

# ARABIC

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## 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 (<http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/colleges-schools/UGLAS/>)
- **Degree:** Bachelor of Arts
- **Credits for Degree:** 120
- **More Info**

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

## Department Information

Home to 15 different language programs, the Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures (LLC) offers training in languages and cultures from all corners of the globe. From Swahili to Italian, Russian to Vietnamese, LLC gives students the opportunity to become cross-cultural experts in an increasingly internationalized world.

**Website** (<https://languages.ufl.edu/>)

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## Curriculum

- African Languages
- Arabic
- Arabic Language and Literature Minor
- Chinese
- Combination Degrees
- Dual Languages
- East Asian Languages and Literatures Minor
- Foreign Languages and Literatures
- French and Francophone Studies
- French and Francophone Studies Minor
- German
- German Minor
- German Minor UF Online
- Hebrew
- Hebrew Minor
- Italian
- Italian Studies Minor
- Japanese
- Russian
- Russian and East-European Area Studies Certificate
- Russian Minor

The BA 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 credits 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.*

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Foundation Coursework</b>		
ARA 1130	Beginning Arabic 1	5
ARA 1131	Beginning Arabic 2	5
ARA 2220	Intermediate Arabic 1	4
ARA 2221	Intermediate Arabic 2	4
<b>Required Core Coursework</b>		
<i>Advanced Language and Culture</i>		
ARA 3410	Advanced Arabic 1	3
ARA 3411	Advanced Arabic 2	3
ARA 4420	Arabic through the Texts	3
<i>Advanced Elective Coursework</i>		
Select 15 credits:		15
ABT 3130	Arabic Literary Heritage 1	
ABT 3500	Arabic Culture	
ABT 4131	The Qur'an as Literature	
ARA 3241	Spoken Arabic	
ARA 3510	The Arab Woman	
ARA 4400	Fourth Year Arabic 1	
ARA 4401	Fourth Year Arabic 2	
ARA 4422	Arabic-English Translation	
ARA 4822	Arabic Sociolinguistics	
ARA 4850	Structure of Standard Arabic	
ARA 4905	Individual Study (3 credits max.)	
ARA 4915	Honors Thesis	
ARA 4930	Special Topics	
<i>Critical Concentration</i>		
Select nine credits from one area: <sup>1</sup>		9
Intensive Area Studies: Arabic Studies <sup>2</sup>		
Comparative Cultural Studies		
Film and Visual Culture		
Literary Studies		
Medieval and Early Modern Studies		
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>51</b>

<sup>1</sup> Although courses may appear in more than one group they may be counted toward only one group.

<sup>2</sup> Recommended for those planning to pursue careers requiring advanced level skills in Arabic or graduate work in Arabic studies.

## 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 summer UF-sponsored program in the Arabic Language Institute in Fez (ALIF) in Morocco. The program offers students the opportunity to earn 11 credits (only 6 credits count toward the major).

More info (<https://ufabroad.internationalcenter.ufl.edu/?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgramAngular&id=10041>)

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. Literacy in Standard Arabic is expected.

## Research

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

### Critical Tracking

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 (<https://cpm.flvc.org/advance-search/>) may be used for transfer students.

## SEMESTER 1

- 2.0 UF GPA required

## SEMESTER 2

- 2.0 UF GPA required

## SEMESTER 3

- Complete ARA 1130 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 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

## Semester 6

- Complete ARA 2221 or a higher-level Arabic language course
- Complete 2 Advanced Electives
- 2.0 UF GPA required

## Semester 7

- Complete ARA 3410
- Complete 1 Advanced Elective
- Complete 1 Critical Concentration course
- 2.0 UF GPA required

## Semester 8

- Complete ARA 3411
- Completed ARA 4420
- Complete 2 Advanced Electives

- Complete 2 Critical Concentration courses
- 2.0 UF GPA required

### Model Semester Plan

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).

3000 level or above critical concentration courses outside of Arabic may count toward the 3000 level or above electives outside of the major.

