Arabic Language Studies and Culture

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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, 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.

Arabic Language Studies and Culture Minor

The minor in Arabic Language Studies and Culture 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.

Required Courses:
- 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.
- ARBC 3002 Spoken Arabic
- ARBC 3200 Culture and Civilization of the Middle East
- ARBC 3210 Arabic Literature in English Translation
- FOLA 4931 Topics in Foreign Language, Culture and Literature
- HIST 3455 Modern Middle East Since 1500
- THEO 4530 Islam: Faith and Practice
- POSC 4721 International Politics of the Middle East
- SOWJ 3450 Arabs and Muslims in Global Context

Total Credit Hours: 19

Note:
FOLA 4931 can fulfill an elective only if offered as an approved Arabic Language Studies and Culture topic.