ARABIC

Foreign Languages and Literatures

The Arabic language is the key to understanding the culture and history of North Africa, the Middle East, and the Arabian Peninsula. Arabic is also the liturgical language of more than a billion Muslims, and it is one of the six official languages of the United Nations. The Arabic specialization of the Foreign Languages and Literatures major enables students to develop an appreciation for the complexity of the many facets of the Arab world: its society, culture, history, arts, religions, and literary heritage.

About this Program

- **College:** Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Degree:** Bachelor of Arts
- **Credits for Degree:** 120
- **Additional Information**
- **Related Arabic Programs**

To graduate with this major, students must complete all university, college, and major requirements.

The B.A. in Foreign Languages and Literatures (FLL) provides students with a comprehensive knowledge of a specific language (or languages) and advanced familiarity with the cultural practices and traditions associated with the language(s) of specialization. The major in FLL enhances critical thinking and communication skills and provides students with a cross-cultural understanding of our contemporary world. The program allows students the flexibility to explore a single or dual language specialization as well as the opportunity to study culture through interdisciplinary fields of critical concentration, such as Comparative Cultural Studies, Film and Visual Culture, Intensive Area Studies, Literary Studies, and Medieval and Early Modern Studies. A major in FLL offers an excellent basis for a variety of careers, including graduate study in an area of foreign language and culture and/or in the humanities and social sciences, as well as careers in education, international development, diplomacy and government, national security, communications, law, journalism, arts and culture, publishing, and global business. Participation in UF study-abroad programs or a UF approved program is highly encouraged.

The Arabic specialization of the Foreign Languages and Literatures major provides students with a solid background in the linguistic, literary, and cultural aspects of the Arab World, including North Africa, the Arab Middle East and the Arabian Peninsula. The major gives students a foundation in the Arabic language, including speaking, reading, writing, and listening, as well as the opportunity to advance their knowledge of Arab cultures. It prepares students for graduate school and is ideal for students considering careers in government and diplomacy, academia, business, and international development. Many students choose to double major in the Arabic specialization of the Foreign Languages and Literatures major and another subject in social sciences, humanities, business, or journalism.

Coursework for the Major

The Arabic specialization of the Foreign Languages and Literatures major consists of preparatory language study at the lower division (1000 and 2000 level), and 33 hours of advanced language, theory, and culture study in the upper division (3000 level and above).

All coursework for the major must be completed with minimum grades of C.

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Overseas Study

Students of the Arabic specialization of the Foreign Languages and Literatures major are encouraged to study abroad for a summer or a semester. Students may choose the nine-week summer UF-sponsored program in the Arabic Language Institute in Fez (ALIF) in Morocco. The program offers students the opportunity to earn 11 credit hours (only 6 may be transferred as part of the Required Foundation Coursework). More information.

Students may also choose another UF-approved study-abroad program in Morocco or another Arab country (e.g., in Jordan, Qatar).

Placement

In all languages, students with either a native background in the language or prior study in that language, might be eligible to place out of the preparatory language courses and should meet with the undergraduate coordinator to arrange for placement assessment.

Research

Students with an upper-division GPA of 3.5 are encouraged to write a thesis for high or highest honors at graduation.
Related Arabic Programs

- Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies, Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures
- Arabic Language and Literature minor

Critical Tracking records each student's progress in courses that are required for entry to each major. Please note the critical-tracking requirements below on a per-semester basis.

For degree requirements outside of the major, refer to CLAS Degree Requirements: Structure of a CLAS Degree.

Equivalent critical-tracking courses as determined by the State of Florida Common Course Prerequisites may be used for transfer students.

Semester 1
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 2
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 3
- ARA 1130 or higher-level Arabic Language course with a minimum grade of C
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 4
- Complete ARA 1131 or higher-level Arabic Language course with a minimum grade of C and a 2.5 critical-tracking GPA
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 5
- Complete ARA 2220 or a higher-level Arabic Language course with a minimum grade of C and a 2.5 critical-tracking GPA
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Students are expected to complete the writing requirement while in the process of taking the courses below. Students are also expected to complete the general education international (GE-N) and diversity (GE-D) requirements concurrently with another general education requirement (typically, GE-C, H or S).

