Arabic

Minor

The Arabic minor introduces students to the language, peoples, cultures, and histories of the Arabic-speaking world. The minor develops the student's command of reading, writing, speaking, and comprehension in the Arabic language and may complement the student's intended major study.

Students wishing to major in Arabic should see the major requirements in the Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/middle-eastern-languages-cultures/) major.

Students minoring in Arabic must satisfy the lower division prerequisite requirements. Students may also take a language proficiency exam to waive the elementary and intermediate language courses. Please meet with the undergraduate major advisor to discuss course options or plan for study abroad.

Declaring the Minor

Students may declare the Arabic minor as soon as they begin their study at UC Berkeley. Please find the minor declaration form in the Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures Department or email the undergraduate major advisor. Students must declare the minor no later than the semester before their Expected Graduation Term (EGT). Please see the L&S minor guidelines (https://ls.berkeley.edu/advising/planning/schedule-planning/minors/) for more information.

Other Majors and Minors offered by the Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures (MELC) Department

Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/middle-eastern-languages-cultures/) (Major and Minor)

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Hebrew (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/hebrew/) (Minor)
Persian (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/persian/) (Minor)
Turkish (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/turkish/) (Minor)

The Arabic minor program requires five upper-division courses in Arabic literature and culture or history.

General Guidelines

1. All minors must be declared no later than one semester before a student's Expected Graduation Term (EGT). If the semester before EGT is fall or spring, the deadline is the last day of RRR week. If the semester before EGT is summer, the deadline is the final Friday of Summer Sessions. To declare a minor, contact the department advisor for information on requirements, and the declaration process.
2. All courses taken to satisfy the minor requirement must be taken for a letter grade and be at least 3 units.
3. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 must be maintained in order to declare and complete the minor.
4. No more than one upper-division course may be used to simultaneously fulfill requirements for a student's major and minor program.
5. With the prior consent of the faculty major adviser, students may take courses across various disciplines to satisfy the Arabic culture and history requirement.

Minor Requirements

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Upper-Division Requirements (5 Courses) 15-20

Arabic Language and Literature

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Arabic Culture and History

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ARABIC 1A Elementary Arabic 5 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2020
This course is an elementary course designed for students with no or little knowledge of the Arabic language, letters and sounds. This course is also appropriate for students with some exposure to Arabic colloquial but with no or little training in Modern Standard Arabic. The course teaches skills in speaking, reading, listening and writing Arabic and builds vocabulary and idiomatic expressions that allow students to discuss topics related to self, family and surroundings. The course also exposes students to Arabic cultures and provides opportunity to explore and discuss the various cultures and communities. Using task-based and proficiency-oriented approaches to foreign language instruction, the course also covers basic syntax and grammar

Elementary Arabic: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: ARABIC 1A is a prerequisite to ARABIC 1B

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for ARABIC 1A after completing ARABIC 10. A deficient grade in ARABIC 1A may be removed by taking ARABIC 10.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of recitation and 2 hours of workshop per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Elementary Arabic: Read Less [-]

ARABIC 1B Elementary Arabic 5 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Spring 2020
This course emphasizes the functional usage of Arabic in the four language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Authentic audio, video, and reading materials are presented from the beginning, and students are encouraged to be creative with the language in and out of class.

Elementary Arabic: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: ARABIC 1A with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for ARABIC 1B after completing ARABIC 10. A deficient grade in ARABIC 1B may be removed by taking ARABIC 10.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of recitation per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Elementary Arabic: Read Less [-]
ARABIC 10 Intensive Elementary Arabic 10 Units
Terms offered: Summer 2021 8 Week Session, Summer 2020 8 Week Session, Summer 2019 8 Week Session
An eight-week intensive course intended to teach skills in oral comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing Arabic. Using up-to-date language teaching and proficiency-oriented methodologies, the course also covers the basics of Arabic morphology, syntax, and grammar. While the course’s vocabulary is designed to serve the needs of daily conversation in any part of the Arabic speaking world, its simultaneous attention to the rules of morphology, syntax, and grammar serves the needs of the prospective scholar.
Intensive Elementary Arabic: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for ARABIC 10 after completing ARABIC 1B.

Hours & Format
Summer: 8 weeks - 20 hours of recitation per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Intensive Elementary Arabic: Read Less [-]

ARABIC 11 Arabic for Reading Knowledge 4 Units
Terms offered: Summer 2003 10 Week Session
The course is designed to guide students through Arabic grammar with a systematic treatment of the subject and the use of classical Arabic texts. Arabic for Reading Knowledge: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Summer: 6 weeks - 10 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Intensive Elementary Arabic: Read Less [-]

ARABIC 15 Spoken Arabic 6 Units
Terms offered: Summer 2003 10 Week Session, Summer 1997 10 Week Session
Practice in speaking an Arabic dialect.
Spoken Arabic: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Summer: 8 weeks - 12 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Spoken Arabic: Read Less [-]

