

Department of Arabic and Near Eastern Languages

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In addition to the BA degree in Arabic, the Department of Arabic and Near Eastern Languages provides service courses for all Arabic-speaking students at AUB. ARAB 101 and ARAB 102 must be taken in the freshman year; and, one more Arabic language or literature course (i.e., ARAB 201A, ARAB 201B, or any other course numbered ARAB 211 or above [ARAB 213, ARAB 214, ARAB 215, ARAB 216, ARAB 217, and ARAB 218 excluded]). ARAB 201A requires a placement test (see section on Admissions).

Undergraduate Program

BA in Arabic

Mission Statement

The Department of Arabic and Near Eastern Languages has always possessed a leading role in its own field of learning in the Arab World, while being the only one maintaining a liberal tradition of education and research. The impressive number of diverse prominent scholars, writers and intellectuals who passed through the Department testifies to this remarkable historical achievement. The Department has always sought to train students in the basic tools of the discipline, namely language and research skills, while exposing them to the essentials of the field, and subjecting everything to the curiosity of the inquiring mind.

Requirements

Requirements for the BA degree in Arabic are as follows: ARAB 211, ARAB 212, ARAB 221, ARAB 231, ARAB 232, ARAB 233, ARAB 237, ARAB 239, ARAB 241, ARAB 243, and ARAB 245 (total 33 credits). In addition, the student must select one course from within the other courses in the department (grand total 36 credits).

Students choosing a minor in Arabic are required to take 15 credits of Arabic courses (ARAB 201A does not count as one of them). These courses should include ARAB 211 or ARAB 212 (or an equivalent language course), one course in classical Arabic literature, one course in modern Arabic literature, and any two courses in the department.

When a required course is not available, it may be replaced by another course within the department provided the student's adviser gives consent.

University Requirements

University language requirements (English 6, Arabic 3)

University General Education requirements (Humanities 12 (Required) + 9 (Electives), Social Sciences 6, Natural Sciences.6, Quantitative Thought 3).

ARAB 101/102 Readings in Arabic Heritage I and II 3.0; 3 cr. (each)

A freshman level survey that traces the intellectual, literary, and cultural development of the Arabs from pre-Islamic times up to the age of Ibn Khaldun. *Annually.*

ARAB 200 Special Arabic 3.0; 3 cr.

A course designed for native speakers of Arabic who had limited pre-college formal study of the Arabic language in Lebanon or abroad. Open to students who are exempted from Arabic. *Annually.*

ARAB 201A Basic Arabic Grammar and Syntax 3.0; 3 cr.

A training course in the basic elements of Arabic grammar, syntax, and morphology, with special emphasis on oral and writing skills. *Each semester.*

ARAB 201B Readings in Arabic Literature 3.0; 3 cr.

A close textual and analytical study of a wide variety of selections from classical and modern Arabic literature and thought designed to evoke aesthetic and intellectual discussions of issues of Arab culture. *Each semester.*

ARAB 203/204 Beginners' Arabic as a Foreign Language I and II 5.0; 5 cr. (each)

A thorough course in basic literary Arabic with emphasis on the vocabulary of modern literature, the press, and current affairs. This course teaches grammar and structure to enable students to read, understand, and translate, from and into Arabic, within a tightly controlled syntactical milieu. *Annually.*

ARAB 205/206 Intermediate Arabic as a Foreign Language III and IV 5.0; 5 cr. (each)

A continuation of the carefully graded approach begun in ARAB 203 and ARAB 204, and culminating with the exposition of the derivation system. This course empowers students to use lexica, and to read, understand, and translate, unhampered by any loopholes in their knowledge of basic Arabic syntax and morphology. *Prerequisite: ARAB 203 and ARAB 204, or equivalent. Annually.*

33 + 3 Credits in Arabic

Modes of Analysis	English and Arabic (9)	Humanities (12 + 33 + 3 + 9)	Social Sciences (6)	Natural Sciences	Quantitative Thought
Lecture courses (9+12+33+3+9+6+3)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Required Arabic course: ARAB 201A or B or any upper level course (3) 2. Required English courses: ENGL 203(3), 204(3) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Required credits in the humanities: 12 credits including 6 credits from CVSP (see pp. 158–63). 2. Required Arabic courses (33): ARAB 211(3), 212(3), 221(3), 231(3), 232(3), 233(3), 237(3), 239(3), 241(3), 243(3), 245(3) 3. One elective course from the following or a seminar course (3): ARAB 213(3), 214(3), 217(3), 218(3), 225(3), 226(3), 227(3), 228(3), 229(3), 230(3), 234(3), 235(3), 236(3), 238(3), 240(3), 244(3), 246(3), 247(3), 249(3) 4. Electives: 9 credits in other humanities departments 	Electives (6)	6	3 (Recommended: a course in computer literacy)
Seminar (0–6)		Elective Arabic courses: ARAB 251(3), 252(3)			
Laboratory (3)				Computer Lab (3)	
Research project (63)		ARAB 227–241, 243–247, 249			