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.*

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Semester One</b>		
ARA 1130	Beginning Arabic 1 ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> )	5
State Core Gen Ed Biological or Physical Sciences ( <a href="http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#genedcoursestext">http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#genedcoursestext</a> )		3
State Core Gen Ed Composition ( <a href="http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#genedcoursestext">http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#genedcoursestext</a> ); Writing Requirement		3
State Core Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences ( <a href="http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#genedcoursestext">http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#genedcoursestext</a> )		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Semester Two</b>		
ARA 1131	Beginning Arabic 2 ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> )	5
Quest 1 (Gen Ed Humanities)		3
Science Laboratory (Gen Ed Biological or Physical Sciences)		1
State Core Gen Ed Mathematics ( <a href="http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#genedcoursestext">http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#genedcoursestext</a> )		3
Gen Ed Physical Sciences		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Semester Three</b>		
ARA 2220	Intermediate Arabic 1 ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> )	4
State Core Gen Ed Humanities ( <a href="http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#genedcoursestext">http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#genedcoursestext</a> )		3
Gen Ed Mathematics		3
Gen Ed Biological or Physical Sciences (area NOT taken in semester 1) <sup>1</sup>		3
Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences <sup>1</sup>		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Semester Four</b>		
ARA 2221	Intermediate Arabic 2 ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> )	4
Advanced elective ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> ; in the major)		3
Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences and Diversity		3
Electives (3000 level or above; not in major)		6
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Semester Five</b>		
ARA 3410	Advanced Arabic 1 ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> )	3
Gen Ed Biological Sciences		3
Gen Ed Composition; Writing Requirement		3
Critical concentration course ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> )		3
Advanced elective ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> ; in the major)		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Semester Six</b>		
ARA 3411	Advanced Arabic 2 ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> )	3
Advanced elective ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> ; in the major)		3
Elective (3000 level or above, not in major)		3
Electives		5
<b>Credits</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Semester Seven</b>		
Critical concentration course ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> )		3
Advanced electives ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> ; in the major)		6

Elective (3000 level or above, not in major)	3
Elective or senior thesis option	3
<b>Credits</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Semester Eight</b>	
ARA 4420 Arabic through the Texts ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> )	3
Critical concentration course ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> )	3
Electives (3000 level or above, not in major)	6
Elective	3
<b>Credits</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>120</b>

<sup>1</sup> One of these courses must be a UF Quest 2 course

## Concentration Courses

### Critical Concentration Courses

#### 9 Credits from One Concentration

Although courses may appear in more than one group, they may be counted toward only one group.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Intensive Area Studies: Arabic</b>		
ABT 3130	Arabic Literary Heritage 1	3
ABT 3500	Arabic Culture	3
ABT 4131	The Qur'an as Literature	3
ARA 3241	Spoken Arabic	3
ARA 3510	The Arab Woman	3
ARA 4400	Fourth Year Arabic 1	3
ARA 4401	Fourth Year Arabic 2	3
ARA 4422	Arabic-English Translation	3
ARA 4822	Arabic Sociolinguistics	3
ARA 4850	Structure of Standard Arabic	3
ARA 4905	Individual Study (maximum 3 credits)	1-5
ARA 4915	Honors Thesis	3
ARA 4930	Special Topics	3
<b>Comparative Cultural Studies</b>		
ABT 3500	Arabic Culture	3
ABT 4131	The Qur'an as Literature	3
ARA 3510	The Arab Woman	3
CHI 3403	Chinese Calligraphy	3
CHT 3500	Chinese Culture	3
CHT 3510	All the Tea in China	3
CHT 3513	Taoism and Chinese Culture	3
CZT 3564	Modern Czech Culture and Society	3
FRT 3004	Monuments and Masterpieces of France	3
FRT 3561	Women in French Literature and/or Cinema	3-4
GET 3003	German Culture and Civilization 1	3
GET 3004	Modern German Culture and Civilization	3
GET 3200	Medieval Literary Culture	3
GET 3201	Early Modern Literary Culture	3
GET 3501	History, Literature and Arts of Berlin	3
GET 3580	Representations of War in Literature and Visual Media	3
GET 3930	Variable Topics in German Studies (German Fairy Tales)	3
GEW 4401	Cities as Cultural Centers	3
HAI 3930	Haitian Culture and Society	3
HAT 3503	Haitian Culture and Literature in Translation	3
HAT 3564	Haitian Culture and Society	3
HAT 3700	Introduction to Haitian Creole Linguistics	3
ITT 3431	Italy and Pilgrimages	3
ITT 3443	Dante's Inferno (English)	3

