

Arabic Major

120 credits of coursework is required for the baccalaureate degree with a minimum 2.0 overall GPA, and a minimum 2.0 major GPA.

Students must complete 42 credits of General Education requirements and 3-9 credits of World Languages and Cultures Requirements.

PREREQUISITES

ARAB 101 Beginning Arabic I
ARAB 112 Beginning Arabic II

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

ARAB 121 Intermediate Arabic I
ARAB 132 Intermediate Arabic II
ARAB 193 Introduction to Arab Culture
ARAB 203 Advanced Arabic I
ARAB 204 Advanced Arabic II
ARAB 261 Arabic Writing I
ARAB 321 Arabic Reading I
ARAB 450 Translation I: Arabic-English-Arabic

MAJOR ELECTIVES

Select 12 credits from the following:

ARAB 218 Spoken Arabic
ARAB 220 Twentieth-Century Arabic Literature
ARAB 221 Media Arabic
ARAB 320 Business Arabic
ARAB 325 Arabic Grammar I
ARAB 351 Advanced Spoken Arabic
ARAB 375 Arabic Study Abroad
ARAB 376 Arabic Writing II
ARAB 411 Quranic/Classical Arabic
ARAB 478 Independent Study in Arabic Language₂

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Track A : Arabic Language

Complete 6 classes for 18 semester hours.

ARAB 101 Beginning Arabic I
ARAB 112 Beginning Arabic II
ARAB 121 Intermediate Arabic I
ARAB 132 Intermediate Arabic II
ARAB 203 Advanced Arabic I
ARAB 204 Advanced Arabic II
ARAB 180 Arab Americans: Before and After 9/11
ARAB 185 The Arab World and Religion
ARAB 193 Introduction to Arab Culture
ARAB 218 Spoken Arabic
ARAB 220 Twentieth-Century Arabic Literature
ARAB 221 Media Arabic
ARAB 261 Arabic Writing I
ARAB 320 Business Arabic
ARAB 321 Arabic Reading I
ARAB 325 Arabic Grammar I
ARAB 351 Advanced Spoken Arabic
ARAB 375 Arabic Study Abroad
ARAB 376 Arabic Writing II
ARAB 411 Quranic/Classical Arabic
ARAB 450 Translation I: Arabic-English-Arabic
ARAB 478 Independent Study in Arabic Language

Track B : Arabic Studies

REQUIRED CORE COURSES

ARAB 193 Introduction to Arab Culture
or ARIN 193 Introduction to Arab Culture

Interdisciplinary Electives

Complete 15 semester hours from any of the following courses. You are strongly encouraged to take up to 6 semester hours (but no more than 6) in the Arabic language (a course designated with an alpha code of ARAB).

ANTH 115 Cultures of the Middle East
ARAB 101 Beginning Arabic I
ARAB 112 Beginning Arabic II
ARAB 121 Intermediate Arabic I
ARAB 132 Intermediate Arabic II

ARAB 203 Advanced Arabic I
ARAB 204 Advanced Arabic II
ARAB 180 Arab Americans: Before and After 9/11
or ARIN 180 Arab Americans: Before and After 9/11
ARAB 185 The Arab World and Religion
or ARIN 185 The Arab World and Religion
ARAB 218 Spoken Arabic
ARAB 220 Twentieth-Century Arabic Literature
ARAB 221 Media Arabic
ARAB 261 Arabic Writing I
ARAB 320 Business Arabic
ARAB 351 Advanced Spoken Arabic
ARAB 375 Arabic Study Abroad
ARAB 376 Arabic Writing II
ARAB 411 Quranic/Classical Arabic
ARAB 478 Independent Study in Arabic Language
ARHT 101 Topics in Global Art Cultures
Images of Muslim Women in Twentieth Century Literature and Culture
ENGL 230 Twentieth Century Literature and Culture
EAES 378 Geography of the Middle East
FREN 283 Introduction to Women Authors of French-Speaking Africa
or FRIN 283 Introduction to Women Authors of French-Speaking Africa
HIST 109 Introduction to Islamic Civilization
HIST 112 Introduction to the Modern Middle East
HIST 225 Politics, Society, and Cinema in the Modern Middle East
HIST 334 Women in the Muslim World: A History of Representations
POLS 342 Government and Politics of the Middle East
RELG 246 Islamic Religious Traditions
RELG 328 Jihad, Just War and the Prospect of Peace

Literature is not the only unique aspect of the Arab world; with distinctive perspectives on art, music, cuisine and way of life, it would be safe to assume that the Arabic-speaking world has a rich cultural heritage that can open many opportunities for anyone who is ready to delve into its richness and magnificence.

Arabic is one of the most sought after languages in the U.S. Firstly, Arabic has been categorized as a “critical language” by the U.S. State Department, which led to Arabic speakers being in high demand—which in return has created various scholarships for language study in the U.S. and overseas. Secondly, due to the Middle East’s growing importance in international affairs, there has been an increased need for Arabic speakers, especially where there is a shortage of qualified persons from the west who are fluent in the Arabic language and understand the culture.

courses for all levels, and courses in literature, Arabic studies and Arab culture. Courses are offered year long. For those who cannot attend classes on campus, some are available online. The University also offers a study abroad program (Montclair in Amman) where students can earn nine credits. The program also includes field trips and hands-on activities that help students immerse themselves in the culture and practice the language with native speakers. Additionally, the Arab Student Association (ASA) organizes weekly activities that expose students to Arabic language and culture.

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Dr. Rabia Redouane: Associate Professor
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Here at Montclair State, we offer a major in Arabic (36-42 credits) and a minor in Arabic language (18 credits). We offer language

The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures Major & Minor in Arabic

The **Department of Modern Languages and Literatures** is dedicated to sharing knowledge about the languages and cultures of a diverse world population and to imparting respect for and understanding of similarity and difference across national borders.

Arabic is the fifth most spoken language in the world, and is used throughout North Africa and the Middle East. With over 420 million speakers, Arabic has been a driving force for advancements in science and cultural enrichment. Study Arabic and explore the rich, complex culture of this region through a multi-faceted and engaging course of study. You will be prepared for graduate study and careers in a diverse array of fields. Arabic is also one of the official languages of the United Nations. The Arabic Major is composed of 36-42 credits.



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