ARABIC STUDIES MINOR

Description

The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures offers courses in Arabic, German, Japanese, the Romance Language group (French, Spanish), and the Slavic group (Czech, Russian). Whenever possible, the courses are conducted in the language that is studied. The aim of instruction is reading, writing, aural and oral proficiency, and an understanding of the life, literature, and culture of the country. Lectures and films in the language studied are offered during the school year for the benefit of the students in the department. Language laboratories supplement classwork.

Academic and Career Advising

Academic and Career Advising Center

Not sure where to go or who to ask? The Advising Center team in 107 Oldfather Hall can help. The Academic and Career Advising Center is the undergraduate hub for CAS students in all majors. Centrally located and easily accessible, students encounter friendly, knowledgeable people who are eager to help or connect students to partner resources. Students also visit the Advising Center in 107 Oldfather Hall to:

- Choose or change their major, minor, or degree program.
- Check on policies, procedures, and deadlines.
- Get a college approval signature from the Dean's representatives.

CAS Career Coaches are available by appointment (in-person or Zoom) and located in the CAS Academic and Career Advising Center, 107 Oldfather Hall. They help students explore majors and minors, gain experience, and develop a plan for life after graduation.

Assigned Academic Advisors

Academic advisors are critical resources dedicated to students' academic, personal, and professional success. Every CAS student is assigned an academic advisor based on their primary major. Since most CAS students have more than just a single major, it is important to get to know the advisor for any minors or additional majors. Academic advisors work closely with the faculty to provide the best overall support and the discipline specific expertise. They are available for appointments (in-person or Zoom) and through weekly virtual drop-ins. Assigned advisors are listed in MyRED (https://its.unl.edu/myunl) and their offices may be located in or near the department of the major for which they advise.

Students who have declared a pre-health or pre-law area of interest will also work with advisors in the Exploratory and Pre-Professional Advising Center (Explore Center) in 127 Love South, who are specially trained to guide students preparing to enter a professional school.

For complete and current information on advisors for majors, minors, or pre-professional areas, visit https://cas.unl.edu/major-advisors, or connect with the Arts and Sciences Academic and Career Advising Center, 107 Oldfather Hall, 402-472-4190, casadvising@unl.edu.

Career Coaching

The College believes that **Academics + Experience = Opportunities** and encourages students to complement their academic preparation with real-world experience, including internships, research, education abroad, service, and leadership. Arts and sciences students have access to a powerful network of faculty, staff, and advisors dedicated to providing information and support for their goals of meaningful employment or advanced education. Arts and sciences graduates have unlimited career possibilities and carry with them important career competencies—communication, critical thinking, creativity, context, and collaboration. They have the skills and adaptability that employers universally value. Graduates are prepared to effectively contribute professionally and personally with a solid foundation to excel in an increasingly global, technological, and interdisciplinary world.

Students should contact the career coaches in the Arts and Sciences Academic and Career Advising Center in 107 Oldfather Hall, or their assigned advisor, for more information. The CAS career coaches help students explore career options, identify ways to build experience and prepare to apply for internships, jobs, or graduate school, including help with resumes, applications, and interviewing.

ACE Requirements

Students must complete one course for each of the ACE Student Learning Outcomes below. Certified course choices are published in the degree audit, or visit the ACE (http://ace.unl.edu) website (http://ace.unl.edu) for the most current list of certified courses.

ACE Student Learning Outcomes
ACE 1: Write texts, in various forms, with an identified purpose, that respond to specific audience needs, integrate research or existing knowledge, and use applicable documentation and appropriate conventions of format and structure.
ACE 2: Demonstrate competence in communication skills.
ACE 3: Use mathematical, computational, statistical, logical, or other formal reasoning to solve problems, draw inferences, justify conclusions, and determine reasonableness.
ACE 4: Use scientific methods and knowledge to pose questions, frame hypotheses, interpret data, and evaluate whether conclusions about the natural and physical world are reasonable.
ACE 5: Use knowledge, historical perspectives, analysis, interpretation, critical evaluation, and the standards of evidence appropriate to the humanities to address problems and issues.
ACE 6: Use knowledge, theories, and research perspectives such as statistical methods or observational accounts appropriate to the social sciences to understand and evaluate social systems or human behaviors.
ACE 7: Use knowledge, theories, or methods appropriate to the arts to understand their context and significance.
ACE 8: Use knowledge, theories, and analysis to explain ethical principles and their importance in society.
ACE 9: Exhibit global awareness or knowledge of human diversity through analysis of an issue.
ACE 10: Generate a creative or scholarly product that requires broad knowledge, appropriate technical proficiency, information collection, synthesis, interpretation, presentation, and reflection.

