

# ARABIC MINOR

**Banner Code:** ARBC

## Academic Advising

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The minor has an emphasis on developing strong language skills: oral communication and the reading of texts. Students are also introduced to important works of Arabic literature and culture. A minor in Arabic can easily and effectively be combined with majors in other disciplines. It is especially valuable in combination with global affairs, international relations, security, journalism, philosophy, and religion.

## Admissions & Policies

### Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor. Students must complete 18 credits at the 300-level or above with a minimum grade of 2.00 in each course. For policies governing all minors, see AP.5.3.4 Minors (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/undergraduate-policies/#ap-5-3-4>).

## Requirements

### Minor Requirements

Total credits: 18

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

### Core Courses

Code	Title	Credits
Select three courses from the following:		
ARAB 300	Advanced Arabic	9
ARAB 330	Reading and Conversation I	
ARAB 331	Reading and Conversation II	
ARAB 351	Media Arabic (Spoken and Written) (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
ARAB 355	Advanced Arabic Media: Debates Context	
ARAB 370	Arabic for the Professions	
ARAB 375	Study Abroad - Arab World	
ARAB 390	Translation Methods: Arabic to English	
Total Credits		

### 400-level Language Course

Code	Title	Credits
Select one course from the following:		
ARAB 420	Survey of Arabic Literature	3
ARAB 430	Advanced Arabic Grammar	

ARAB 440	Topics in Arabic Religious Thought and Texts (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
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Total Credits 3

### Electives

#### Additional ARAB Course

Code	Title	Credits
Select one additional ARAB course (3 credits) from any 300 or 400-level course taught in Arabic ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/arab/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/arab/</a> )		
Total Credits		3

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### English

Code	Title	Credits
Select one course in English from the following:		
Total Credits		3

ARAB 325	Major Arab Writers/Stories (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
ARAB 470	Special Topics in Modern Arabic Studies	
ARTH 320	Art of the Islamic World (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
GOVT 332	Government and Politics of the Middle East and North Africa	
GOVT 345	Islam and Politics	
HIST 461	Arab-Israeli Conflict	
HIST 462	Women in Islamic Society (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
HIST 465	The Middle East in the 20th Century	
RELI 338	Qur'an and Hadith	
RELI 358	Islamic Thought (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	

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