

ARABIC MINOR

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Political and economic developments in the Middle East, as well as the internationalization of many businesses and professions, have made understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Arabic an increasingly valuable skill. As the fifth most widely spoken language in the world, as one of the official languages of the United Nations, and as the religious language of a quarter of the world's population, Arabic is also a language with a rich literary and cultural heritage that deserves to be studied in its own right.

Department Programs

Majors

- Asian Studies Major, B.A.–Interdisciplinary Concentration (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-general-concentration/>)
- Asian Studies Major, B.A.–Arab Cultures Concentration (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-arab-cultures-concentration/>)
- Asian Studies Major, B.A.–Chinese Concentration (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-chinese-concentration/>)
- Asian Studies Major, B.A.–Japanese Concentration (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-japanese-concentration/>)
- Asian Studies Major, B.A.–Korean Studies Concentration (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-korean-concentration/>)
- Asian Studies Major, B.A.–South Asian Studies Concentration (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-south-asian-studies-concentration/>)

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- Asian Studies Minor (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-minor/>)
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- Modern Hebrew Minor (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/modern-hebrew-minor/>)

- Hindi-Urdu Minor (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/hindi-urdu-minor/>)
- Japanese Minor (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/japanese-minor/>)
- Korean Minor (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/korean-minor/>)
- Middle Eastern Languages Minor (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/middle-eastern-languages-minor/>)
- Persian Minor (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/persian-minor/>)

Graduate Programs

- M.A. in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (<http://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/asian-studies/>)

Requirements

In addition to the program requirements listed below, students must:

- take at least nine hours of their minor "core" requirements at UNC–Chapel Hill
- earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.000 in the minor core requirements. Some programs may require higher standards for minor or specific courses.

For more information, please consult the degree requirements section of the catalog (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/general-education-curriculum-degree-requirements/#degreerequirementstext>).

The undergraduate minor in Arabic consists of four courses.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Requirements		
Three language courses beyond ARAB 203		9-10
ARAB 204	Intermediate Arabic II	
ARAB 300	Arabic Grammar and Composition	
ARAB 305	Advanced Arabic I	
ARAB 306	Advanced Arabic II	
ARAB 407	Readings in Arabic I	
ARAB 408	Readings in Arabic II	
One course chosen from among the following:		3
GEOG 59	First-Year Seminar: Space, Identity, and Power in the Middle East	
SOCI 60	First-Year Seminar: Sociology of the Islamic World	
ASIA 73	First-Year Seminar: Popular Culture in the Arab World	
ASIA 74	First-Year Seminar: Imagining Palestine	
ASIA/HIST 138 History of Muslim Societies to 1500		
ASIA/HIST 139 History of Muslim Societies since 1500		
ARAB 150	Introduction to Arab Cultures	
ARAB 151	Arabic Literature through the Ages	
ASIA/RELI 180	Introduction to Islamic Civilization	
ASIA/RELI 181	Modern Muslim Societies	
RELI 185	Women/Gender/Islam ^H	
ARAB/ANTH 214	Medicine and Modernity in the Arab World	
ARAB 255	Arab World Photography	
ASIA/HIST 276	The Modern Middle East	

ASIA/HIST 277	The Conflict over Israel/Palestine
RELI/ASIA 279	Islamic Law, Ethics, and Practice
ASIA/WGST 329	Middle East Women Writers
ARAB 434	Modern Arabic Literature in Translation
ARAB 337	Borders and Walls in the Arab World
ARAB 350	Women and Leadership in the Arab World
ARAB/ANTH 354	Everyday Lives in the Middle East: Anthropological Perspectives
ASIA 357/ PWAD 362/ JWST 357	The Arab-Jews: Culture, Community, and Coexistence
ASIA/CMPL 359	Literary Diasporas of the Middle East
ARAB 407	Readings in Arabic I
ARAB 408	Readings in Arabic II
SOCI 419	Sociology of the Islamic World
ASIA/JWST/ PWAD 425	Beyond Hostilities: Israeli-Palestinian Exchanges and Partnerships in Film, Literature, and Music
ARAB/ANTH 432	Science and Society in the Middle East
ASIA/PWAD 435	The Cinemas of the Middle East and North Africa
ASIA/CMPL 442	Postcolonial Literature of the Middle East
ASIA/GEOG 447	Gender, Space, and Place in the Middle East
GEOG 448	Transnational Geographies of Muslim Societies
ARAB 453	Film, Nation, and Identity in the Arab World
ASIA/WGST 471	Gender and Sexuality in Middle Eastern Literature
RELI 480	Modern Muslim Literatures
RELI/ASIA 485	Gender and Sexuality in Islam
RELI/ASIA 486	Islam and Feminism/Islamic Feminism
ASIA/HIST 536	Revolution in the Modern Middle East
ASIA/HIST 537	Women in the Middle East
ASIA/HIST 538	The Middle East and the West
ASIA/RELI 581	Sufism
ASIA/RELI 582	Islam and Islamic Art in South Asia
ASIA/RELI 584	The Qur'an as Literature
FREN 617	Framing Identities: Franco-Arab Transvisual Transcultural Contexts
ARAB/ASIA/ RELI 681	Readings in Islamicate Literatures

Total Hours 12-13

H Honors version available. An honors course fulfills the same requirements as the nonhonors version of that course. Enrollment and GPA restrictions may apply.

ARAB 308 does not count toward the minor.

Placement credit (PL) may not be used to meet minor requirements.

See program page here (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-arab-cultures-concentration/>) for special opportunities.