College Degree Requirements

College Distribution Requirements

The College of Arts and Sciences distribution requirements are designed to ensure a range of courses across disciplines within the College.

Students develop the ability to learn in a variety of ways and apply their knowledge from a variety of perspectives. All requirements are in addition to University ACE requirements, and no course can be used to fulfill both an ACE outcome and a College Distribution Requirement.

- A student may not use a single course to satisfy more than one College Distribution Requirement, with the exception of CDR Diversity. Courses used to meet CDR Diversity may also meet CDR Writing, CDR Humanities, or CDR Social Science.
- Internship (395 or 495), independent study or readings (396 or 496), research (398 or 498), and thesis (399, 399H, 499, or 499H) will not satisfy distribution requirements.
- Other courses with a 9 in the middle number (ex. PSYC 292) will not satisfy distribution requirements unless approved by an advisor.
- Cross-listed courses from interdisciplinary programs will be applied in the same area as courses from the lead department.

CDR: Written Communication	**3**
Select from courses approved for ACE outcome 1.	
CDR: Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences [1]	**3**
Select a course from ASTR, BIOS, CHEM, GEOL, LIFE, METR, MATH, PHYS, or ANTH 242, GEOG 155, GEOG 281, POLS 250, or PSYC 273.	
CDR: Laboratory [2]	**1**
Laboratory courses may be embedded in a 4-5 credit course used in CDR Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Science (example GEOG 155), or stand alone (example LIFE 120L).	
CDR: Humanities [3]	**3**
Select a course from ARAB, CHIN, CLAS, CZEC, ENGL, FILM, FREN, GERM, GREK, HIST, JAPN, LATN, PHIL, RELG, RUSS, or SPAN.	
CDR: Social Science [4]	**3**
Select a course from ANTH, COMM, GEOG, NSST, POLS, PSYC, SOCI, or GIST 211.	
CDR: Human Diversity in U.S. Communities	**0-3**
Select from the following approved courses also listed in your degree audit: ANTH 130, ANTH 412, ANTH 447, ANTH 473, ARAB/RELG 313, COMM 311, COMM 315, COMM/ETHN 335, COMM 364, COMM 465, ENGL/WMNS 212, ENGL/ETHN 245N, ENGL/WMNS 312, ENGL/ETHN 345D, ENGL/ETHN/WMNS 345N, ENGL/ETHN 346, ENGL 376, ENGL 380, ENGL/ETHN 445, ETHN 100, ETHN 201, ETHN 202, ETHN 204, ETHN 484, FILM/ETHN 344, GEOG 271, GEOG 403, GLST/ANTH/MODL 214, GLST 350, HIST/ETHN/WMNS 115, HIST/ETHN 234, HIST/ETHN 246, HIST 251, HIST/ETHN 340, HIST 351/ETHN 341, HIST/ETHN/WMNS 356, HIST/ETHN 357, HIST/WMNS 402, HRHA 350, MODL 260, PHIL 105, PHIL 106, PHIL/WMNS 218, PHIL 323, PHIL 325, POLS/ETHN 333, POLS/WMNS 338, POLS 340, POLS 347, POLS 433, PSYC/ETHN 310, PSYC 330, PSYC/WMNS 421, PSYC/ETHN 425, RELG/HIST 134, RELG/ETHN/HIST 226, RELG/HIST 227, SOCI 101, SOCI 180, SOCI/WMNS 200, SOCI/ETHN 217, SPAN 206, SPAN 486, WMNS 101, WMNS 201, WMNS 202, WMNS 210	
CDR: Language	**0-16**
The University of Nebraska–Lincoln and the College of Arts and Sciences place great value on academic exposure and proficiency in a second language. Language study at UNL is available in: ARAB, CHIN, CZEC, FREN, GERM, GREK, JAPN, LATN, SPAN, or SLPA.	
BA Degree: Fulfilled by the completion of the 4th level of a single language (either in H.S. or in college). [5]	
BS Degree: Fulfilled by the completion of the 2nd level of a single language (either in H.S. or in college). [6]	

