ARA - Arabic Courses

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ARA 101. Introductory Arabic I. 3 Hours.
This course introduces students to the language by focusing on the acquisition of essential elements for basic communication and development of the practical language skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) for communicating in daily life situations, as well as provides a broader awareness of and appreciation for the cultures of the countries where Modern Standard Arabic (MSA) is spoken. This course meets the Core Curriculum requirements for Area II: Humanities.

ARA 101L. Introductory Arabic I Lab. 1 Hour.
Lab for Introductory Arabic I.

ARA 102. Introductory Arabic II. 3 Hours.
This course continues to develop the language-learning process by focusing on the acquisition of essential elements for basic communication and development of the practical language skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) for communicating in daily life situations, as well as provides a broader awareness of and appreciation for the cultures of the countries where MSA Arabic is spoken. This course meets the Core Curriculum requirements for Area II: Humanities.

ARA 102L. Introductory Arabic II Lab. 1 Hour.
Lab for Introductory Arabic II.

ARA 190. Study Abroad: Arabic. 1-8 Hour.
Approved novice level study abroad program in an Arabic-speaking country. Course of study will vary according to array of approved offerings and student interest. Permission of department chair required.

ARA 201. Intermediate Arabic I. 3 Hours.
This is a continuation of ARA 102. Emphasis is placed on reading authentic Arabic materials and communicative competence. There will be a focus on the meaning of sentences rather than words, which would enable the students to read and speak with more fluency and better comprehension. Students will not only engage in studying authentic Arabic materials (written, audio, and/or video, official forms, etc.), but are also required to evaluate them for others. They will also be guided to function in specific situations where they have to use only the target language to communicate their ideas and then write about them. Additionally, they will be exposed to some particular aspects of the cultures, cutstoms, literary traditions and other artistic expressions of the Arabic-speaking world.

ARA 202. Intermediate Arabic II. 3 Hours.
This course focuses on enhancing students’ linguistic and cultural competence in the Arabic speaking-world. Class activities will include role-playing, individual student presentations and extramural group projects. While the class is focused on content instruction, attention will also be paid to Arabic Language through selected activities that enhance the students’ reading, writing, and conversational skills. Intermediate-high proficiency in reading, writing, listening and speaking Arabic is the targeted outcome.
Prerequisites: ARA 201 [Min Grade: C]

ARA 290. Arabic for Study Abroad. 1-12 Hour.
This study-abroad Arabic course aims at improving students’ oral fluency. It will help students develop intermediary conversational skills as they study in total immersion. The emphasis will be on efficient target language production at the intermediate level, as well as an oral and comprehension skills, communicative strategies, and the acquisition of vocabulary relating to a variety of domains. The course content will also include discussion and analysis of current cultural topics. Arabic 290 will be conducted entirely in Arabic.

ARA 299. Directed Readings in Arabic. 1-3 Hour.
This is an individualized course of directed readings and activities for intermediate Arabic students. Course design is determined by the instructor and student, and will be tailored to the needs of the student. The goal of the course is to increase general literacy in and knowledge of Arabic language and culture. Intermediate proficiency in reading, writing, listening and speaking Arabic is the targeted outcome.

ARA 390. Study Abroad: Arabic. 1-6 Hour.
Approved advanced level study abroad program in an Arabic-speaking country. Course of study will vary according to array of approved offerings. Permission of the department chair required.

ARA 399. Directed Readings: Arabic. 1-3 Hour.
This is an individualized course of directed readings and activities for advanced students of Arabic language and culture. Course design is determined by the instructor and student and will be tailored to the needs of the student. The goal of the course is to increase general literacy in and knowledge of Arabic language and culture. Intermediate-high or Advanced-low proficiency in reading, writing, listening and speaking Arabic is the targeted outcome. 6 hours in Intermediate Arabic or equivalent and permission of the department chair required.