

Arabic Studies (ARBC)

Arabic is part of the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. Arabic offers an interdisciplinary minor that provides students the opportunity to take courses from a diverse set of departments.

Special Considerations

Students who directly enroll in and complete a 300- level Arabic language course with a grade of 'C' or higher may be awarded credit for 201 and 202 courses provided they have not previously earned any lower division credit in that particular language.

Students who earned/received credit for a higher level Arabic language course may not take or repeat a course at a lower level and receive credit for that course.

Coordinator

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Requirements for the Minor in Arabic Studies, Language and Culture

The minor in Arabic Language and Culture requires 19 credit hours composed of five courses, four language courses in Arabic and an additional approved elective. Students are encouraged to complete a semester of study abroad in an Arabic speaking country. The minor in Arabic Language and Culture and the program in Middle Eastern and North African Studies are mutually exclusive. This means students completing both programs may NOT use the same courses to fulfill requirements in both areas.

Course	Title	Hours
Required Minor Courses		16
ARBC 101	Beginning Active Arabic	
ARBC 102	Beginning Active Arabic	
ARBC 201	Intermediate Active Arabic	
ARBC 202	Intermediate Active Arabic	
Elective		3
Select one course from the following:		
ARBC 280	Selected Topics in Arabic	
ARBC 301	Advanced Arabic	
ARBC 302	Advanced Arabic	
ARTH 225	Islamic Art	
ECO 310	Economics of Immigration	
ENGL 339	Race, Gender, and Empire	
ENGL 435	Global Digital Cultures	
HIST 191	Modern Middle East	
INTL 361	Middle East Politics	
INTL 383	Revolutions & Regime Change	
MENA 260	Peace & Conflict	
MENA 301	Middle Eastern Film	
MENA 354	Middle Eastern & North African Studies: Culture, History, Politics	
REL 221	Introduction to Islam	
REL 263	Ethnography of Religion in the Middle East & North Africa	

REL 304	Gods of the Biblical World: Polytheism, Magic, and Israelite Religion
REL 305	Death & Sacrifice in the Ancient World
REL 331	Christian & Islamic Theology in Comparative Perspective
REL 351	Political Islam
REL 353	Contemporary Islam
REL 362	Ritualized Space in the Middle East
REL 363	Islam in the Media
Total Hours	19

ARBC 101. Beginning Active Arabic. 4 Hours.

This course will introduce the basic skills needed to master reading, writing, listening, and speaking Modern Standard Arabic (also known as formal Arabic, or al-fusha, the spoken lingua franca of the Arab world and the language of written Arabic documents such as religious texts, published material such as books, newspapers and magazines; and media sources and broadcasts), as well as the Shami dialect of Arabic, spoken in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, and Palestine. This course will provide the necessary foundation for future development in Arabic proficiency, as well as provide students with the necessary tools and proficiencies to begin to speak, read, write, and listen to Arabic both inside and outside of the classroom.

ARBC 102. Beginning Active Arabic. 4 Hours.

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Prerequisite: ARBC 101 with a minimum grade of D.

ARBC 201. Intermediate Active Arabic. 4 Hours.

Students will build upon their reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills of Modern Standard Arabic, as well as the Shami and Masri dialects of Arabic, this course will provide the necessary foundation for the independent study of Arabic literature, study abroad in a foreign country, as well as provide students with the ability to speak, read, write, and listen to Arabic in an environment outside of the classroom. Selected topics at the intermediate level about the diverse cultures within the Arabic speaking world, such as different traditions, food, and calligraphy will be integrated into the course. Successful completion of this course satisfies the Cultures and Peoples requirements for graduation.

Prerequisite: ARBC 102 with a minimum grade of C-.

ARBC 202. Intermediate Active Arabic. 4 Hours.

Building upon student reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills of Modern Standard Arabic, as well as the Shami and Masri dialects of Arabic, this course will provide the necessary foundation for the independent study of Arabic literature, study abroad in a foreign country, as well as provide students with the ability to speak, read, write, and listen to Arabic in an environment outside of the classroom. Selected topics at the intermediate level about the diverse cultures within the Arabic speaking world, such as different traditions, food, and calligraphy will be integrated into the course. Successful completion of this course satisfies the Cultures and Peoples requirements for graduation.

Prerequisite: ARBC 201 with a minimum grade of C-.

ARBC 280. Selected Topics in Arabic. 1 to 4 Hours.

The study of selected topics, at the introductory or intermediate level, in Arabic.

ARBC 301. Advanced Arabic. 3 Hours.

Through frequent communicative activities, this course continues to encourage students to read, write, listen, and speak in Modern Standard Arabic, as well as the Shami and Masri dialects of Arabic. The instruction will be done completely using the target language. Writing activities will be conducted independently and collectively. Selected topics at the advanced level about the diverse cultures within the Arabic speaking world, such as different religious practices, music, and the role of public spaces will be integrated into the course. Successful completion of this course satisfies the Cultures and Peoples requirements for graduation.

Prerequisite: ARBC 202 with a minimum grade of C-.

ARBC 302. Advanced Arabic. 3 Hours.

Through frequent communicative activities, this course continues to encourage students to read, write, listen, and speak in Modern Standard Arabic, as well as the Shami and Masri dialects of Arabic. The instruction will be done completely using the target language. Writing activities will be conducted independently and collectively. Selected topics at the advanced level about the diverse cultures within the Arabic speaking world, such as different religious practices, music, and the role of public spaces will be integrated into the course. Successful completion of this course satisfies the Cultures and Peoples requirements for graduation.

Prerequisite: ARBC 301 with a minimum grade of C.