ITT 3540	Murder Italian Style: Crime Fiction and Film in Italy	3
ITT 3541	Gangsters and Godfathers: Italian Mafia Movies	3
ITT 3700	The Demolition of Man: Italian Perspectives on the Jewish Holocaust	3
ITT 3930	Special Topics in Italian Literature and Culture	3
JMT 3500	Jamaican Creole, Reggae, and Rastafari	3
JPT 3500	Japanese Culture	3
JPT 3521	Monsters and Horror in Japan	3
JPT 3702	Japanese Visual Culture	3
JPT 4502	Japanese Folklore	3
JPT 4510	Representations of Japan's Modern Empire	3
RUT 3443	War and Peace	3
RUT 3500	Russian Cultural Heritage	3
RUT 3501	Contemporary Russian Culture and Society	3
RUT 3503	Violence and Terror in the Russian Experience	3
RUT 3504	Russia Today	3
RUT 3506	Creative Lives: Writers, Artists, and Extraordinary People	3
RUT 3514	Russian Fairy Tales	3
RUT 3530	Russia's Struggle with Nature: Legacies of Destruction and Preservation	3
RUT 3600	The Twentieth Century through Slavic Eyes	3
RUT 4450	Russian Modernism	3
VTT 3500	Vietnamese Culture	3
YOT 3500	Yoruba Diaspora in the New World	3
<b>Film and Visual Culture</b>		
CHI 4930	Special Topics in Chinese Studies	3
CHT 3391	Chinese Film and Media	4
CHT 3523	Hong Kong, Taiwan, and the New Global Cinema	4
FRT 3520	French Cinema	4
FRT 3561	Women in French Literature and/or Cinema	3-4
FRT 4523	European Identities, European Cinemas	4
GET 3520	Early German Cinema to 1945	4
GET 3580	Representations of War in Literature and Visual Media	3
GET 4521	Women and German Cinema	4
GET 4523	New Cinema 1945 to the Present	4
GET 4930	Variable Topics in German Studies	3
HBR 4930	Special Topics	3
ITT 3521	Italian Cinema	4
ITT 3540	Murder Italian Style: Crime Fiction and Film in Italy	3
ITT 3541	Gangsters and Godfathers: Italian Mafia Movies	3
ITT 3930	Special Topics in Italian Literature and Culture	3
JPN 4930	Special Topics in Japanese Studies	3
JPT 3391	Introduction to Japanese Film	4
JPT 3521	Monsters and Horror in Japan	3
JPT 3702	Japanese Visual Culture	3
RUT 3524	Russia through Film	3
SSA 4930	Special Topics in African Studies	3
<b>Literary Studies</b>		
ABT 3130	Arabic Literary Heritage 1	3
ABT 4131	The Qur'an as Literature	3
CHI 4930	Special Topics in Chinese Studies	3
CHT 3110	Chinese Literary Heritage	3
CHT 3123	Pre-Modern Chinese Fiction in Translation	3
CHT 3124	Modern Chinese Fiction in Translation	3
CHT 3302	Tales of the Strange in Medieval Chinese Literature	3
CHT 4111	Dream of the Red Chamber	3
CHT 4603	Journey to the West	3
FRT 3004	Monuments and Masterpieces of France	3
FRT 3561	Women in French Literature and/or Cinema	3-4
GET 3200	Medieval Literary Culture	3
GET 3201	Early Modern Literary Culture	3
GET 3501	History, Literature and Arts of Berlin	3
GET 3580	Representations of War in Literature and Visual Media	3
GET 3930	Variable Topics in German Studies (German Fairy Tales)	3

