

ARABIC STUDIES - MINOR

This minor is a valuable complement to the academic portfolio of any student majoring in the humanities, social sciences, or natural sciences, who wishes to add an international dimension to their intellectual profile.

The minor in Arabic Studies is an academic program open to all students in the university. The minor is interdisciplinary in nature and combines courses in Arabic language and culture with electives in Arabic studies, as well as a capstone project. A minor in Arabic Studies also helps to prepare students for careers in education, international development, non-profit agencies and NGOs, translating and interpreting, public relations and marketing, government service, international law, international business, engineering, and research. In addition, Arabic Studies faculty offer study abroad programs in order to enrich student learning experiences and cultural knowledge while helping students attain higher proficiency in the language.

Students must complete ARAB 101 and ARAB 102 before they may declare a minor in Arabic Studies.

others. Upon its completion, and in coordination with the departmental advisors, the final project will be presented orally to Arabic classes in order to maximize its benefits.

Students must earn a C or better in all minor coursework.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
ARAB 202	Intermediate Arabic II	3
ARAB 491	Research ¹	3
Select two of the following:		6
ARAB 301	Reading and Composition	
ARAB 302	Reading and Composition II	
ARAB 321	Business Arabic	
ARAB 323	Media Arabic	
Select two of the following:		6
ARAB 215	Introduction to Modern Arab Culture	
ARAB 221	Introduction to Arabic Language and Society	
ARAB 258	Global Middle Eastern Cultures	
ARAB 300-499 (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/arab/)		
GEOG 320	The Middle East	
HIST 221/ RELS 221	History of Islam	
HIST 347/ RELS 347	Rise of Islam, 600-1258	
HIST 348	Modern Middle East	
Total Semester Credit Hours		18

¹ A capstone project that is completed in an approved upper-division Arabic Studies course is required of all students pursuing a minor in Arabic Studies during their final year of the program. It consists of a substantial research paper (15–20 pages) on an original topic and is conducted under the direction of a faculty member with the approval of the departmental advisors. Through the capstone course and project, students get a chance to integrate their classroom knowledge about the Arab world and use their study-abroad experiences and internships in an Arabic-speaking country, if any, to address an issue of interest to them. Issues that students can choose to address could be of linguistic, cultural, historical, religious, or political nature, among