ARABIC 15B Spoken Arabic 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2009, Spring 2003
Practice in speaking an Arabic dialect.
Spoken Arabic: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 15A
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Formerly known as: 101B

Spoken Arabic: Read Less [-]

ARABIC 20A Intermediate Arabic 5 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2020
This course is proficiency oriented. Authentic reading in modern standard and classical Arabic and the understanding and application of grammatical and stylistic rules are emphasized. Students deliver oral presentations and write academic papers in Arabic.
Intermediate Arabic: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: ARABIC 1B or ARABIC 10 with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor
Credit Restrictions: A deficient grade in ARABIC 20A may be removed by taking ARABIC 30.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of recitation per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Intermediate Arabic: Read Less [-]
ARABIC 20B Intermediate Arabic 5 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Spring 2020
This course is proficiency oriented. Authentic reading in modern standard and classical Arabic and the understanding and application of grammatical and stylistic rules are emphasized. Students deliver oral presentations and write academic papers in Arabic.
Intermediate Arabic: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: ARABIC 20A with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor
Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for ARABIC 20B after completing ARABIC 30. A deficient grade in ARABIC 20B may be removed by taking ARABIC 30.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of recitation per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Intermediate Arabic: Read Less [-]

ARABIC 30 Intermediate Arabic 10 Units
Terms offered: Summer 2021 8 Week Session, Summer 2020 8 Week Session, Summer 2019 8 Week Session
This course is equivalent to a full year of intermediate level Arabic. It will deepen skills in speaking, comprehending, reading, and writing Modern Standard Arabic.
Intermediate Arabic: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: ARABIC 1B or ARABIC 10 with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor
Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for ARABIC 30 after completing ARABIC 20B.

Hours & Format
Summer: 8 weeks - 20 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Intermediate Arabic: Read Less [-]

ARABIC 50 Advanced Arabic 10 Units
Terms offered: Summer 1997 10 Week Session, Summer 1995 10 Week Session
This course will include grammatical and stylistic analysis of Arabic texts from both the classical and the modern periods. Class will be conducted entirely in Arabic.
Advanced Arabic: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Two years of college level Arabic
Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for 50 after taking 100A-100B.

Hours & Format
Summer: 8 weeks - 20 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Advanced Arabic: Read Less [-]

ARABIC 100A Advanced Arabic 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2020
Intensive reading and analysis of texts of different genres. Guest lectures, films, documentaries, oral presentations, research papers. Formal and informal styles of writing and correspondence. Extensive vocabulary building.
Advanced Arabic: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: ARABIC 20B or ARABIC 30 with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Advanced Arabic: Read Less [-]
ARABIC 100B Advanced Arabic 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Spring 2020
Intensive reading and analysis of texts of different genres. Guest lectures, films, documentaries, oral presentations, research papers. Formal and informal styles of writing and correspondence. Extensive vocabulary building.
Advanced Arabic: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: ARABIC 100A with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Advanced Arabic: Read Less [-]

ARABIC 103 Media Arabic 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2022, Summer 2022 3 Week Session
This course aims to strengthen the student’s skills in aural comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing in Arabic Media. Students will engage with authentic materials like newspapers, magazines, and internet news sites, which will provide them with a deeper understanding of the linguistic properties of Arabic media output, as well as insight into sociolinguistics, critical discourse analysis, and translation issues. The course will include enrichment activities. Moreover, there will be a group of tasks assigned that will open the door for students to practice what they learned in a meaningful context. Students will also learn about vocality and the way news anchors and media professionals speak Arabic.
Media Arabic: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Arabic 20B or consent of instructor
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of workshop per week
Summer: 3 weeks - 15 hours of lecture and 5 hours of workshop per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Media Arabic: Read Less [-]

ARABIC 104A Modern Arabic Prose 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2021
This course is designed for students who wish to concentrate on contemporary prose. Reading and analysis of modern Arabic fiction, including short stories, drama, the novel, and expository prose.
Modern Arabic Prose: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: ARABIC 20B or ARABIC 30 with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Modern Arabic Prose: Read Less [-]

ARABIC 104B Classical Arabic Prose 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018
This course is designed for students who wish to concentrate on Arabic of the classical periods of Arab and Islamic civilization. Reading and analysis of literary texts of various genres, including essays, biography, and travel literature.
Classical Arabic Prose: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: ARABIC 20B or ARABIC 30 with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Classical Arabic Prose: Read Less [-]
ARABIC 105A Modern Arabic Poetry 3 Units
Terms offered: Prior to 2007
Readings and analysis of 20th-century Arabic poetry.
Modern Arabic Poetry: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: ARABIC 20B or ARABIC 30 with a minimum grade of C-
or with the consent of the instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Modern Arabic Poetry: Read Less [-]

ARABIC 105B Classical Arabic Poetry 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2007, Fall 2008, Fall 2006
Readings and analysis of poetry from the pre-Islamic through the
classical periods.
Classical Arabic Poetry: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: ARABIC 20B or ARABIC 30 with minimum grade of C-
or with the consent of the instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Classical Arabic Poetry: Read Less [-]

