

# Arabic

In the Department of Linguistics and Asian/Middle Eastern Languages  
In the College of Arts and Letters

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## Offered by the Center for Islamic and Arabic Studies

Minor in Islamic and Arabic studies.

## Offered by International Business

Major in international business, with emphasis in Arabic.

## Islamic and Arabic Studies Minor

Offered by the Center for Islamic and Arabic Studies, the minor in Islamic and Arabic studies consists of a minimum of 15 units, 12 of which must be upper division, to include Political Science 363; Religious Studies 328\*; and six units from History 473, 474, 574. Three additional units selected may be selected from Arabic 101, 102, 201, 202, 330; History 473, 474, 574.

Courses in the minor may not be counted toward the major, but may be used to satisfy preparation for the major and general education requirements, if applicable. A minimum of six upper division units must be completed in residence at San Diego State University.

\* Additional prerequisites required.

## Language Requirement for the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences

Students electing the study of Arabic to fulfill the language requirement for the Bachelor of Arts degree in liberal arts and sciences must successfully complete Arabic 201 or the equivalent level of achievement. The usual sequence of coursework is Arabic 101, 102, 201, and 202. Refer to section of catalog on "Graduation Requirements" for additional ways to satisfy competency.

## High School Equivalents

High school foreign language courses may be used for purposes of placement in college courses and may be counted toward meeting the language requirement in various majors. These high school courses will not count as college credit toward graduation.

Secondary school language courses can be used as follows:

1. The first **two years** of high school level language count as the equivalent of the first semester of a college level course, although students with fewer than three years of high school level language may complete the first semester college course for graduation credit.
2. The first **three years** of high school level language count as the equivalent of the first two college semesters, although students with fewer than four years of high school level language may complete the second semester college course for graduation credit. Students who have completed three years of foreign language in high school will not receive credit for the first semester college course unless at least five years separate the last high school course and the first college course.
3. **Four years** of high school level language count as the equivalent of three college semesters, thus fulfilling the language requirement.

## COURSES (ARAB)

Refer to *Curricula and Courses and University Policies* sections of this catalog for explanation of the course numbering system, unit or credit hour, prerequisites, and related information.

### LOWER DIVISION COURSES

**Native speakers of Arabic will not receive credit for taking lower division courses in Arabic except with advance approval from the department.**

**No credit will be given for lower division courses taken after successfully completing any upper division Arabic course taken in Arabic.**

**No credit will be given for Arabic 101, 102, 201, 202, 301, 302 taken out of sequence.**

#### ARAB 101. Elementary Arabic I (4) [GE]

Introduction to Arabic, with emphasis on language of everyday conversation. Focus on vocabulary and structures needed for elementary speaking, listening, and reading. Not open to students who have completed three years of high school Arabic unless the third course was completed five or more years ago. Not open to students with credit in Arabic 102, 201, or 202.

#### ARAB 102. Elementary Arabic II (4) [GE]

Prerequisites: Arabic 101 or two years of high school Arabic.  
Continuation of Arabic 101. Develops vocabulary and structures needed for elementary speaking, listening, and reading, with emphasis on the language of everyday conversation. Not open to students who have completed four years of high school Arabic unless the fourth course was completed five or more years ago. Not open to students with credit in Arabic 201 or 202.

#### ARAB 201. Intermediate Arabic I (4) [GE]

Prerequisites: Arabic 102.  
Further development of speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills, with emphasis on the language of everyday conversation. Not open to students who have completed five years of high school Arabic unless the fifth course was completed five or more years ago. Not open to students with credit in Arabic 202.

#### ARAB 202. Intermediate Arabic II (4) [GE]

Prerequisites: Arabic 201.  
Further development of speaking, listening, and reading skills, with emphasis on the language of everyday conversation.

### UPPER DIVISION COURSES (Intended for Undergraduates)

**All upper division courses in Arabic are taught in Arabic unless otherwise stated.**

#### ARAB 301. Advanced Arabic I (4) [GE]

Prerequisites: Arabic 202; and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.C., Humanities.  
Advanced facility in oral expression and writing for practical purposes; exposure to various dialects through newspaper and media Arabic; elements of literary and classical language.

#### ARAB 302. Advanced Arabic II (4) [GE]

Prerequisites: Arabic 301; and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.C., Humanities.  
Continuation of Arabic 301. More advanced writing and longer expository texts. Reading modern and classical texts.

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### **ARAB 330. Arabic Culture (3) [GE]**

Prerequisites: Upper division standing; and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.C., Humanities.

Cultures of Arabic speaking peoples of the Near East, Middle East, and North Africa, as reflected in literature, the arts, history, political and social institutions. Taught in English

### **ARAB 350. Advanced Conversational Arabic (4) [GE]**

Prerequisites: Arabic 202; and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.C., Humanities.

Study of one or more spoken varieties of Arabic, with emphasis on advanced conversational proficiency. Social and cultural topics, conversational strategies and stylistic features. Dialect studied varies depending on student interest. May be repeated with new content. Maximum credit eight units.

### **ARAB 496. Topics in Arabic Studies (1-4)**

Topics in Arabic language, literature, culture, and linguistics. May be repeated with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree. Maximum credit eight units.