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)

**Minors**

- Arabic Minor (p. 1)
- Asian Studies Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-minor)
- Chinese Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/chinese-minor)
- 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)

**Requirements**

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

- take at least nine hours of their minor course requirements at UNC–Chapel Hill
- earn a minimum of 12 hours of C or better in the minor (some minors require more)

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.

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\(^H\) 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](http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/Asian-Studies-Major-Ba-Arab-Cultures-Concentration)) for special opportunities.