

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/archive/2023-24/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://lsadvising.berkeley.edu/majors-minors/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/archive/2023-24/undergraduate/degree-programs/middle-eastern-languages-cultures/>) (Major and Minor)
 Arabic (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2023-24/undergraduate/degree-programs/arabic/>) (Minor)
 Hebrew (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2023-24/undergraduate/degree-programs/hebrew/>) (Minor)
 Persian (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2023-24/undergraduate/degree-programs/persian/>) (Minor)
 Turkish (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2023-24/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 before the first day of classes in your Expected Graduation Term (EGT). For summer graduates, minors must be declared prior to the first day of Summer Session A.
2. All upper-division courses must be taken for a letter grade.
3. A minimum of three of the upper-division courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements must be completed at UC Berkeley.
4. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 is required in the upper-division courses to fulfill the minor requirements.

5. Courses used to fulfill the minor requirements may be applied toward the Seven-Course Breadth requirement, for Letters & Science students.
6. No more than one upper division course may be used to simultaneously fulfill requirements for a student's major and minor programs.
7. All minor requirements must be completed prior to the last day of finals during the semester in which the student plans to graduate. If students cannot finish all courses required for the minor by that time, they should see a College of Letters & Science adviser.
8. All minor requirements must be completed within the unit ceiling. (For further information regarding the unit ceiling, please see the College Requirements tab.)

Minor Requirements

Lower Division Requirements		20
ARABIC 1A	Elementary Arabic [5]	
ARABIC 1B	Elementary Arabic [5]	
ARABIC 20A	Intermediate Arabic [5]	
ARABIC 20B	Intermediate Arabic [5]	
Upper-Division Requirements (5 Courses)		15-20
Arabic Language and Literature		
ARABIC 100A	Advanced Arabic [3]	
Select two Arabic literature courses		
ARABIC 100B	Advanced Arabic [3]	
ARABIC 103	Media Arabic [4]	
ARABIC 104A	Modern Arabic Prose [3]	
ARABIC 104B	Classical Arabic Prose [3]	
ARABIC 105A	Modern Arabic Poetry [3]	
ARABIC 105B	Classical Arabic Poetry [3]	
ARABIC 107	Arabic Historical and Geographical Texts [3]	
ARABIC 108	Islamic Religious and Philosophical Texts in Arabic [3]	
ARABIC 111A	Survey of Arabic Literature (in Arabic) [3]	
ARABIC 111B	Survey of Arabic Literature (in Arabic) [3]	
**Only one colloquial course can be used to satisfy this requirement		
ARABIC 115A	Colloquial Arabic [4]	
ARABIC 115B	Colloquial Arabic [4]	
Arabic Culture and History		
Select two courses in Arabic culture/history ²		
MELC 118	Writing Systems of the World [4]	
MELC 119	Explorers, Archaeologists, and Tourists in the Middle East [4]	
MELC C121	Topics in Islamic Art [4]	
MELC 125	Art and Archaeology of Middle Eastern Christianity [4]	
MELC 126	Silk Road Art and Archaeology [3]	
MELC 129	Arts of Iran and Central Asia [4]	
MELC 140	Topics in Islamic Thought and Institutions [3]	
MELC 141	Modern and Contemporary Islamic Thought [3]	
MELC 142	Shi'ite Islam [3]	
MELC 144	Sufism: The Mysticism of Islam [3]	

