

# Arabic Studies, Certificate

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Earning a certificate in Arabic, the language of more than 22 countries, shows a commitment to understanding the cultures of a region with global impact. By learning the Arabic language and about Arabic literature and culture, you'll develop knowledge that is in demand in today's job market while broadening your perspective on global issues.

## Description

The certificate program in Arabic studies provides students with skills that enable them to communicate effectively in Arabic in the four areas of language acquisition: listening, reading, speaking and writing.

Simultaneously, students gain broad knowledge and understanding of the culture, literature and traditions of the vast Arabic-speaking world. The program provides critically needed educational and cultural diversity that enriches students' undergraduate experiences and prepares them for life as employees and employers.

Graduate students in the humanities, natural sciences and social sciences who are seeking academic or professional careers also benefit from the program, given the demonstrably high need for graduates with knowledge of the Arabic language.

## At a glance

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

## Program requirements

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The Arabic studies certificate requires students to complete 18 credit hours of upper-division coursework. A grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or better is required for each course.

### **Arabic Core (choose three) -- 9 credit hours**

[ARB 311: Advanced Arabic Skills I](#) or [ARB 411: Advanced Arabic Skills II \(G\)](#) (3)

[ARB 321: Arabic Conversation I](#) or [ARB 421: Arabic Conversation II](#) (3)

[ARB 331: Arabic/Islamic Culture and Literature \(HU & H & G\)](#) (3)

[ARB 335: Arabic Culture and Islam \(G\)](#) (3)

[ARB 341: Quran Text and Women \(HU & H\)](#) or [ARB 351: Classical Arabic Literature \(HU & G\)](#) (3)

[ARB 352: Modern Arabic Literature in Translation \(HU & G\)](#) or [ARB 422: Advanced Arabic Media \(G\)](#) (3)

### **Elective Courses (choose three) -- 9 credit hours**

Some courses can be used either as a core course or as an elective, but no course can be counted more than once toward certificate requirements.

[ARB 321: Arabic Conversation I](#) (3)

[ARB 335: Arabic Culture and Islam \(G\)](#) (3)

[ARB 336: Introduction to the Qur'an \(G\)](#) (3)

[ARB 337: Hadith and Prophetic Tradition \(HU & H & G\)](#) (3)

[ARB 340: Arabic Translation](#) (3)

[ARB 341: Quran Text and Women \(HU & H\)](#) (3)

[ARB 351: Classical Arabic Literature \(HU & G\)](#) (3)

[ARB 352: Modern Arabic Literature in Translation \(HU & G\)](#) (3)

[ARB 360: Islamic Philosophical Literature](#) (3)

[ARB 421: Arabic Conversation II](#) (3)

[ARB 422: Advanced Arabic Media \(G\)](#) (3)

[ARB 427: Arabic Prose: Reading the Arabian Nights](#) (3)

[ARB 428: Arab Women's Writing \(HU & G\)](#) (3)

[GCU 328: Geography of Middle East and North Africa \(SB & G\)](#) (3)

[HST 307: Studies in African History](#) (3)

[HST 372: Modern Middle East \(SB & G & H\)](#) (3)

[REL 365: Islamic Civilization \(HU & H\)](#) (3)

[REL 366: Islam in the Modern World \(HU & G\)](#) (3)

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

## **Enrollment requirements**

Any student accepted into an appropriate degree program at ASU can declare the certificate in Arabic studies. Requests to declare this certificate are reviewed by the academic advisor in the academic unit offering the certificate. The student may be contacted to discuss the certificate before it is added to their record.

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

## **Career opportunities**

Graduates who combine the certificate in Arabic studies with their major program of study may be more marketable to employers. Many decide to pursue employment in education, political analysis, the military, tourism and hospitality, or marketing.

## **Contact information**

[Schedule an advisor appointment](#)

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