1 *Excluded courses:* BIOC 101, BIOS 100, BIOS 180, CHEM 101, MBIO 101, PHYS 201, MATH 100A, MATH 101, MATH 101P, MATH 102, MATH 103, *and MATH subject area credit at the 100 level or below.*

2 ANTH 242L, ASTR 224, BIOS 101L, BIOS 110L, BIOS 111, BIOS 116, BIOS 213L, BIOS 214, CHEM 105L, CHEM 106L, CHEM 109L, CHEM 110L, CHEM 113L, GEOG 155, GEOL 101, GEOL 103, LIFE 120L, LIFE 121L, METR 100, PHYS 141, PHYS 142, PHYS 153, PHYS 221, *or* PHYS 222.

3 *ARAB, CHIN, CZEC, FREN, GERM, GREK, JAPN, LATN, and SPAN courses must be numbered 300 or above. ENGL courses must be* ENGL 170, ENGL 180, *or ENGL 200 level and above. Excluded courses:* CLAS 116, ENGL 254, ENGL 300, ENGL 354, SPAN 300A, SPAN 303, *and* SPAN 304.

4 *Excluded courses:* ANTH 242/ANTH 242L, GEOG 155, GIST 210, POLS 101, POLS 250, PSYC 100, PSYC 273.

5 ARAB 202, CHIN 202, CZEC 202, FREN 202 *or* FREN 210, GERM 202, GREK 301 *and* GREK 302, JAPN 201 *and* JAPN 202, LATN 301 *and* LATN 302, SPAN 202 *or* SPAN 210 *or* SPAN 300A, *or* SLPA 202.

6 ARAB 102, CHIN 102, CZEC 102, FREN 102, GERM 102, GREK 102 *or* GREK 151, JAPN 102, LATN 102, SPAN 102 *or* SPAN 110 *or* SPAN 300A, *or* SLPA 102.

Experiential Learning Requirement

All undergraduates in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete an Experiential Learning (EL) designated course. This may include 0-credit courses designed to document co-curricular activities recognized as Experiential Learning. Students should consult their assigned Academic Advisor and Career Coach for assistance identifying experiential learning opportunities relevant to their academic program, interests and goals.

Scientific Base Requirement – BS Only

The bachelor of science degree requires students to complete 60 hours in mathematical, physical, and natural sciences from disciplines within the College of Arts and Sciences or required in its majors: ACTS, ASTR, BIOC, BIOS, CHEM, CSCE, GEOL, LIFE, MBIO, METR, MATH, PHYS, STAT or ANTH 242 , ANTH 242L, ANTH 341, ANTH 385, ANTH 386, ANTH 389, ANTH 416, ANTH 422, ANTH 430, ANTH 442, ANTH 443, ANTH 444, ANTH 448, ANTH 473, ANTH 484, ANTH 487D, ENVR 201, GEOG 155, GEOG 217, GEOG 281, GEOG 308, GEOG 317, GEOG 408, GEOG 417, GEOG 418, GEOG 419, GEOG 421, GEOG 422, GEOG 425, GEOG 427, GEOG 432, GEOG 444, GEOG 461, GEOG 467, PHIL 211, POLS 250, PSYC 273, PSYC 350, PSYC 368, PSYC 370, PSYC 450, PSYC 451, PSYC 456, PSYC 458,PSYC 460, PSYC 461, PSYC 463, PSYC 464, PSYC 465, or PSYC 468.

Excluded courses include: BIOC 101, BIOS 100, BIOS 180, CHEM 101, MATH 100A, MATH 101, MATH 101P, MATH 102, MATH 103, MBIO 101, PHYS 201 as well as any course numbered 395, 495, 399, 399H, 499, or 499H. MATH subject area credit at the 100 level or below is also excluded.

Up to 12 hours of scientific and technical courses offered by other colleges may be accepted toward this requirement with approval of the College of Arts and Sciences. See your assigned academic advisor to start the approval process.

Upper Level Course Requirement

Thirty (30) of the 120 hours of credit must be in courses numbered at the 300 or 400 level. Of those 30 hours, 15 hours (1/2) must be completed in residence at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln.

