With approximately 420 million speakers around the world, Arabic is rooted in influential and emerging economies, ancient history and modern politics. Knowledge of this strategic language also equips you with cultural intelligence and competency and for a competitive edge and the pathway into a number of fields.

Program Description

The BA program in international letters and cultures with a concentration in Arabic studies provides critical and cultural diversity in advanced Arabic language and literature that enriches ASU students' undergraduate experience. The program provides a broad knowledge and understanding of the culture, literature and traditions of the vast Arabic-speaking world and prepares students for a thriving job market. The Arabic studies concentration also benefits students interested in academic research and careers in public and diplomatic service as well as in national security. This concentration complements existing degree programs in the School of International Letters and Cultures and enhances studies in social science disciplines such as political science and global studies as well as many humanities fields, including anthropology, history, philosophy and religious studies.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** Tempe campus
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** Yes
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math Intensity:** General
Required Courses (Major Map)

2019 - 2020 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.
Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should refer to https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use the Transfer Map search to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience

With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (ranging from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st-century career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/
Career Opportunities

The bachelor’s degree in international letters and cultures with a concentration in Arabic studies provides greater insight into the vast Arab world of 22 countries and can lead to career opportunities in areas such as journalism, translation, international consultations, government (e.g., the U.N. and CIA), social work, law and health.

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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