

ARABIC AND ISLAMIC CIVILIZATIONS (BA)

The Arabic and Islamic Studies major requires 36 credits total, including at least 24 credits from within the core Arabic and Islamic Studies major program. The remaining credits should come from courses at the 2000-level or above in related fields and must be approved by the advisor. Up to 12 credits taken in study abroad programs may count toward the major.

Location

- Storrs Campus

Modality

- In Person

Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
ARAB 3100	Advanced Arabic	3
Three of the following courses (nine credits) taught in Arabic:		9
ARAB 2170	Levantine Arabic	
ARAB 3102	Media Arabic	
ARAB 3560	The Arab Spring	
ARAB 3570	Modern Arabic Literature	
ARAB 3580	Climate Change and Energy in the Middle East	
Four courses (12 credits) either from the above list of courses taught in Arabic or from the following list of courses taught in English:		12
ARAB 3771	Cinema in the Middle East and North Africa	
ARAB 3772	Arabs and Muslims in Art and Literature: Representations, Stereotypes, and Modern Identities	
ARTH 3710	Islamic Art History	
HIST 3704	Medieval Islamic Civilization to 1700	
HIST 3705	The Modern Middle East from 1700 to the Present	
HIST 3712	The Middle East Crucible	
POLS 2221	Introduction to Government and Politics in the Middle East and North Africa	
POLS 3249	Gender Politics and Islam	
POLS 3462	International Relations of the Middle East	
POLS 3464	Arab-Israeli Conflict	
AAAS 2020	Introduction to Critical Muslim Studies	
Total Credits		24

Note: Special Topics, Foreign Study, and Independent Study courses, depending on topic, may fulfill major requirements with advisor approval.

The remaining credits should come from courses at the 2000-level or above in related fields and must be approved by the advisor. Related fields include:

- Any foreign language
- Any course in Translation Studies, English, Philosophy, History, Comparative Literary and Cultural Studies, or Linguistics

- Any course in Art History, Political Science, Economics, Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies, or other social science or humanities discipline that deals with the Arab and Islamic worlds or connections (cultural, religious, political, economic, theoretical, etc.) with the Arab and Islamic worlds broadly conceived

Courses used to meet the major requirements may not also be used to meet the related area requirements. Students in the Arabic and Islamic Studies major are allowed to declare a minor in related disciplines. A maximum of six credits from Arabic and Islamic Studies major courses may be applied to Middle Eastern Studies, Political Science, or History minors.

Enrollment in a study abroad program in an Arabic-speaking country is recommended but not mandatory for Arabic and Islamic Studies majors. With advisor's advanced consent, any of the above courses may be replaced by an ARAB 3293 Foreign Study course from study abroad programs. Up to 12 credits taken in study abroad programs may count toward the major. Students can enroll in either University of Connecticut sponsored or non-University of Connecticut sponsored programs. In either case, students must consult with the advisor to determine which courses will receive credit.

To satisfy the Information Literacy Competency and Writing in the Major requirements, all students should take ARAB 2752W Arabic Speculative Fiction or other W course from the major.

Learning Objective

1. Language Proficiency; Demonstrate advanced linguistic competence in Arabic across listening, speaking, reading, and writing.
2. Language Proficiency; Read and listen to authentic Arabic texts by employing global and close reading/listening skills and the strategic use of Arabic dictionaries and grammars.
3. Cultural Competency; Identify key political, social, and cultural issues in the modern and contemporary Middle East, North Africa, and broader Islamic world.
4. Critical Thinking; Critically interrogate claims about and depictions of Arab and Islamic cultures, histories, and societies made by scholars, mass media, and popular culture.
5. Writing; Write clear and analytical arguments about Arab and Islamic cultures, histories, and societies.