

# ARABIC MINOR

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The minor in Arabic (21 credits) provides a solid grounding in Modern Standard Arabic and colloquial Arabic. Students who satisfy the requirements of the minor in Arabic can expect to be able to read, write, and communicate orally in Modern Standard Arabic and one of the Arabic dialects at a level that would allow them to interact with native speakers and perform effectively in a daily environment, watch TV and films in Arabic, engage with authentic texts, write short papers in Arabic, and perform other tasks expected from an Advanced Level learner.

The materials used to further language acquisition are culturally rich resources, and students completing the minor will have become familiar with many of the cultural patterns, social issues, historical events, artistic traditions, and elements of daily life of the people whose cultures are rooted in Arabic. Students interested in pursuing the minor in Arabic should contact the undergraduate advisor, who will be responsible for oversight and record keeping.

Students should declare the minor in Arabic at least one year prior to graduation.

To make an appointment to explore or declare a minor, go to: <http://arhu.umd.edu/academics/undergraduate-studies/minors/>.

## REQUIREMENTS

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Prerequisites</b>		
ARAB104	Elementary Modern Standard Arabic I-II	6
ARAB105	Elementary Modern Standard Arabic III-IV	6
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>12</b>

*No prerequisites are required for students with equivalent knowledge. Placement testing is mandatory.*

*All prerequisites imply "or equivalent knowledge."*

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Courses required for Minor</b>		
ARAB204	Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic I	6
ARAB205	Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic II	6
ARAB304	Advanced Modern Standard Arabic I	3
ARAB305	Advanced Modern Standard Arabic II	3
Additional 3xx or 4xx level course taught in Arabic <sup>1</sup>		3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>21</b>

<sup>1</sup> Contact the minor advisor for approved courses

### Notes:

- Once credits have been received for a higher-level language focus course, a lower-level course in the same strand may not be taken for credit. (For example, ARAB204 may not be taken after ARAB205).
- In cases where a student has equivalent knowledge, required courses are replaced in consultation with minor advisor. All courses applied to the minor must be taught in Arabic.

- Students who begin their study as heritage speakers must seek the advice and written permission of the advisor before choosing the courses they will use to replace any required minor courses.
- A maximum of 6 credits can be applied to the minor from courses taken at other institutions. No more than 6 credits of the minor may be used to satisfy the requirements of a major. No courses in the minor may count toward another minor.
- All courses presented for the minor must be passed with a grade of "C-" or better.
- An overall GPA of 2.0 in the minor is required for graduation.