independence of Armenia in 1991. The course also presents social, economic and cultural aspects of Armenian history.

ARM 253 Arab Domination of Armenia and the Rise of the Bagratuni Dynasty: 7th - 9th Century (3cr.)

The course covers Armeno-Persian and Armeno-Byzantine relations from 590
A.D. to the first Arab invasions in Armenia; political, social and economic relations between Armenians and Arabs; and the Paulician movement.

**ARM 256 The Armenian Question in the Light of Eastern Question and the Armenian Revolutionary Movement (3cr.)**

A critical review of the Ottoman Empire and the Eastern Question; the internationalization of the Eastern and Armenian Questions; the Armenian Question in the peace conferences of San-Stefano, Berlin, Paris, London and Lausanne.

**ARM 257 History of Cilician Armenia: 11th-14th Century (3cr.)**

The course studies the role of Philaretus Varazhun and the establishment of an Armenian principality in Cilicia; the reign of the Rubenid and Hetumid Dynasties in light of Armeno-Crusader, Armeno-Mamluk relations.

**ARM 258 Armenia in the Twentieth Century (3cr.)**

A critical study of the political, social and economic life of the Armenian people at the beginning of the 20th century; the Genocide in 1915; the proclamation of the Republic of Armenia; Soviet Armenia; the re-emergence of an independent Armenian state.

**ARM 259 History of the Armenian Diaspora from the Earliest Times to 1914 (3cr.)**

A.D. to the first Arab invasions in Armenia; political, social and economic relations between Armenians and Arabs; and the Paulician movement.
The course covers the emigration of Armenians throughout the ages until 1914; the social, economic and cultural life of Armenian communities in the Byzantine Empire, Persia, India, Russia, Eastern Europe, the Americas and the Near East.

A study of concepts of Spurk (Diaspora) and Hayapahpanoom (Preservation); the identity of the Diasporan Armenian; political and community structures; the social and political participation of Diasporan Armenians in local life; the role of the church in the history and culture of the Diaspora.

This course studies the history and politics of the Mountainous Karabagh conflict between the Armenians and Azerbaijani. Particular emphasis is placed on the political developments of the conflict in the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries. The course also examines the various peace initiatives by the OSCE to reach a negotiated solution between the conflicting parties.
This course is a critical analysis of the Armenian genocide from a historical perspective. It concentrates on the destruction of the Armenian population of the Ottoman Empire during World War I to the ultimate resolve of the Turko-Armenian conflict. Particular emphasis will be placed on genocidal and violence policies to resolve political conflicts.

ARM 265E History of Armenian Political Thought

The course covers the study of the state, political and diplomatic thought in Armenia, Cilicia and the Diaspora from its beginnings to the present in the light of national-social structures, international relations, and corresponding documents.

ARM 266E Government and Politics in Armenia

A survey of the development of the present political system of Armenia, with emphasis on the post-Soviet period. Study of governmental institutions and processes, of the dynamics of political, economic, social and other forces and groupings in the country. Prerequisite: PSC 201 or Junior Standing.
The course discusses the ongoing transition from the socialist mode of economic development to a mixed market economy in the countries of the former communist bloc, focusing on Armenia as a special case study. It analyzes the basic features of the economies in transition, the sources of external finance, reform measures within the different economic sectors, and the position of the state vis-à-vis various political groups. Prerequisite: Junior Standing.

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This course surveys the political, social, cultural, artistic and technical relations between the Arabs and the Armenians during the 7th to 10th centuries (1st to the 4th Hegira centuries). It includes a holistic presentation of the different spheres of interaction between the Armenians and the Arabs during this period and as documented by Armenian sources.

**ARM 292 Seminar: Selected Topics in Armenian History** (3cr.)

This seminar will cover various topics related to Armenian History, focusing on the period between the 7th to 10th centuries. Special topics of interest to students in such areas as Armenian History, to be chosen by the Department.

**Armenian Cultural History**

**Arm 226 Modern Armenian Drama** (3cr.)

A survey of the history of Armenian theater and a study of the works of influential modern Armenian playwrights.

**ARM 270E Armenians in Lebanon** (3cr.)

The course highlights the settlement of the Armenians in Lebanon after the Genocide (1915). It surveys aspects of Lebanese Armenian national, cultural, educational, institutional, economic and industrial revival. It analyzes the socio-political integration of the Armenians in the Lebanese polity and assesses their contribution to, and role and place in Lebanon. The course discusses, as well, the impact of the Lebanese Armenian community within the Armenian space.
The course is designed to explore the religious experience of the Armenian people from pre-historic times to the present with special emphasis on the origins and development of the Armenian Apostolic, Armenian Catholic and Armenian Evangelical Churches.

The course introduces students to the major archaeological periods of Historical Armenia from the Old Stone Age till the fourteenth century, as well as those of Cilician Armenia from the eleventh to the fourteenth centuries. The study is based on the written inscriptions, the standing monuments and the archaeological excavations of each age. A detailed study of a representative site is chosen as a case study for each period, emphasizing architecture, artifacts, texts and numismatics.

The course studies the evolution of Armenian manuscript illumination, its major centers and the contributions of prominent Armenian miniature artists; the development of Armenian painting in Soviet and post-Soviet Armenia and the Diaspora.
ARM 275 History of Armenian Music

(3cr.)

The course covers Armenian religious music; minstrel (ashugh) and troubadour (gusan) songs; Armenian folk songs; and modern and contemporary Armenian music and composers.

ARM 276 History of Armenian Architecture

(3cr.)

The course studies ancient architectural monuments in Armenia; the development of Armenian architecture; city-planning; the contribution of famous Armenian architects and engineers; and the characteristics of Armenian architecture.

ARM 277 History of Armenian Philosophical Thought

(3cr.)

A study of the evolution of Armenian philosophical thought throughout the centuries in Armenia and the Diaspora. Students will study the works of Armenian philosophers from the 5th to the 20th centuries.

ARM 278 History of Armenian Cinematography

(3cr.)

The course analyzes the idea and the development of motion pictures, their introduction into Armenian life. Armenian feature-length silent and sound fiction films, documentaries, animated cartoons; and the legacy of famous Armenian film directors.
ARM 279 Introduction to the History of Armenian Journalism

The development of Armenian journalism since the 18th century in Armenia and the Diaspora; renowned Armenian publishers; Armenian printing houses, editors and periodical publications; Soviet Armenian and Diaspora journalism; characteristics and future prospects.

ARM 280 History of Armenian Education

An examination of the development of Armenian pedagogical thought since the 5th century; Armenian educational institutions and programs; Armenian educators, achievements, and the future of the Armenian educational endeavor.

ARM 282 Armenian Historiography

A study of Armenian historiography as an important and indispensable aspect of Armenian cultural heritage along with analysis of its development and its different schools. Particular emphasis will be placed on its highpoints; the scholarly, social, political and religious world-view of Armenian historians throughout the ages; the importance and value of the works they have created; and the development and achievements of Soviet Armenian historiography.

ARM 291 Introduction to Armenology

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A critical study of the field of Armenology, its development and achievements, its current status, contemporary issues and prospects, Armenological centers, periodicals, Armenian and non-Armenian Armenologists.

**ARM 292 Seminar: Selected Topics in Armenian Cultural History (3 cr.)**

Special topics of interest to students in such areas as Armenian Cultural History, to be chosen by the Department.

**ARM 295 Senior Seminar (3 cr.)**

A culminating activity required of all majors. The course involves the writing of a thesis. It must be researched, prepared and written under the guidance of a member of the Department, meeting accepted standards of research procedures and reporting format.