

ROWAN UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF WORLD LANGUAGES

ARABIC STUDIES MINOR

The Arabic Studies Minor allows students to gain communicative competence in Arabic and deepen their understanding of Arab culture, society, geography, politics, and history through interdisciplinary coursework. This academic background makes students more competitive as they search for employment across a wide variety of career fields, including but not limited to work in foreign and public service, international sales and business, humanitarian work, government, politics, and international law.

The Arabic Studies Minor may be declared in the Department of World Languages, Oak Hall 107, or by contacting the University Advising Center, Savitz Hall, Suite 323 (856-256-4459 / advise@rowan.edu). Students with existing proficiency in Arabic should contact Tarek Mousa (mousa@rowan.edu) for a placement interview. It is possible for students to earn credits for the courses that they skip via the Authorization for Credit by Examination process. Contact Tarek Mousa (mousa@rowan.edu) for more details about this option. Students who have declared the program may schedule an advising appointment with the Program Advisor, Harold Thompson (thompsonh@rowan.edu).

The program consists of 6 courses (18 credits). Students must receive a grade of at least “C-” in all courses for the program. Each of the courses listed below is worth 3 credits.

A. Students are required to take the following four courses within the language component of the program (or receive credits via a placement interview and Authorization for Credit by Examination):

- ARAB 12.101 – Elementary Arabic I
- ARAB 12.102 – Elementary Arabic II (*prerequisite: ARAB 12.101 or waiver*)
- ARAB 12.201 – Intermediate Arabic I (*prerequisite: ARAB 12.102 or waiver*)
- ARAB 12.211 – Intermediate Arabic II (*prerequisite: ARAB 12.201 or waiver*)

B. Students must also select two of the following elective courses (the courses marked with an asterisk are taught in Arabic. The other courses are taught in English and can be taken at any time, before, after or concurrently with language courses):

- ARAB 12.212 – Intermediate Arabic III* (*prereq. ARAB 12.211 or waiver*)
- ARAB 12.301 – Advanced Arabic I* (*prereq. ARAB 12.212*)
- ARAB 12.302 – Advanced Arabic II* (*prereq. ARAB 12.301*)
- ARAB 12.320 – Arabic Civilization & Culture* (*prereq. ARAB 12.212*)
- ARAB 12.440 – Special Topics in Arabic (*prereq. may vary, depending on course topic*)
- GEOG 16.347 – Geography of the Middle East
- HIST 05.308 – Modern Middle East (*prereq. COMP 01.112 and prereq. waiver for HIST 05.306*)
- HIST 05.383 – Islamic Civilization (*prereq. COMP 01.112 and prereq. waiver for HIST 05.306*)
- HIST 05.404 – Arab-Israeli Conflict (*prereq. COMP 01.112 and prereq. waiver for HIST 05.306*)
- HIST 05.417 – Women in Islam (*prereq. COMP 01.112 and prereq. waiver for HIST 05.306*)
- POSC 07.347 – Politics of the Middle East