Arabic

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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.

Offered by Social Science
Major in social science, with emphasis in Islamic and Arabic studies.

Islamic and Arabic Studies Minor
(Minor Code: 22159) (SIMS Code: 115102)
Offered by the Center for Islamic and Arabic Studies, the minor in
Islamic and Arabic studies consists of a minimum of 18 units, 12 of
which must be upper division, to include Political Science 363;
Religious Studies 328*: six units from History 473, 474, 574; and three
units of lower division religious studies. Three additional units 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 require-
ment for the Bachelor of Arts degree in liberal arts and sciences must
successfully complete Arabic 201 or the equivalent level of achieve-
ment. 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.
  2. The first three years of high school level language count as the
equivalent of the first two college semesters.
  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 Courses and Curricula 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

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 taken out of
sequence.

ARAB 101. Elementary Arabic I (4) [GE]
Four lectures plus laboratory.
Introduction to Arabic, with emphasis on language of everyday
conversation. Focus on vocabulary and structures needed for elemen-
tary speaking, listening, and reading. Not open to students with credit
in Arabic 102, 201, or 202.

ARAB 102. Elementary Arabic II (4) [GE]
Four lectures plus laboratory.
Prerequisite: 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 empha-
sis on the language of everyday conversation. Not open to students
with credit in Arabic 201 or 202.

ARAB 201. Intermediate Arabic I (4) [GE]
Four lectures plus laboratory.
Prerequisite: Arabic 102.
Further development of speaking, listening, reading, and writing
skills, with emphasis on the language of everyday conversation.

ARAB 202. Intermediate Arabic II (4) [GE]
Four lectures plus laboratory.
Prerequisite: Arabic 201.
Further development of speaking, listening, reading, and writing
skills, with emphasis on the language of everyday conversation.

ARAB 296. Topics in Arabic Studies (1-4)
Topics in Arabic language, 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 appli-
cable to a bachelor’s degree.
UPPER DIVISION COURSES
(Intended for Undergraduates)

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

No credit will be given for Arabic 301, 302 taken out of sequence.

ARAB 301. Advanced Arabic I (4) [GE]
Four lectures plus laboratory.
Prerequisites: Arabic 202; and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning 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]
Four lectures plus laboratory.
Prerequisites: Arabic 301; and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.C., Humanities.
Continuation of Arabic 301. More advanced writing and longer expository texts. Reading modern and classical texts.

ARAB 330. Arabic Culture (3) [GE]
Prerequisites: Upper division standing; and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning 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]
Four lectures plus laboratory.
Prerequisites: Arabic 202; and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning 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. 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.

ARAB 499. Special Study (1-3)
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.
Individual study. Maximum credit six units.