

Achieving an excellent education is about many things: becoming a well-educated citizen, gaining knowledge for thoughtful and well-considered decisions, engaging your curiosity, and developing skills that will contribute to the greater good, for example. In addition, your education also prepares you to pursue a **wide variety of career paths.**

Depth of knowledge generally refers to the information and ways of thinking that are directly related to your academic major. In addition, you have developed an **incredibly important set of more general skills:** to think analytically and critically; to view issues in context and from multiple perspectives; to ask and address questions about ethical and societal implications; to pursue research; to engage your creativity; and to communicate complex issues clearly. Thus, **Near Eastern Languages & Civilization majors** offer an array of skills which are **highly valued by employers** from all sectors.

Many Possibilities. Because your major is not narrowly focused on specific career paths, you have a wide array of professional options. While this kind of career flexibility is definitely good news, it does require you to be more *proactive* in identifying and articulating your skills to potential employers.

Ready for the Work World. Five top critical skills identified by employers in a recent national survey were:

- Ability to communicate clearly
- Interpersonal / Teamwork skills
- Problem-solving and decision-making abilities
- Ability to find and process information
- Ability to plan, organize, and prioritize

You have undoubtedly developed these skills while studying at UW.

JOB SKILLS RELATED TO NEAR EASTERN LITERATURES & CIVILIZATION (NELC) MAJORS

Here are even more career-related skills and strengths that employers value:

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| Read/interpret/synthesize complex material | Perceive patterns, structures, relationships |
| See situations from multiple perspectives | Understand human nature & its variations |
| Communicate in more than one language | Identify and explore implications |
| Produce effective persuasive writing | Propose and support recommendations |
| Write/revise for wide variety of audiences | Simultaneously see big picture and details |
| Understand & appreciate cultural variations | Engage intellectual curiosity |
| Design and implement engaging presentations | Conduct research |
| Understand nuance and subtlety | Bring motivation, imagination, enthusiasm, initiative |
| Handle ambiguity adeptly | Compare, contrast information / Draw conclusions |
| Apply mental agility to creative problem-solving | Work well individually and on teams |
| Understand the broader context | Understand how data can be interpreted in multiple ways |
| Gather, analyze, organize, interpret data | Write, revise, edit, proofread |
| Summarize concisely and accurately | And many more! |
| Link abstract concepts to practical applications | |

NEXT PAGE: ACTUAL JOBS IN THESE THREE CATEGORIES:

1. NELC is *required/preferred* and the job's *primary* duties directly relate to your major (Mainly entry-level)
2. NELC is *required/preferred* but job's *primary* duties aren't directly related to your major (Entry-level)

3. NELC *isn't required or preferred* but your transferable skills make you highly qualified (Entry-Level)
*In some cases, actual employers are included to convey the variety of employers.
Remember that, usually, you needn't have every single qualification in order to apply.*

1. NELC is *Required* and the job's *primary* responsibilities directly relate to your major (Entry level/beyond)

Translator / Interpreter / Linguist (many)
Language Tutor / Teacher / Instructor (many)
Arabic Cultural & Linguistic Liaison
Health Care Interpreter
Translator and Subtitler (English/Arabic) - (Crunchyroll)
Cryptologic Linguists --Multiple Languages (SOS International)

2. NELC is *Required/Preferred* but job's *primary* duties aren't directly related to your major (Entry-level)

Research Associate, Middle East (Council on Foreign Relations)
Open Source Officer (Central Intelligence Agency)
Program Assistant, Middle East & North Africa (Partners for Democratic Change)
Junior-Level All-Source Intelligence Analyst (Whitney, Bradley and Brown)
User Operations International Associate - Turkish (Yelp)
Quality Evaluator (Google)
Legal Assistant, Online Product Support -- Turkish (Google)
Bilingual (Arabic) International Account Manager (DISH)
Arabic Speaking Social Services Specialist (Wayne County Government)
International Advocacy Intern (Amnesty International)
Family Engagement Initiatives Coordinator, Bilingual (NYC Department of Education)
User Support - Multilingual (Adecco)
Social Media Specialist / Community Engagement Manager Intern (Symbyo Technologies)
Community Outreach Assistant (Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center)
Correspondent -- Global (Middle East Broadcasting Networks)
Sr. Patient Access Representative (University of Miami School of Medicine)
Humanitarian Press Officer (Oxfam)
Middle East and Africa All Source Analysts (Centra Technology)
Studio Assistant (Middle East Broadcasting Networks)
Health and Wellness Coach- Bilingual Arabic Speaking (Quitlogix)
Iranian Studies Intern (American Enterprise Institute)
Middle East Studies Intern (American Enterprise Institute)
Outreach Assistant (City of Irvine)
Program Coordinator (Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County)
Core Collector (Central Intelligence Agency -- CIA)
Marketing Representative (LifeTest LLC)
Health Intelligence Analysis Intern (iJet International)
Library Technical Assistant II (Dorot Jewish Division)

3. NELC *isn't required or preferred* but your other transferable skills make you highly qualified:

Associate Account Strategist, University Graduate (Google), Service Coordinator (Choice Program), Grassroots Advocacy Coordinator (EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases), Research Associate (Environmental Law Institute), Knowledge Assistant (Children's Law Center), Recruitment & Admissions Assistant (Fund for American Studies), Partner Support Coordinator (Kiva Microfunds), Assistant Community Outreach Coordinator (Next Step Living), Change Corps Assistant Organizing Director (Work for Progress), Investigative Advocate (Disability Rights Washington), City Year - Corps Member (City Year Seattle/King County), Financial Advisor (ING Financial Partners), Patient Services Representative (Seattle Reproductive Medicine), Outreach Coordinator (MedBridge Education), Junior Project Manager (HealthPath Education), Internet Marketing Specialist (Chair 10 Marketing), Immigration Assistant/Receptionist (Law Firm), Marketing Coordinator (Yext), Account Coordinator, Employee Benefits (MCM), Executive Team Leader (Target)
More: Project Manager, Social Media Campaign Developer, Policy and Advocacy Specialist

These are just some examples. The Career Center can help you find positions that meet your goals!