

# 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     |
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| <b>Required Minor Courses</b>         |  | <b>16</b> |
| ARBC 101                              | Beginning Active Arabic  |           |
| ARBC 102                              | Beginning Active Arabic  |           |
| ARBC 201                              | Intermediate Active Arabic   |           |
| ARBC 202                              | Intermediate Active Arabic   |           |
| <b>Elective</b>                       |  | <b>3</b>  |
| 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          |           |

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| REL 304            | Gods of the Biblical World: Polytheism, Magic, and Israelite Religion |
| 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  |
| <b>Total Hours</b> | <b>19</b>   |

### 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.

This course will introduce the basic skills needed to master reading, writing, listening, and speaking Modern Standard Arabic (the spoken lingua franca of the Arab world and the language of written Arabic documents, media 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Prerequisite:** ARBC 301 with a minimum grade of C.