ARABIC STUDIES MINOR

for the Undergraduate Minor in Arabic Studies

The minor in Arabic Studies is designed for students interested in developing an expertise in one, or more, aspect of the Arab World, as complement to their disciplinary major. Completion of the minor requires at least 18 hours in applicable courses. For advising information please visit the Linguistics advising page (https://linguistics.illinois.edu/academics/undergraduate-program/undergraduate-advising/).

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Code	Title	Hours
Language requirement		6
ARAB 405	Advanced Standard Arabic I	
ARAB 406	Advanced Standard Arabic II	
Arabic Culture and Linguistics courses		6
Choose two courses from the following in consultation with the advisor: ARAB 150- Lang;Culture of Arab World OR ARAB 210: Colloquial Arabic I OR ARAB 412: Business Arabic OR a Study Abroad Equivalent (must be approved by the advisor)		
Two Interdisciplinary courses related to the Arab World (To be chosen from the following list in consultation with the advisor)		6
ARAB 407	Topics Stand Arabic Lang&Lit I	
ARAB 408	Topics Stand Arabic LangLit II	
ARAB 409	Adv Top Stand Arabic LangLit I	
ARAB 410	AdvTop Stand Arabic LangLit II	
ARAB 413	Arabic-English Translation	
CWL 481	Topics in Arabic Literature & Culture	
HIST 135	History of Islamic Middle East	
HIST 334	Modern Palestinian History	
HIST 335	Middle East 1566-1914	
HIST 337	Middle East Since World War I	
HIST 338	Egypt Since World War I	
PS 347	Gov & Pol of Middle East	
REL 214	Introduction to Islam	
REL 223	The Qur'an (Koran)	
REL 260	Mystics and Saints in Islam	
REL 403	Women in Muslim Societies	
REL 408	Islam & Politics in Mid. East	
REL 481	Islamic Ethics	
Total Hours		**18**

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Upon completing a minor in Arabic Studies, students will be able to:

1. Produce Arabic across the skills of reading, writing, listening, and speaking at an intermediate level of proficiency and accuracy in interpretive, interpersonal, and presentational modes of communication, especially in familiar and everyday contexts.
2. Identify, analyze, and make effective use of authentic Arabic sources, including texts, media, and digital resources, for academic or professional purposes.
3. Explain key products, practices, and perspectives of Arabic-speaking cultures and compare them with their own and other cultural contexts.
4. Discuss major authors, works, or literary developments from the Arab world and relate them to broader literary and intellectual contexts.
5. Exhibit an informed understanding of major political, social, and cultural issues across the Arab world, critically engaging with historical and contemporary aspects and comparing them to global perspectives.
6. Describe essential linguistic features of Arabic, including the writing system, phonology, morphology, syntax, and regional dialectal variations.

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Arabic program website (https://linguistics.illinois.edu/languages/arabic-program/)

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (https://las.illinois.edu/)

Overview of College Admissions & Requirements: Liberal Arts & Sciences (http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/las/academic-units/)