

# Arabic

IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND ASIAN/MIDDLE EASTERN LANGUAGES  
IN THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND LETTERS

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### Administered by the Center for Islamic and Arabic Studies

Major in Islamic and Arabic studies.  
Minor in Islamic and Arabic studies.

### Offered by International Business

Major in international business, with emphasis in Arabic.

## The Major

The Islamic and Arabic studies major is a multidisciplinary program that is designed to enable students to achieve fuller understanding and deeper insight and appreciation of non-western cultures. Students who specialize in Islamic studies choose from specific courses in Arabic, history, political science, religious studies, and women's studies. Students who wish to specialize in Arabic studies must also choose from specific courses in Arabic, history, political science, religious studies, and women's studies as indicated.

## Advising

All College of Arts and Letters majors are urged to consult with their department adviser as soon as possible; they are required to meet with their department adviser within the first two semesters after declaration or change of major.

## Impacted Program

The Islamic and Arabic studies major is an impacted program. To be admitted to the Islamic and Arabic studies major, students must meet the following criteria:

- Complete preparation for the major;
- Complete a minimum of 60 transferable semester units;
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.

To complete the major, students must fulfill the degree requirements for the major described in the catalog in effect at the time they are accepted into the premajor at SDSU (assuming continuous enrollment).

## Major Academic Plans (MAPs)

Visit <http://www.sdsu.edu/mymap> for the recommended courses needed to fulfill your major requirements. The MAPs website was created to help students navigate the course requirements for their majors and to identify which General Education course will also fulfill a major preparation course requirement.

## Islamic and Arabic Studies Major

With the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences

(Major Code: 15103) (SIMS Code: 115103)

The adviser for this major is Dr. Hisham S. Foad, Department of Economics.

All candidates for a degree in liberal arts and sciences must complete the graduation requirements listed in the section of this catalog on "Graduation Requirements."

A minor is not required with this major.

**Preparation for the Major.** Students must select either the Arabic studies or Islamic studies specialization to complete preparation for the major.

**Arabic studies:** Arabic 101, 102, 201, 202, History 101, Political Science 103, Religious Studies 101. (25 units)

**Islamic studies:** Arabic 101, 102, 201, History 100, 101, Political Science 103, Religious Studies 101. (24 units)

**Language Requirement.** The language requirement for graduation is automatically fulfilled through coursework for preparation for the major.

**Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement.** Passing the Writing Placement Assessment with a score of 10 or completing one of the approved upper division writing courses (W) with a grade of C (2.0) or better. See "Graduation Requirements" section for a complete listing of requirements.

**Major.** Students must select either the Arabic studies or Islamic studies specialization to complete the major.

**Arabic studies:** A minimum of 29 units to include Arabic 301, 302, 330, History 473, 474, Political Science 363, Women's Studies 560, and six to seven units selected from Arabic 350, Economics 466, History 574, Political Science 562, Religious Studies 310, 328, 379, Women's Studies 331.

**Islamic studies:** A minimum of 30 units to include History 473, 474, Political Science 363, 562, Religious Studies 310, 328, Women's Studies 560, and nine units selected from Arabic 330, Economics 466, History 574, Religious Studies 379, Women's Studies 331.

Up to six units (with appropriate content) can be applied to either the Arabic studies or Islamic studies specialization from Arabic, History, Political Science, Religious Studies 496, 499, or 596.

## Islamic and Arabic Studies Minor

(Minor Code: 22159) (SIMS Code: 115102)

The adviser for this minor is Dr. Hisham S. Foad, Department of Economics.

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 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:

- The first two years of high school level language count as the equivalent of the first semester of a college level course.
- The first three years of high school level language count as the equivalent of the first two college semesters.
- Four years of high school level language count as the equivalent of three college semesters, thus fulfilling the language requirement.

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### 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

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 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 elementary 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 emphasis 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. Not open to students with credit in Arabic 202.

#### **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 applicable 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.

Prerequisite: Arabic 202.

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.

Prerequisite: Arabic 301.

Continuation of Arabic 301. More advanced writing and longer expository texts. Reading modern and classical texts.

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

Prerequisite: Upper division standing.

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.

Prerequisite: Arabic 202.

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 360. Advanced Arabic Grammar (3) [GE]**

Prerequisite: Arabic 202.

Arabic grammar and grammatical relations, parts of speech, and cases. Word, sentence, and discourse structure. Comparison between Modern Standard Arabic and spoken Arabic.

#### **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.