

In all 100-level language courses, students may not enroll in a course at a lower level once they have completed a more advanced-level course.

Arabic

ARA 101/Arabic for Beginners I

1 course unit

(fall)

An intensive introduction to spoken and written Arabic, emphasizing aural comprehension and speaking, accompanied by practice in reading and writing. Cultural audio-visual materials complement the textbook and emphasize the link between language and culture. Recitation/conversation hour is required in ARA 103. Students with four or more years of high school study in Arabic will not receive credit for 101.

ARA 102/Arabic for Beginners II

1 course unit

(spring)

Prerequisite: ARA 101

An intensive introduction to spoken and written Arabic, emphasizing aural comprehension and speaking, accompanied by practice in reading and writing. Cultural audio-visual materials complement the textbook and emphasize the link between language and culture. Recitation/conversation hour is required.

ARA 103/Arabic for Beginners III

1 course unit

(fall)

Prerequisite: ARA 102

An intensive introduction to spoken and written Arabic, emphasizing aural comprehension and speaking, accompanied by practice in reading and writing. Cultural audio-visual materials complement the textbook and emphasize the link between language and culture. Recitation/conversation hour is required in ARA 103.

ARA 201/Intermediate Arabic I

1 course unit

(spring)

Prerequisite: ARA 103 or permission of instructor

Selected readings of classical Arabic, Islamic texts as a vehicle to build the student's understanding of grammar and working vocabulary, and to provide insight into the world of classical Islam. In addition, audio-visual materials will be used to improve the student's fluency in speech. Recitation/conversation hour is required.

ARA 202/Intermediate Arabic II

1 course unit

(fall)

Prerequisite: ARA 201 or permission of instructor

This course will focus on expanding listening, speaking, reading and writing skills at the intermediate level. The course will emphasize rapid expansion of vocabulary, comprehension and communication of more complex and intellectual topics, idiomatic expressions, and mastery of less common grammatical constructs. Recitation/conversation hour required.

ARA 245/Modern Arabic Society and the Media

1 course unit

(same as ANT 245 and COM 245)

(occasionally)

Prerequisite: ARA 103 or permission of instructor

This course will be taught in English. It will explore social issues that have been central to the transformation of modern Arab societies in the modern period. Readings and recordings will address major topics such as democracy and development, nationalism, Islam, feminism and the status of women, and socialism.

ARA 301/Advanced Arabic I

1 course unit

(occasionally)

Prerequisite: ARA 202 or permission of instructor

An integrated, advanced-level Arabic language course. This course will continue to put emphasis on speaking and listening comprehension, offering students additional opportunities to improve their reading ability and to further develop their writing skills. Several aspects of Arabic culture and literature will be presented and discussed through level appropriate reading material. Recitation/conversation hour is required.

ARA 302/Advanced Arabic II

1 course unit

(occasionally)

Prerequisite: ARA 301 or permission of instructor

An integrated, advanced-level Arabic language course. This course offers students additional opportunities to further improve their speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills. Special emphasis will be given to the development of communicative skills enabling the student to engage in discussing a range of past and current social issues. The course also provides students opportunities to become familiar with and to practice more complex sentence patterns and grammatical structures through classical and modern Arabic texts. Recitation/conversation hour is required.

ARA 370/Topics in Arabic

1 course unit

(occasionally)

Prerequisite: Permission of instructor

Focuses on a different topic each time that it is offered.

ARA 391/Independent Study in Arabic

variable course units

(every semester)

Prerequisite: Permission of instructor

Study of a topic related to Arabic language, culture, or literature selected following consultation with instructor.