

# ARABIC STUDIES - MINOR

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. The 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. 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.

## Program Requirements

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
<b>Core Courses</b>		
ARAB 202	Intermediate Arabic II	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	
ARAB 491	Research (Capstone course)	3
<b>Electives</b>		
Select two of the following:		6
ARAB 221	Introduction to Arabic Language and Society	
ARAB 400 to 489 ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/arab/">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/arab/</a> )		
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	
INTS 251	Contemporary Issues in the Middle East	
INTS 321/ RELS 321/ HUMA 321	Political Islam and Jihad	
INTS 484	Directed Internship (in an Arabic-speaking country)	
Total Semester Credit Hours		18

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

## Capstone Project

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 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.