Arabic Language and Culture Studies

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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 and Culture Studies Minor

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.

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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.

Courses

ARBC 1001. Elementary Arabic 1. 4 cr. hrs.
Introduction to fundamentals of Modern Standard Arabic, including basic grammar, pronunciation and writing system. Emphasis on development of basic language skills: reading, writing, speaking, listening and comprehension. Open to students with no previous study of Arabic; or by departmental placement.

ARBC 1002. Elementary Arabic 2. 4 cr. hrs.

Continuation of the study of Modern Standard Arabic, with emphasis on further development of all language skills: speaking, listening, reading and writing. Prereq: ARBC 1002; or by departmental placement.
ARBC 2002. Intermediate Arabic 2. 3 cr. hrs.
Continuation of ARBC 2001. Study of Modern Standard Arabic, with emphasis on further development of all language skills: speaking, listening, reading and writing. Prereq: ARBC 2001; or by departmental placement.

ARBC 3001. Grammar Review and Skills Development. 3 cr. hrs.
Review of grammar for continuing development of language skills with special emphasis on reading, speaking and writing. Prereq: ARBC 2002 or cons. of dept.

ARBC 3002. Spoken Arabic. 3 cr. hrs.
Focuses on the development of students' oral proficiency in Arabic, with attention to communicative skills in a variety of contexts. Introduces students to the differences between Modern Standard Arabic and various regional dialects. Prereq: ARBC 2002 or cons. of dept.

ARBC 3200. Culture and Civilization of the Middle East. 3 cr. hrs.
Introduction to the most important cultural aspects of the Middle East. Topics may include historical, political and economical developments, social issues, gender, religion, literature, music and art. Taught in English. Knowledge of Arabic language not required.

ARBC 3210. Arabic Literature in English Translation. 3 cr. hrs.
Readings in English translation of selected masterpieces of Arabic and Islamic literature. Knowledge of Arabic language not required.

ARBC 3220. Arab and Muslim Women in the United States. 3 cr. hrs.
Uses the disciplines of history, gender, and cultural studies to examine the experiences of Arab and Muslim women in the United States. Special focus on the intersection of globalization and locality, education and tradition, spatial and temporal contexts, individual and collective identities. Taught in English. Knowledge of Arabic language not required.

ARBC 3705. Arabic for Media. 3 cr. hrs.
Development of language skills necessary to comprehend and interact with a wide range of media communications such as writing, interviewing, broadcasting, reporting and news coverage. Covers topics and media current affairs in Arabic language about Arab culture, diplomacy, elections, economics, trade and industry and interviews with Arabic speakers. Materials from Arabic media including Al-Jazeera, BBC and Al-Ahram are used, in addition to text-related video and audio materials. Activities are designed to increase students' writing and communicative, lexical and syntax abilities. Taught in Arabic. Open to native speakers. Prereq: ARBC 3001 or cons. of dept. ch.