

# International Letters and Cultures (Arabic Studies), BA

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With approximately 420 million speakers around the world, Arabic is rooted in influential and emerging economies, ancient history and modern politics. When you learn this strategic language, you will also gain the cultural intelligence and competency that gives you a competitive edge and a pathway into a number of fields.

## Program description

The BA program in international letters and cultures with a concentration in Arabic studies provides critical and cultural diversity in advanced Arabic language and literature.

This concentration complements existing degree programs in the School of International Letters and Cultures and enhances studies in social science disciplines such as political science and global studies, as well as many humanities fields, including anthropology, history, philosophy and religious studies. The program provides a broad knowledge and understanding of the culture, literature and traditions of the vast Arabic-speaking world.

In addition to the guidelines in the Concurrent Program Options section below, students interested in pursuing concurrent or second baccalaureate degrees in The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are advised to visit [The College's website](#) for more information and requirements.

## At a glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)
- **Second language requirement:** Yes

- **First required math course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math intensity:** General 

## Required courses (Major Map)

[2024 - 2025 Major Map](#)

[Major Map \(Archives\)](#)

## Concurrent program options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

## Accelerated program options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an **accelerated bachelor's plus master's degree** with:

[Global Management, MGM](#)

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated master's during the junior year of their bachelor's degree program. Interested students can learn about eligibility requirements and [how to apply](#).

## Admission requirements

**General university admission requirements:**

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

[First-year](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

## Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

## Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should visit the [Change of Major form](#) for information about how to change a major to this program.

## Transfer options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use [MyPath2ASU®](#) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has [transfer partnerships](#) in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey.

## Global opportunities

### Global experience

As students become scholars in the language, cultures and history of the Arabic-speaking world, studying abroad is the perfect transition from the classroom to real life. Students can become culturally and linguistically immersed while gaining a deeper insight on a particular part of the world. Each of the more than 300 [Global Education program](#) options provide an opportunity for students to develop a valuable skill set that can give them an advantage in their career as well as personal enrichment.

Whether in a foreign country, in the U.S. or online, Global Education programs encourage students to build communication skills, challenge them to adapt and persevere, expose them to differences across the world and increase their ability to work with diverse groups of people. When studying abroad, students gain the global perspective and knowledge that prepares them for a future-focused career.

## Career opportunities

The bachelor's degree in international letters and cultures with a concentration in Arabic studies provides greater insight into the vast Arab world of 22 countries and can lead to career opportunities in areas such as journalism, translation, international consultations, government (e.g., United Nations, CIA), social work, law and health.

Graduates are prepared for a thriving job market. The degree also benefits those interested in academic research and careers in public and diplomatic service as well as in national security.

Example job titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience and geographical location may affect pay scales. Some jobs also may require advanced degrees, certifications or state-specific licensure.

Career	*Growth	*Median salary
<a href="#">Business Intelligence Analyst</a> 🌟	35.2%	\$103,500
<a href="#">Community Specialist</a> 🌟	6.5%	\$47,290

<b><u>Cultural Studies Professor</u></b>	3.9%	\$80,910
<b><u>Education Professor</u></b>	3.7%	\$66,930
<b><u>High School Teacher</u></b>	1.0%	\$62,360
<b><u>Intelligence Officer</u></b>	1.5%	\$86,280
<b><u>Lawyer</u></b> ☀	7.5%	\$135,740
<b><u>Political Analyst</u></b> ☀	6.6%	\$128,020
<b><u>Translator</u></b>	4.3%	\$53,640

\* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O\*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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