Arabic (ARBC)

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Requirements for the Minor in Arabic Language and Culture

The minor in Arabic Language and Culture requires 21 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.

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Required Courses: 18

Approved Electives (select three hours): 3

**ARBC 101. Beginning Active Arabic. 5 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. 5 Hours.**
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**ARBC 201. Intermediate Active Arabic. 4 Hours.**
Building upon students' 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.

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**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.