ARABIC 106 Islamic Religious and
Philosophical Texts in Arabic 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016
Readings in the basic texts of Islam (Qur'an, Hadith, Sira, commentary)
and in theological, mystical, and philosophical texts.
Islamic Religious and Philosophical Texts in Arabic: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: ARABIC 20B or ARABIC 30 with a minimum grade of C-
or with the consent of the instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Islamic Religious and Philosophical Texts in Arabic: Read Less [-]
ARABIC 111A Survey of Arabic Literature (in Arabic) 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2015, Fall 2014, Fall 2013
This course is designed primarily for majors and prospective majors in Arabic studies. The Classical Periods: A literary-historical survey of Arabic literature from pre-Islamic times to the middle of the thirteenth century, with emphasis on the more important achievements of major Arab authors.
Survey of Arabic Literature (in Arabic): Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: ARABIC 20B or ARABIC 30 with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ARABIC 111B Survey of Arabic Literature (in Arabic) 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2021
This course is designed primarily for majors and prospective majors in Arabic studies. The Post-Abbasid and Modern Periods: A literary-historical survey of Arabic literature from the middle of the thirteenth century to the present.
Survey of Arabic Literature (in Arabic): Read Less [-]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: ARABIC 20B or ARABIC 30 with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ARABIC 115A Colloquial Arabic 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2019, Fall 2017
This course introduces students to a standard colloquial Arabic and the cultures of the region in which it spoken. The colloquial will change based on availability. The focus of the course is on speaking and listening, but also includes readings from printed materials. The course draws on various media including advertisements, theater, and film composed in colloquial style. This course will also expose students to literature composed in colloquial. Moreover, students will study the social stratification in the society along with an analysis of the speech of each social level. Students use their knowledge of Modern Standard Arabic as a platform for learning to communicate in colloquial.
Colloquial Arabic: Read More [+]

Objectives & Outcomes
Course Objectives: By the completion of this course students should be able to:
1. Understand what they hear and what they read in ECA
2. Hold conversation in ECA with native speakers
3. Read and comprehend literature written in ECA
4. Gain an understanding of the Egyptian culture
5. Be aware of cultural references in context
6. Recognize the language level of the speaker to avoid misunderstandings
7. Respond to any speaker according to his/her language level.

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: ARABIC 1B or ARABIC 10 with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Colloquial Arabic: Read Less [-]
ARABIC 115B Colloquial Arabic 4 Units  
Terms offered: Spring 2022, Spring 2020, Spring 2018  
This course introduces students to Egyptian Colloquial Arabic and the cultures of the region in which it is spoken. The focus of the course is on speaking and listening, but also includes readings from printed materials. The course draws on various media including advertisements, theater, and film composed in colloquial style. This course will also expose students to literature composed in colloquial. Moreover, students will study the social stratification in the Egyptian society along with an analysis of the speech of each social level. Students use their knowledge of Modern Standard Arabic as a platform for learning to communicate in Egyptian colloquial.  
Colloquial Arabic: Read More [+]

Objectives & Outcomes

Course Objectives: By the completion of ECA course students should be able to:  
1. Read and comprehend literature written in ECA  
2. Hold longer conversations with native speakers on different topics.  
3. Understand the sociolinguistic aspects of Egyptian culture.  
4. Understand and engage in the Egyptian humor which forms a big part of the culture.  
5. Understand and engage in social occasions such as greetings giving condolences, etc.  
6. Recognize the language level of the speaker to avoid misunderstandings.  
7. Respond to any speaker according to his/her language level.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ARABIC 115A with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor  
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format  
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week  
Additional Details  
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate  
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.  
Colloquial Arabic: Read Less [-]

ARABIC H195 Senior Honors 2 - 4 Units  
Terms offered: Fall 2003  
Directed study centered upon preparation of an honors thesis.  
Senior Honors: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Limited to senior honors candidates  
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 4 units.

Hours & Format  
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week  
Additional Details  
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate  
Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.  
Senior Honors: Read Less [-]

ARABIC 198 Directed Group Study for Upper Division Students 1 - 4 Units  
Terms offered: Summer 2000 10 Week Session  
Instruction in areas not covered by regularly scheduled courses.  
Directed Group Study for Upper Division Students: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Enrollment is restricted; see the section on Academic Policies-Course Number Guide in the Berkeley Bulletin.  
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format  
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week  
Summer: 8 weeks - 2-8 hours of directed group study per week  
Additional Details  
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate  
Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.  
Directed Group Study for Upper Division Students: Read Less [-]
ARABIC 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 1998
Enrollment restrictions apply; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section of this catalog.
Supervised Independent Study and Research: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Enrollment is restricted; see the section on Academic Policies-Course Number Guide in the Berkeley Bulletin.
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week
Summer:
6 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week
8 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.