

ARABIC (ARAB)

100 Level Courses

ARAB 101: *Introduction to the Arabic Language.* 3 credits.
Introduction to Arabic language, dialects, countries, and culture. Beginning modern standard and classical Arabic, with emphasis on the written language, script and phonology. Basic grammar covering gender, numbers, cases, prepositions, nominal sentences, and basic conversation and greetings. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit. Equivalent to ARAB 110.

Schedule Type: Lecture

ARAB 102: *Introduction to the Arabic Language.* 3 credits.
Introduction to developing reading skills in formal settings. Emphasizes modern standard Arabic in oral communication. Beginning grammar level focuses on verbal sentences, present tenses, questions, and compound nouns. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit. Equivalent to ARAB 110.

Recommended Prerequisite: ARAB 101.

Schedule Type: Lecture

ARAB 110: *Elementary Arabic.* 6 credits.
Introduces elements of grammar, vocabulary, oral skills, listening comprehension, and reading. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit. Equivalent to ARAB 101, ARAB 102.

Schedule Type: Lecture

200 Level Courses

ARAB 201: *Intermediate Arabic I.* 3 credits.
Further development of listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. Advanced level of vocabulary. Grammar covers past tenses, subordinated conjunctions, and introduction to passive voice. Notes: Also introduces Arabic dictionary. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit. Equivalent to ARAB 210.

Recommended Prerequisite: ARAB 101, 102.

Schedule Type: Lecture

ARAB 202: *Intermediate Arabic II.* 3 credits.
Emphasis on application of language skills to reading, composition, and discussion. Focuses on language structure, format of developing vocabulary from verbs, covering different derivations, and language patterns. Leads to learning the use of Arabic dictionary in depth. Grammar covers passive voice and verbal nouns. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit. Equivalent to ARAB 210.

Recommended Prerequisite: ARAB 201.

Schedule Type: Lecture

ARAB 210: *Intermediate Arabic.* 3 credits.
Continuation of the development of basic components of the language, with focus on listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. Introduces students to the cultures and histories of Arabic-speaking regions. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit. Equivalent to ARAB 201, ARAB 202.

Recommended Prerequisite: ARAB 110 or appropriate placement score.

Schedule Type: Lecture

ARAB 250: *Gateway to Advanced Arabic.* 3 credits.
Integration of advanced intermediate-level Arabic reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills and the development of critical thinking and understanding authentic texts from the Arabic world. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

Specialized Designation: Taught in Arabic

Recommended Prerequisite: ARAB 210.

Schedule Type: Lecture

300 Level Courses

ARAB 300: *Advanced Arabic.* 3 credits.
Introduces new complex syntactical and grammatical structures for critical enhancement of fluency in Modern Standard Arabic. Emphasis is placed on sentence structure and vocabulary enrichment. Students also gain additional exposure to linguistic diglossia, culture, and history. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: ARAB 250.

Schedule Type: Lecture

ARAB 325: *Major Arab Writers/Stories.* 3 credits.
Studies works of major Arab writers or collections such as *The Arabian Nights*. Notes: Knowledge of Arabic helpful but not required. May be repeated when topic is different with permission of department. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Mason Core: Literature

Specialized Designation: Taught in English

Recommended Prerequisite: ENGL 101/ENGH 101 or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

ARAB 330: *Reading and Conversation I.* 3 credits.
Development of conversational fluency and reading skills in modern standard Arabic through class discussion, reports, and presentations. Includes readings from newspapers, journals, magazines, web sites, literary works, and other sources. Notes: ARAB 330 and 331 must be taken in sequence. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

Specialized Designation: Taught in Arabic

Recommended Prerequisite: ARAB 250, appropriate placement score, or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

ARAB 331: *Reading and Conversation II.* 3 credits.
Continuation of ARAB 330. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

Specialized Designation: Taught in Arabic

Recommended Prerequisite: ARAB 250 or equivalent; appropriate placement score; or permission of instructor

Schedule Type: Lecture

ARAB 350: *Media Arabic I (Written Media)*. 3 credits.

Develops advanced reading skills through work with current written media in Arabic. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

Specialized Designation: Taught in Arabic

Recommended Prerequisite: ARAB 330 and 331 or appropriate placement score or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

ARAB 351: *Media Arabic II (Spoken Media)*. 3 credits.

Develops advanced listening and speaking skills through work with current broadcasts in Arabic TV and Radio. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

Mason Core: Capstone

Specialized Designation: Taught in Arabic

Recommended Prerequisite: ARAB 350 or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

ARAB 360: *Topics in Arabic Cultural Production*. 3 credits.

Focuses on major trends and issues in modern Arabic cultural production. In addition to material from the Middle East and North Africa, the course surveys works of art, cinema, media, and literature from across the global Arabic diaspora. Notes: Some knowledge of Arabic is preferable. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Specialized Designation: Taught in English, Non-Western Culture

Schedule Type: Lecture

ARAB 375: *Study Abroad - Arab World*. 1-6 credits.

Designated study abroad programs in the Arab world. Notes: must be approved by Arabic program coordinator. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Recommended Prerequisite: ARAB 110.

Schedule Type: Independent Study

ARAB 380: *Arabic Dialects*. 3 credits.

Study of the structure of one Arabic dialect with comparison to Modern Standard Arabic and the classical Fus-ha. Includes study of literature, proverbs, and culture associated with that dialect. Notes: May be repeated when dialect covered is different. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May be repeated within the term for a maximum 6 credits.

Specialized Designation: Taught in Arabic

Recommended Prerequisite: ARAB 250, appropriate placement score, or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

ARAB 390: *Translation Methods: Arabic to English*. 3 credits.

Provides students with essential tools and techniques to translate Arabic texts to English. Includes practice applying these techniques to a variety of documents including literary, media, and legal texts. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

Specialized Designation: Taught in Arabic

Recommended Prerequisite: ARAB 330 and 331 or appropriate placement score or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

400 Level Courses

ARAB 420: *Survey of Arabic Literature*. 3 credits.

A survey of Arabic literature from its genesis to the present day. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

Specialized Designation: Taught in Arabic, Non-Western Culture

Recommended Prerequisite: Six credits of 300 level courses taught in Arabic or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

ARAB 430: *Advanced Arabic Grammar*. 3 credits.

Introduction to traditional Arabic grammar. Covers parts of speech, sentence structure, case marking, and verb structure. Combines traditional with modern approaches to Arabic grammar and includes practical drills. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

Specialized Designation: Taught in Arabic

Recommended Prerequisite: 6 credits of 300 level Arabic or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

ARAB 440: *Topics in Arabic Religious Thought and Texts*. 3 credits.

Survey of the religious and intellectual heritage of the Arab world. Notes: May be repeated when topic and texts are different. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 9 credits.

Mason Core: Capstone

Specialized Designation: Taught in Arabic, Non-Western Culture

Recommended Prerequisite: Six credits of 300 level Arabic or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

ARAB 498: *Independent Study*. 1-6 credits.

Designated independent study in the United States or abroad under the direction of a full-time faculty member. Notes: Must be approved by Arabic program coordinator. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: ARAB 250.

Schedule Type: Independent Study