GET 4930	Variable Topics in German Studies	3
HAT 3503	Haitian Culture and Literature in Translation	3
HBR 4930	Special Topics	3
HBT 3223	Identity and Dissent in the Hebrew Short Story	3
ITT 3431	Italy and Pilgrimages	3
ITT 3443	Dante's Inferno (English)	3
ITT 3540	Murder Italian Style: Crime Fiction and Film in Italy	3
ITT 3700	The Demolition of Man: Italian Perspectives on the Jewish Holocaust	3
ITT 3930	Special Topics in Italian Literature and Culture	3
JPT 3100	Tales of Kyoto	3
JPT 3120	Modern Japanese Fiction in Translation	3
JPT 3121	Contemporary Japanese Literature: Postwar to Postmodern	3
JPT 3140	Modern Women Writers	3
JPT 3150	Classical Japanese Poetry	3
JPT 3300	Samurai War Tales	3
JPT 3330	Early Modern Japanese Literature	3
JPT 3521	Monsters and Horror in Japan	3
JPT 4130	The Tale of Genji	3
JPT 4502	Japanese Folklore	3
JPT 4510	Representations of Japan's Modern Empire	3
PLT 3930	Special Topics in Polish Studies	3
RUT 3101	Russian Masterpieces	3
RUT 3441	Tolstoy and Dostoevsky	3
RUT 3442	Themes from Russian Literature	3
RUT 3443	War and Peace	3
RUT 3452	Russian Literature of the Twentieth Century	3
RUT 3503	Violence and Terror in the Russian Experience	3
RUT 3506	Creative Lives: Writers, Artists, and Extraordinary People	3
RUT 3514	Russian Fairy Tales	3
RUT 3530	Russia's Struggle with Nature: Legacies of Destruction and Preservation	3
RUT 3600	The Twentieth Century through Slavic Eyes	3
RUT 3930	Variable Topics in Russian Studies	3
RUT 4440	Pushkin and Gogol	3
RUT 4450	Russian Modernism	3
SST 4502	African Oral Literature	3
SSW 3303	Swahili Oral Literature	3
SSW 4713	African Women Writers	3
VTN 4930	Special Topics in Vietnamese Studies	3
<b>Medieval and Early Modern Studies</b>		
ARA 3510	The Arab Woman	3
CHT 3110	Chinese Literary Heritage	3
CHT 3123	Pre-Modern Chinese Fiction in Translation	3
CHT 3302	Tales of the Strange in Medieval Chinese Literature	3
CHT 3513	Taoism and Chinese Culture	3
CHT 4111	Dream of the Red Chamber	3
CHT 4603	Journey to the West	3
GET 3200	Medieval Literary Culture	3
GET 3201	Early Modern Literary Culture	3
ITT 3431	Italy and Pilgrimages	3
ITT 3443	Dante's Inferno (English)	3
JPT 3300	Samurai War Tales	3
JPT 3330	Early Modern Japanese Literature	3
JPT 3521	Monsters and Horror in Japan	3
MEM 3003	Introduction to the Medieval World	3
MEM 3300	Castles and Cloisters: An Introduction to Medieval Communities	3
MEM 3301	Palaces and Cities: An Introduction to Early Modern Communities	3
MEM 3730	Studies in the Holy Roman Empire	3
MEM 3931	Variable Topics in Medieval and Early Modern Studies	3

Academic Learning Compact

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.

Curriculum Map

I = Introduced; R = Reinforced; A = Assessed

Courses	SLO 1	SLO 2	SLO 3	SLO 4
Category A <sup>1</sup>	I, R	I	I	I, R, A
Category B <sup>2</sup>	I, R, A	I, R, A	I, R, A	

<sup>1</sup> Courses focus on the acquisition of the language(s) of specialization at the advanced level.  
<sup>2</sup> Courses address literary, cultural, cinematic, historical, and/or social questions.

Assessment Types

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