

Arabic Language and Culture Studies, Minor

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The interdisciplinary Arabic Language Studies and Culture minor provides students with an understanding of the importance of the Arab world and Islamic cultures in today's global community. Students acquire intermediate proficiency in speaking, listening, reading and writing in modern standard Arabic language and Levantine vernacular. Proficiency in the Arabic language and culture equips students for professional opportunities, which can be found in education, international business, law, nursing, social work, journalism, community advocacy, political analysis, tourism and hospitality, government and armed forces. It trains students in all aspects of language skills and connects language learning with other disciplines. The interdisciplinary minor includes an array of classes that provide students with the historical, religious, cultural and political significance of the Arab world and Muslim communities. Students examine major Arabic literary genres, engage in an interaction with diverse Arab and Muslim communities, and gain invaluable insight through study abroad opportunities. The Arabic Language Studies and Culture minor is one of the important avenues that articulates Marquette's Jesuit values and mission through enhancing students' skills and awareness of world religions, languages, and cultures, thus preparing them as global citizens. Students in this program assume a role as peace and interfaith messengers and educators who actively promote an understanding of Arab and Muslim communities through outreach and collaboration at local, national and international levels. Minors in Arabic Language and Culture may combine studies with other disciplines in the humanities, social sciences or sciences.

In addition to the Arabic minor, students are encouraged to major or minor in Middle East North Africa (MENA) studies.

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The minor in Arabic Language and Culture Studies consists of six courses (19 cr. hrs.): four required Arabic language courses (13 cr. hrs.), and two elective courses (6 cr. hrs.) as listed below. The minor excludes ARBC 1001 Elementary Arabic 1.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses:		13
ARBC 1002	Elementary Arabic 2	
ARBC 2001	Intermediate Arabic 1	
ARBC 2002	Intermediate Arabic 2	
ARBC 3001	Grammar Review and Skills Development	
Elective Courses: Choose two of the following.		6
ARBC 3002	Spoken Arabic	
ARBC 3200	Culture and Civilization of the Middle East	
ARBC 3210	Arabic Literature in English Translation	
ARBC 3220	Arab and Muslim Women in the United States	
ARBC 3705	Arabic for Media	
HIST 3455	Middle East	
LLAC 4931	Topics in Foreign Language, Culture and Literature	
THEO 4530	Islam: Faith and Practice	
SOWJ 3450	Arabs and Muslims in Global Context	
Total Credit Hours:		19

Note:

- LLAC 4931 Topics in Foreign Language, Culture and Literature can fulfill an elective only if offered as an approved Arabic Language and Culture Studies topic.

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