

# Arabic Language & Cultural Studies Minor

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## About

The Arabic Language and Cultural Studies program offers Arabic language and linguistic study, and classical and modern literature and cultural study. Arabic is the language of a rich culture and civilization dating back many centuries; it is also the language of Islam and the Quran. This culture has produced such figures as Averroes, the medieval Aristotelian philosopher, Ibn Khaldun, the first social historian, and the modern poet Khalil Gibran. Between the 8th and 15th centuries the volume of literary, scholarly, and scientific book production in Arabic and the level of urban literacy among readers of Arabic were greater than any the world had even known until that time.

The program represents a cutting-edge intellectual experience that provides its minors with an advantage in critiquing, understanding, and navigating the global landscape.

**Program:** [Global Interdisciplinary Studies](#)  
**Type:** Minor

## MINOR: Arabic Language & Cultural Studies (22-28 credits)

Students can earn a minor in Arabic Language and Cultural Studies with six courses, listed below.

- Courses that fulfill minor requirements may be used to fulfill other requirements (i.e., primary major, core curriculum, minors, concentrations, or free electives).

Course	Title	Credits
	Arabic Language Requirement for the minor	16-22
	ARB Cultural Studies Elective	6

## Category Descriptions

### Arabic Language Requirement for the minor

Credits: 16-22

Choose four courses from Arabic language. Language courses may count toward elective requirements if the four language requirements are met. If a student has already met Introductory Arabic, they may instead take Advanced Arabic to fulfill the language requirement (ARB 1131 & 1132).

<b>Course</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
ARB 1111	Basic Arabic I	6
ARB 1112	Basic Arabic II	6
ARB 1121	Intermediate Arabic I	5
ARB 1122	Intermediate Arabic II	5

## ARB Cultural Studies Elective

Credits: 6

Choose two courses of three or more credits from the following list, or another culture-based course with the Arab and Islamic Studies (AIS) attribute.

## ARB Cultural Studies courses

<b>Course</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
ARB 1131	Intensive Adv Arabic I	3
ARB 1132	Intensive Adv Arabic II	3
ARB 1141	Intro to Colloquial Arabic	3
ARB 2142	Arab Culture Thru Film & Text	3
ARB 2143	Arab Culinary Culture	3
ARB 3412	Special Topics	3
ARB 5900	ARB:Independent Study	3