The Minor in Arabic Studies

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
The Arabic Program

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Minor in Arabic Studies

The minor in Arabic Studies is designed for students interested in developing an expertise in the Arab World as a complement to their disciplinary major. Arabic is one of the world’s most important languages and has been named by the US State Department as a critical language. As a result, government funding is available for the study of Arabic. The Arab economy is one of the fastest growing global economies. Arabic is natively spoken by 350 million people and is studied even more widely because of its importance in the Muslim World.

Requirements

Completion of the minor requires at least 18 hours in applicable courses.

Language requirement (6 credit hours)
ARAB 405: Advanced Standard Arabic I
ARAB 406: Advanced Standard Arabic II

Arabic Culture and Linguistics course requirements (6 credit hours)
LING/ARAB 411: Survey of Arabic Varieties
One of the following electives, chosen in consultation with the advisor:
- ARAB 150: Language and Culture of the Arab World
- ARAB 210: Colloquial Arabic I
- A study abroad equivalent approved by the advisor.

Interdisciplinary electives related to the Arab World (6 credit hours)
To be chosen from the following list in consultation with the advisor:
ARAB 407: Topics Stand Arabic Lang & Lit I
ARAB 408: Topics Stand Arabic Lang & Lit II
ARAB 409: Adv Topics Stand Arabic Lang & Lit I
ARAB 410: Adv Topics Stand Arabic Lang & Lit II
HIST 135: History of Islamic Middle East
HIST 437: Middle East in 20th Century
HIST 438: Egypt since World War I
PS 347: Gov and Pol of Middle East
RLST 213: Intro to Islam-ACP
RLST 214: Intro to Islam
RLST 223: Qur’an: Structure and Exegesis
RLST 260: Mystics and Saints in Islam
RLST 403: Women in Muslim Societies
RLST 408: Islam and Modern Society
RLST 410: Islam in Egypt
RLST 481: Muslim Ethics in Global Age

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