

ARABIC MINOR

be counted towards the minor. The Arabic minor must be completed with at least 3 units of coursework at Northwestern.

The *Minor in Arabic* is designed for students who wish to gain a high level of proficiency in Arabic to understand and interact with communities of different ethnicities and cultures in the Middle East. The course work leading to the *Minor in Arabic* is carefully scaffolded along a set of overarching learning goals that inform the pedagogical tasks employed in each class. The *Minor in Arabic* is available to all students with at least two years of Arabic language studies or its equivalent.

Course	Title
Prerequisite ¹	
ARABIC 121-3	Arabic II (or equivalent proficiency)
Minor Requirements (6 units) ²	
<i>Third-year level sequence; recommended starting sequence for non-heritage Arabic speakers (see explanation below)</i>	
ARABIC 211-1	Arabic III
ARABIC 211-2	Arabic III
ARABIC 211-3	Arabic III
<i>Content-based language courses (see explanation below)</i>	
ARABIC 216-0	Language and Culture
ARABIC 245-0	Current Events in the Middle East: Arab Society through Online News Media
ARABIC 304-0	Translation in Practice: A Bridge to the Future
ARABIC 316-1	Reading Arabic Poetry
ARABIC 316-2	Reading Classical Arabic Texts
ARABIC 316-3	Reading Modern Arabic Prose

¹ Beginner students start with the Arabic I sequence (ARABIC 111-1, ARABIC 111-2, ARABIC 111-3) and continue to the Arabic II sequence (ARABIC 121-1, ARABIC 121-2, ARABIC 121-3) as prerequisite to the minor.

² At least two of the 6 courses in Arabic must be at the 300-level. No more than 1 unit of ARABIC 399-0 may be applied as a 300-level unit towards the minor.

Third-year Level Language Sequence

The program offers a *3-course language sequence* on the third-year level which is based on work with a language textbook with carefully sequenced grammar and culture exercises. While not mandatory, we encourage our students to take this sequence first. However, native or near native speakers of Arabic skip the third-year sequence. They must select courses from the content-based course list.

Content-Based Language Courses

The program also offers *content-based language courses* on the 200-level and 300-level. In content-based courses, the thematic content - topics that students find interesting and relevant - provides the materials (mostly authentic language documents) around which listening, speaking, reading, and writing activities are created. Content-based courses are self-contained and do not need to be taken in a sequence.

Study Abroad Policy

Language courses taken abroad may be counted towards the minor with the approval of the MENA Languages Program. It is essential that students returning from abroad take the Arabic language placement test as soon as possible so that they can be placed into the appropriate course. Only study abroad courses above the level of ARABIC 121-3 can