

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 offers students the opportunity to develop proficiency in Arabic, thereby complementing their major(s) 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 applications 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 or AFRICAN 341	Third Semester Arabic	4
AFRICAN 324 or AFRICAN 342	Fourth Semester Arabic	4

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 325	Colloquial Arabic	2
AFRICAN 326	Colloquial Arabic	2
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	3-4
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 445	Advanced Readings in Arabic Texts	3
AFRICAN/JEWISH/ MEDIEVAL/ RELIG ST 462	Muslims and Jews	3
AFRICAN 500	Language and Society in Africa	3-4
ART HIST 305	History of Islamic Art and Architecture	3
ART HIST/ RELIG ST 373	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
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 444	Introduction to Sufism (Islamic Mysticism)	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
ENVIR ST/HIST SCI/ RELIG ST 356	Islam, Science & Technology, and the Environment	3-4
FRENCH 285	Rebellious Women	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

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

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.

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.

PEOPLE

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Please visit the African Cultural Studies website (<https://african.wisc.edu/people/faculty-and-staff/>) for a complete list of faculty, instructional, and academic staff.

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/>).