Arabic Studies Minor

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The minor in Arabic Studies facilitates proficiency in the Arabic language, familiarizes students with the cultures of the Arabic-speaking world, provides facility with the Arabic textual tradition, and affords a foundation for professional and graduate work using the Arabic language. Coursework trains students to read, interpret, and contextualize "texts," broadly construed as written, oral, and audio-visual. This is accomplished through mastering the Arabic language, increasing knowledge of Arab cultural themes, and engaging apposite scholarly literature necessary to understand Arabic texts in an informed, relevant way.

Courses used to satisfy minor requirements must be taken for letter grades and passed with a mid-C or better.

Arabic Studies Minor Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Category I: Third-Year Arabic		
ARB 301–303	Language and Culture	12
Category II: Advanced Arabic		
ARB 331	Reading Classical Arabic	4
An additional course, approved by an advisor		4
Category III: Arabic Culture and Society		
An elective from the following list (or any course with substantial content in Arabic, Middle Eastern, or Islamic studies):		4
ARB 199	Special Studies: [Topic]	
COLT 370	Comparative Comics	
COLT 462	Cultural Intersections: [Topic] (Orientalism)	
COLT 470	Studies in Identity: [Topic] (Multiculturalism and Empire)	
GEOG 209	Geography of the Middle East and North Africa	
HIST 199	Special Studies: [Topic] (The Iraq War; Islamic Civilization I or II; Islam in the Modern World)	
HIST 399	Special Studies: [Topic] (The Iraq War)	
GLBL 399	Special Studies: [Topic]	
GLBL 407	Seminar: [Topic]	
GLBL 423	Development and the Muslim World	
J 467	Issues in International Communication: [Topic] (The Arab World and the Media)	
PS 399	Special Studies: [Topic] (Egypt; Politics of the Middle East)	
REL 102	World Religions: Near Eastern Traditions	
REL 233	Introduction to Islam	
REL 324–325	History of Eastern Christianity	
REL 335	Introduction to the Qur'an	
REL 432	Islamic Mysticism: [Topic]	
TA 472	Multicultural Theater: [Topic] (Arab American Theater)	
Total Credits		**24**

Modified Requirements for Students with Prior Literacy in Arabic

Students who already have skills that satisfy the equivalent of the ARB 301–303 third-year sequence—whether from native proficiency, study abroad, or courses from another university—may choose to test out of one or more of these courses by passing a proficiency examination, administered by the UO Testing Center, designed to demonstrate basic literacy in Arabic. If students wish to transfer their third-year Arabic courses from other universities or from overseas study, they may do so contingent on the successful completion of an examination at the appropriate level, to ensure proper placement.

Students who pass the proficiency exam must still complete 24 credits for the minor in Arabic studies, including at least 12 from among Category II courses and up to 12 from among Category III electives.