Residency Requirement

The term "Residency" refers to courses taken at UNL. Students must complete at least 30 of the 120 total hours for their degree at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. Students must complete at least 18 hours of their major coursework, and 15 of the 30 hours required at the 300 or 400 level, at UNL.

Substitutions and Waivers

Special requests concerning degree programs, including inquiries about exceptions to degree requirements, waivers, and substitutions, must be approved at the College level, in addition to the specific department offering the program (major, minor, or certificate). Consult with your assigned academic advisor first to identify the appropriate contacts for approval.

Grade Rules

Restrictions on C- and D Grades

The College will accept no more than 15 semester hours of C- and D grades from other domestic institutions except for UNO and UNK. All courses taken at UNO and UNK impact the UNL transcript. No transfer of C- and D grades can be applied toward requirements in a major or a minor. No University of Nebraska–Lincoln C- and D grades can be applied toward requirements in a major or a minor. International coursework (including education abroad) with a final grade equivalent to a C- or lower will not be validated by the College of Arts and Sciences departments to be degree applicable.

Pass/No Pass Privilege

University policy for the Pass/No Pass (P/N) privilege:

- Neither the P nor the N grade factor into your GPA.
- 'P' is interpreted to mean a grade of C or above. A grade of C- or lower results in a "N'.
- A change to or from a Pass/No Pass may be made until mid-term (1/2 of the course - see the academic calendar for specific dates per term).
- The Pass/No Pass or grade registration cannot conflict with the policy of the professor, department, college, or University policy governing the grading options.
- Changing to or from the Pass/No Pass grading option requires using MyRED, or processing a Schedule Adjustment Form.
- For undergraduates, the University maximum of 24 'Pass' credit hours and/or college and department limits will apply. These limits do not include courses offered on a 'Pass/No Pass' basis only. Consult your advisor or the Undergraduate Catalog (https://catalog.unl.edu/undergraduate/) for restrictions on the number of 'Pass' hours you can apply toward your degree.
- The 'Pass/No Pass' grading option cannot be used for the removal of 'C-', 'D+', 'D', 'D-', or 'F' grade factors.
  NOTE: See Course Repeats *(*https://registrar.unl.edu/academic-standards/course-repeats*)*

College of Arts and Sciences policy on the Pass/No Pass (P/N) privilege:

- Pass hours can count toward fulfillment of University ACE requirements and college distribution requirements up to the 24-hour maximum.
- Most arts and sciences majors and minors do not permit any courses graded Pass/No Pass to apply, or limit them to no more than 6 hours. Students should refer to the major section of the catalog for clarification.
- Departments may specify that certain courses of theirs can be taken on a P/N-only or on a graded-only basis.

Grading Appeals

A student who feels that he/she has been unfairly graded must ordinarily take the following sequential steps in a timely manner, usually by initiating the appeal in the semester following the awarding of the grade:

1. Talk with the instructor concerned. Most problems are resolved at this point.
2. Talk to the instructor's department chairperson.
3. Take the case to the Grading Appeal Committee of the department concerned. The Committee should be contacted through the department chairperson.
4. Take the case to the College Grading Appeals Committee by contacting the Dean's Office, 1223 Oldfather Hall.

Requirements for Minor Offered by Department

Fifteen (15) hours of courses as described below.

Prerequisites to the Minor		
The Arabic minor is available to students with demonstrated language proficiency in Arabic through coursework (ARAB 202) or faculty assessment.		
Required Upper Level Language Courses		
ARAB 303	Advanced Composition, Grammar & Conversation I	3
ARAB 304	Advanced Composition, Grammar & Conversation II	3
Additional Arabic Course		**3**
Select at least one additional ARAB course above 202.		
ARAB 288 / RELG 288 / WMNS 288	Exploring Love, Sexuality and Femininity in the History of Arabic Culture	
ARAB 306 / MRST 306 / RELG 306 / WMNS 306	Women in Quran	
ARAB 313	Global Islam: Current Debates	
ARAB 314	Introduction to Qur'anic Arabic: Reading, Translation, and Interpretation	
ARAB 391	Special Topics in Arabic	
ARAB 396	Independent Study in Arabic	
Area Studies or Additional Arabic Courses [1]		**6**
Select 6 additional hours of ARAB courses from the list above, or area studies courses from the list below.		

