

ARABIC LANGUAGE AND CULTURE, CERTIFICATE

The mission of the Department of African Cultural Studies is to research and teach the languages and expressive cultures of Africa and Africans around the world. Our faculty specialize in literature, music, film, critical applied linguistics, drama, diaspora studies, and new media.

In support of this mission, the certificate in Arabic Language and Culture offers students the opportunity to develop proficiency in Arabic, thereby complementing their studies in other areas across the university. The certificate fosters a thorough understanding of one of the most widely spoken languages (official language of over 20 countries) throughout northern Africa and the Middle East with a focus on Arabic language skills, advanced language courses in Arabic, and courses on the literature and culture of the region. The certificate also strengthens the skills of students who intend to pursue careers or graduate study in areas of the world where Arabic proficiency is useful.

HOW TO GET IN

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Declaring the Arabic Language and Culture certificate is as easy as meeting with the advisor. Find the African Cultural Studies advisor on Starfish (<https://wisc.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops/dl/instructor/serviceCatalog.html?bookmark=service/64484>).

REQUIREMENTS

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The Arabic Language and Culture certificate requires 14 credits. Students must complete through the fourth unit (semester) of Arabic language.

Students may earn the remaining credits with courses on culture, literature, and/or additional language study.

LANGUAGE THROUGH FOURTH SEMESTER

Code	Title	Credits
AFRICAN 323	Third Semester Arabic	4
or AFRICAN 341	Third Semester Summer Arabic	
AFRICAN 324	Fourth Semester Arabic	4
or AFRICAN 342	Fourth Semester Summer Arabic	

LANGUAGE/LITERATURE/CULTURE

Code	Title	Credits
AFRICAN 100	Introduction to African Cultural Expression	3
AFRICAN 201	Introduction to African Literature	3
AFRICAN 212	Introduction to African Popular Culture	3
AFRICAN 231	Introduction to Arabic Literary Culture	3

AFRICAN/ AFROAMER 233	Global HipHop and Social Justice	3
AFRICAN/ AFROAMER/ ANTHRO/GEOG/ HISTORY/POLI SCI/ SOC 277	Africa: An Introductory Survey	4
AFRICAN/ INTL ST 302	Arabic Literature and Cinema	3
AFRICAN 329	Fifth Semester Arabic	3
AFRICAN 330	Sixth Semester Arabic	3
AFRICAN 343	Fifth Semester Summer Arabic	4
AFRICAN 344	Sixth Semester Summer Arabic	4
AFRICAN/ASIAN/ RELIG ST 370	Islam: Religion and Culture	3-4
AFRICAN 412	Contemporary African Fiction	3
AFRICAN/ AFROAMER 413	Contemporary African and Caribbean Drama	3-4
AFRICAN/ RELIG ST 414	Islam in Africa and the Diaspora	3
AFRICAN/ COM ARTS/ L I S 444	Technology and Development in Africa and Beyond	3
AFRICAN/JEWISH/ MEDIEVAL/ RELIG ST 462	Muslims and Jews	3
ART HIST 305	History of Islamic Art and Architecture	3
ART HIST/ RELIG ST 373	Mecca, Cairo, Istanbul, Delhi: Great Cities of Islam	3
ART HIST 510	Proseminar in Islamic Art and Architecture	3
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 206	The Qur'an: Religious Scripture & Literature	3
CLASSICS/ HISTORY 110	The Ancient Mediterranean	4
CLASSICS 308	Sex and Violence in the Ancient Near East	3
CLASSICS 321	The Egyptians: History, Society, and Literature	3
CLASSICS/ HISTORY/ RELIG ST 517	Religions of the Ancient Mediterranean	3
FRENCH/ GEN&WS 285	Rebellious Women from the Global South	3-4
GEN&WS/ POLI SCI 435	Politics of Gender and Women's Rights in the Middle East	3
HISTORY 139	Introduction to the Modern Middle East	3-4
HISTORY/ RELIG ST 205	The Making of the Islamic World: The Middle East, 500-1500	3-4
HISTORY/ MEDIEVAL/ RELIG ST 309	The Crusades: Christianity and Islam	3-4
INTL ST 266	Introduction to the Middle East	3
POLI SCI 320	Governments and Politics of the Middle East and North Africa	3-4

POLI SCI 323	Islam and World Politics	3-4
POLI SCI 370	Islam and Politics	3-4
POLI SCI 529	Arab-Israeli Conflict	3-4

- Try “Jobs, Internships, & How to Get Them,” (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/canvas/>) an interactive guide in Canvas for enrolled UW–Madison students

RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

- At least 7 credits must be completed in residence.
- Minimum 2.000 GPA on all certificate courses.

CERTIFICATE COMPLETION REQUIREMENT

This undergraduate certificate must be completed concurrently with the student’s undergraduate degree. Students cannot delay degree completion to complete the certificate.

RESOURCES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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One of the most valuable resources for students interested in language study is the Language Institute and its website, Languages at UW–Madison (<http://www.languages.wisc.edu/>).

Learn more about scholarships (<https://languages.wisc.edu/scholarships/>) and other opportunities for funded language study.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

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1. Demonstrate intermediate to advanced level proficiency in Modern Standard Arabic.
2. Compare and critique cultural, historical, and/or political realities in regions where Arabic language is influential to demonstrate intercultural competence and ethical reasoning.
3. Develop skills and abilities necessary to work in diverse career fields where Arabic language, cultural competence, and experience with international issues are sought after.

ADVISING AND CAREERS

ADVISING AND CAREERS DECLARE OR CANCEL THIS MAJOR

Please follow the process described on the African Cultural Studies (<https://african.wisc.edu/undergraduate-program/>) website (<https://www.anthropology.wisc.edu/undergraduate-study/>).

SUCCESSWORKS

SuccessWorks (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/>) at the College of Letters & Science helps you turn the academic skills learned in your classes into a fulfilling life, guiding you every step of the way to securing jobs, internships, or admission to graduate school.

Through one-on-one career advising, events, and resources, you can explore career options, build valuable internship and research experience, and connect with supportive alumni and employers who open doors of opportunity.

- What you can do with your major (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/what-you-can-do-with-your-major/>) (Major Skills & Outcomes Sheets)
- Make a career advising appointment (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/>)
- Learn about internships and internship funding (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/finding-a-job-or-internship/>)