Social media and nightly news are filled with events touching on the Middle East and Islamic nations. But how many people understand the deep issues at hand? You can. With a minor in Arabic studies, you'll develop a cross-cultural understanding of Islamic civilization which will provide opportunities in the global workforce.

**Description**

The minor program in Arabic studies provides students with instruction in Modern Standard Arabic as well as Arab culture and literature. Students who successfully complete the prescribed coursework of the Arabic minor are expected to be able to communicate effectively in Arabic and interact with native speakers of the language. Students will be able to communicate in Arabic in the other two areas of language acquisition as well, reading and writing, through reading authentic material in Arabic and writing paragraphs in Modern Standard Arabic.

Literature courses expand students' knowledge in Arabic, the Middle East and Islamic culture and civilization. Students of all academic disciplines doing research or seeking employment in areas related to the Middle East or other parts of the Arab world will find the minor in Arabic highly beneficial.

Students are encouraged to participate in a study abroad program to enhance their education and overall minor experience. Students should visit [https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu](https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu) for more information.

**At a Glance**

- **College/School:** College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus

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Program Requirements

The minor in Arabic studies requires 26 credit hours of courses detailed below. A minimum grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or better is required in each course. Course substitutions are allowed for heritage and advanced speakers of the language.

Required Courses -- 23 credit hours

ARB 201: Intermediate Arabic I (G) (4)
ARB 202: Intermediate Arabic II (G) (4)
ARB 311: Advanced Arabic Skills I (3)
ARB 331: Arabic/Islamic Culture and Literature (HU & H & G) (3)
ARB 411: Advanced Arabic Skills II (3)

Choose one of the following:
ARB 341: Quran Text and Women (HU & H) (3)
ARB 351: Classical Arabic Literature (3)

Choose one of the following:
ARB 352: Modern Arabic Literature in Translation (3)
ARB 422: Advanced Arabic Media (3)

Related Area (choose one) -- 3 credit hours

AFR 372: Islam and Islamic Societies in Africa: Social and Political History (G) (3)
AFR 373: Islam and World Affairs (G) (3)
AFR 480: Different Voices Within Contemporary Islamic Discourse (3)
ARB 321: Arabic Conversation I (3)
ARB 335: Arabic Culture and Islam (G) (3)
ARB 336: Introduction to the Qur'an (3)
ARB 337: Hadith and Prophetic Tradition (3)
ARB 341: Quran Text and Women (HU & H) (3)
ARB 351: Classical Arabic Literature (3)
ARB 352: Modern Arabic Literature in Translation (3)
ARB 421: Arabic Conversation II (3)
ARB 422: Advanced Arabic Media (3)
HST 372: Modern Middle East (SB & G & H) (3)
REL 365: Islamic Civilization (HU & H) (3)
REL 366: Islam in the Modern World (HU & G) (3)

Students may need to complete the sequence of elementary Arabic, ARB 101 and ARB 102, as prerequisite courses.

Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this minor.
Enrollment Requirements

**GPA Requirement:** 2.00  
**Majors Ineligible to Add This Minor:** BA in International letters and cultures (Arabic studies)  
**Other Enrollment Requirements:** None

Current ASU undergraduate students may pursue a minor and have it recognized on their ASU transcript at graduation. Students interested in pursuing a minor should consult their academic advisor to declare the minor and to ensure that an appropriate set of courses is taken. Minor requirements appear on the degree audit once the minor is added. Certain major and minor combinations may be deemed inappropriate by the college or department of either the major program or the minor. Courses taken for the minor may not count toward both the major and the minor. Students should contact their academic advisor for more information.

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