GLST 214 / ANTH 214 / MODL 214	Food and Culture	
HIST 214 / RELG 214	History of Islam	
HIST 217 / JUDS 217 / RELG 217	Israel: The Holy Land	
HIST 313 / JUDS 313	Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict	
HIST 318 / MRST 318	The Renaissance	
HIST 386 / RELG 386	History of Radical Islam	
POLS 477 / JUDS 477	Israel and the Middle East	
RELG 208	Introduction to Islam	
Credit Hours Subtotal:		15
Total Credit Hours		**15**

[1] *Special Topics and other courses when related to Arabic language, literature, and culture may be used by approval of the advisor.*

Grade Rules

C- and D Grades

A grade of C or above is required for all courses in the minor.

Pass/No Pass

No course taken Pass/No Pass will be counted toward the minor.

ARAB 101 Beginning Arabic I
Description: This course will lay the foundation of modern standard Arabic; the grammar, syntax, vocabulary, and structure of the language.
Credit Hours: 5
Max credits per semester: 5
Max credits per degree: 5
Grading Option: Graded with Option

ARAB 102 Beginning Arabic II
Notes: For students with credit in ARAB 101.
Description: This course will lay the foundation of modern standard Arabic; the grammar, syntax, vocabulary, and structure of the language.
Credit Hours: 5
Max credits per semester: 5
Max credits per degree: 5
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Prerequisite for: ARAB 314, RELG 314

ARAB 201 Second-Year Arabic I
Notes: For students with credit in ARAB 102.
Description: This course focuses upon the foundation of modern standard Arabic: the grammar, syntax, vocabulary, and structure of the language, in addition to supplementary instruction in colloquial Arabic.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option

ARAB 202 Second-Year Arabic II
Notes: For students with credit in ARAB 201.
Description: This course focuses upon the foundation of modern standard Arabic: the grammar, syntax, vocabulary, and structure of the language, in addition to supplementary instruction in colloquial Arabic.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Prerequisite for: ARAB 303

ARAB 288 Exploring Love, Sexuality and Femininity in the History of Arabic Culture
Crosslisted with: RELG 288, WMNS 288
Notes: Taught in English. Letter grade only.
Description: Concepts of love, sexuality and femininity as studied in their historical, religious and sociological contexts.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded
ACE: ACE 9 Global/Diversity

ARAB 303 Advanced Composition, Grammar & Conversation I
Prerequisites: ARAB 202 or equivalent
Description: Emphasis on development of writing, reading and speaking skills.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Prerequisite for: ARAB 304

ARAB 304 Advanced Composition, Grammar & Conversation II
Prerequisites: ARAB 303 or equivalent
Description: Continues improving students linguistic abilities with special emphasis on conversation and speaking abilities.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option

ARAB 306 Women in Quran
Crosslisted with: MRST 306, RELG 306, WMNS 306
Notes: Taught in English. Letter grade only.
Description: A diachronic approach to Quran as a literature. Provides an analytic, linguistic as well as the critical study of both the Qur'anic text and its exegeses.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded

ARAB 313 Global Islam: Current Debates
Crosslisted with: RELG 313
Description: Examination of how different Muslim theologians and scholars (classical and modern) variably deal with major theological dilemmas like: God's justice, the problem of evil and suffering, the pain and suffering of animals, the pain and suffering of children, pluralism, gender egalitarianism, the rights of the non-believing other, the world's beginning, end and what is in between
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded
Offered: FALL
Groups: CAS Diversity in the US

ARAB 314 Introduction to Qur'anic Arabic: Reading, Translation, and Interpretation
Crosslisted with: RELG 314
Prerequisites: ARAB 102
Description: Study of stories in the Qur'an. Hermeneutical study of relevant verses and a comparative study of different interpretations and translations. Verses and key terms will be introduced in Arabic.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded
Offered: SPRING

ARAB 391 Special Topics in Arabic
Description: Language, literature, civilization.
Credit Hours: 1-6
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 6
Max credits per degree: 6
Grading Option: Graded with Option

ARAB 396 Independent Study in Arabic
Prerequisites: Permission.
Description: Independent reading or research under direction of a faculty member.
Credit Hours: 1-3
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 6
Grading Option: Graded with Option