

# 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.