To remain on track, students must complete the appropriate critical-tracking courses, which appear in bold. These courses must be completed by the terms as listed above in the Critical Tracking criteria.

This semester plan represents an example progression through the major. Actual courses and course order may be different depending on the student's academic record and scheduling availability of courses. Prerequisites still apply.

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IUF 1000        What is the Good Life (Gen Ed Humanities) | 3 |
Gen Ed Biological or Physical Sciences (area NOT taken in semester 1) | 3 |
State Core Gen Ed Mathematics | 3       |
Gen Ed Mathematics | 3       |
Gen Ed Physical Sciences | 3       |
Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences | 3       |
Credits          |                                               | 15      |

Semester Three  |                                               |         |
ARA 2220        Intermediate Arabic 1 (Critical Tracking) | 4 |
State Core Gen Ed Humanities | 3       |
Gen Ed Mathematics | 3       |
Gen Ed Physical Sciences | 3       |
Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences | 3       |
Credits          |                                               | 16      |

Semester Four   |                                               |         |
ARA 2221        Intermediate Arabic 2             | 4       |
Advanced elective (in the major) | 3       |
Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences and Diversity | 3       |
Electives (3000 level or above; not in major) | 6       |
Credits          |                                               | 16      |

Semester Five   |                                               |         |
ARA 3410        Advanced Arabic 1                 | 3       |
Gen Ed Biological Sciences | 3       |
Gen Ed Composition; Writing Requirement | 3       |
Critical concentration course | 3       |
Advanced elective (in the major) | 3       |
Credits          |                                               | 15      |

Semester Six    |                                               |         |
ARA 3411        Advanced Arabic 2                 | 3       |
Advanced elective (in the major) | 3       |
Elective (3000 level or above, not in major) | 3       |
Electives | 5 |
Credits          |                                               | 14      |

Semester Seven  |                                               |         |
ARA 4400        Fourth Year Arabic 1 (Gen Ed Humanities and International) | 3       |
Critical concentration course | 3       |
Advanced elective (in the major) | 3       |
Elective (3000 level or above, not in major) | 3     |
Elective or senior thesis option | 3       |
Credits          |                                               | 15      |

Semester Eight  |                                               |         |
ARA 4420        Arabic through the Texts          | 3       |
Critical concentration course | 3     |
Electives (3000 level or above, not in major) | 6     |
Elective | 3 |
Credits          |                                               | 15      |

Total Credits   |                                               | 120     |

Critical Concentration Courses: 9 Credits from One Concentration

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The Foreign Languages and Literatures (FLL) major enables students to achieve communicative competence in their language(s) of specialization. Students will become knowledgeable in the culture and literature and/or linguistics associated with their language area(s) such that they will be able to critically analyze and evaluate authentic sources in the target language(s) and formulate independent, critical perspectives in the target language(s). Further, students will learn the intercultural skills and practical know-how necessary to negotiate traveling, studying, and living in the target culture(s).

Before Graduating Students Must
- Satisfy the Florida statutes for the College-Level Academic Skills Requirement.
- Complete requirements for the baccalaureate degree, as determined by faculty.
- Achieve one or more of the following, as determined by their specialization within the FLL program: an acceptable score on a language proficiency test and/or a satisfactory faculty evaluation of a term paper, final project, or oral presentation completed for a selected advanced course.

Students in the Major Will Learn to
Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)

Content
1. Describe and define cultural concepts, literary production, and/or linguistic structure in language(s) of specialization.

Critical Thinking
2. Analyze, interpret, and evaluate texts according to their cultural, literary and/or linguistic content.

Communication
3. Express critical competence in relation to the culture(s) of specialization through performance of comprehensive analysis in written and oral form.

4. Display oral and written proficiency in language(s) of specialization.

Assessment Types
- Proficiency exams
- Term papers or final projects
- Oral presentations

Courses focus on the acquisition of the language(s) of specialization at the advanced level.
Courses address literary, cultural, cinematic, historical, and/or social questions.

Assessment Types
- Proficiency exams
- Term papers or final projects
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Courses

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Curriculum Map

1 = Introduced; R = Reinforced; A = Assessed