MELC 146	Islam [4]
MELC 147	The Rise of Islamic Civilization [4]
MELC 148	Emergence of the Modern Middle East [4]
MELC 149	The Modern Middle East from WWI to the Present [4]
MELC 150A	Arabic Literature in Translation [3]
MELC 150B	Arabic Literature in Translation [3]
MELC 151	Middle Eastern Women Writers [4]
MELC 152	Cultural Encounters in Modern Arabic Literature [3]
MELC 153	Synagogues, Cathedrals, and Mosques: The Rise and Fall of Islamic Spain [4]
MELC 154	Narratives of Identity in Israeli and Palestinian Fiction [4]
MELC 155	The Thousand and One Nights in World Literary Imagination [3]
MELC 156	Sociolinguistics of the Middle East [4]
MELC 157	Reel Arabs: Film and Fiction in the Middle East [4]
MELC 158AC	Middle East: Post-Colonialism, Migration, and Diaspora [4]
MELC 159	Middle East, Empire, and Orientalism [4]
MELC 160	Religions of Ancient Iran [3]
MELC 161	Topics in Persian Art and Culture [4]
MELC 165	Film and Fiction of Iran [4]
MELC 170	Islamic History and Historiography (600-1050) [3]
MELC 173	Topics in the History of Central Asia and the Turks [3]
MELC 174	Law and Society in the Early Modern Middle East [3]
MELC 175	History and Culture of Afghanistan [3]
MELC 180	The Quran and Its Interpretation [4]
MELC 187	The Assyrians and Other Religious Groups in the Middle East [4]
MELC C188	Magic, Religion, and Science: The Ancient and Medieval Worlds [4]
MELC 190D	Special Topics in Fields of Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures: Islamic Studies [4]
MELC 190E	Special Topics in Fields of Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures: Arabic [4]
MELC 192A	Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Middle Eastern Studies: Ancient Middle Eastern Studies [2,4]
MELC 192E	Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Middle Eastern Studies: Arabic [2,4]
MELC 193	Middle Eastern Archaeological Field School [6]
MELC 198	Directed Group Study for Upper Division Students [1-4]
MELC 199	Supervised Independent Study and Research [1-4]
Total Units	
35-40	

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Expand all course descriptions [+]Collapse all course descriptions [-]

ARABIC 1A Elementary Arabic 5 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

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 [-]

¹ Texts must be in Arabic.

² Students may select courses from other departments to satisfy the Arabic history and culture requirements. All courses must be approved by the faculty major adviser.

ARABIC 1B Elementary Arabic 5 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022

This course is the second semester of the elementary level of Modern Standard Arabic. The course further 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. Using task-based and proficiency-oriented approaches to foreign language instruction, the course includes regular discussion in Arabic and prepares students to communicate in a variety of contexts. The course also provides an opportunity for exploration and discussion of Arab cultures. The course covers basic syntax and grammar and introduces students to the Arabic morphological system.

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 - 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 10 Intensive Elementary Arabic 10 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2024 8 Week Session, Summer 2021 8 Week Session, Summer 2020 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.

Instructor: Bazian

Arabic for Reading Knowledge: 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 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

The course teaches skills in speaking, reading, listening, and writing in Modern Standard Arabic and builds vocabulary, idiomatic expressions, and grammar that allows students to further discuss topics related to self and family, community, and environment, offer opinions and speak about a number of topics in detail. Using task-based and proficiency-oriented approaches to foreign language instruction, the course includes regular discussion in Arabic and prepares students to communicate in a variety of contexts. The course engages students with authentic materials and features of Arab cultures and deepens students' knowledge of Arabic syntax and its rich morphological system.

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 - 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.

Intermediate Arabic: Read Less [-]

ARABIC 20B Intermediate Arabic 5 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022

This course is the second semester of the intermediate level of Modern Standard Arabic. The course further teaches skills in speaking, reading, listening and writing in Arabic and builds vocabulary, expressions and grammar that allow students to discuss topics in detail and develop and support opinions. Using task-based and proficiency-oriented approaches to foreign language instruction, the course includes regular discussion in Arabic and prepares students to communicate in a variety of contexts and for various purposes. The course engages students with authentic materials and features of Arab cultures and deepens students' knowledge of Arabic syntax and its rich morphological system.

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 - 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.

Intermediate Arabic: Read Less [-]

ARABIC 30 Intermediate Arabic 10 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2024 8 Week Session, Summer 2021 8 Week Session, Summer 2020 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 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

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 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022

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: Spring 2024, Fall 2022

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 locality 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: Fall 2024, 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 2017, 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 107 Arabic Historical and Geographical Texts 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Spring 2018

Readings from the classical historians and geographers and from contemporary scholarship. Development of historiography.

Arabic Historical and Geographical Texts: 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.

Arabic Historical and Geographical Texts: Read Less [-]

ARABIC 108 Islamic Religious and Philosophical Texts in Arabic 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022

Readings in the basic texts of Islam (Qur'an, Huran, 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.

Survey of Arabic Literature (in Arabic): Read Less [-]

ARABIC 111B Survey of Arabic Literature (in Arabic) 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 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 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.

Survey of Arabic Literature (in Arabic): Read Less [-]

ARABIC 115A Colloquial Arabic 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2021, Fall 2019

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 [+]

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 2024, Spring 2022, Spring 2020

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 a 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.

Supervised Independent Study and Research: Read Less [-]