

ARABIC AND ISLAMIC WORLD STUDIES, MINOR

Requirements - Minor

The requirements for the minor in Arabic and Islamic Studies include successful completion with a grade of “C” or better 17 credit hours of courses, of which 6 credit hours must be program-approved courses at the 3000-level. The 17 credit hours must include:

8 credit hours (two courses and two labs) of program-approved courses in Arabic language

Minors must take two Arabic language courses at Benedictine University:

Code	Title	Hours
Requirements		
Select two of the following: ¹		8
ARBC 1101 & ARBC 1108	Elementary Arabic I and Elementary Arabic I Lab	
ARBC 1102 & ARBC 1109	Elementary Arabic II and Elementary Arabic II Lab	
ARBC 2201 & ARBC 2208	Intermediate Arabic I and Intermediate Arab I Lab	
ARBC 2202 & ARBC 2209	Intermediate Arabic II and Intermediate Arabic II Lab	
ARBC 2211 & ARBC 2218	Intermediate Grammar and Composition and Intermediate Grammar and Composition Lab	

Program-Approved Literature or Literature and Culture Course

Select 3 credit hours of the following program-approved literature or literature and culture course: 3

Literature Course:	
ARBC 3212	Survey of Arabic Literature (In Arabic)
ARBC 2250	Themes in Arabic Literature (In Arabic)
ARBC 4302	Culture and Tradition in the Arab Countries
ARBC 4301	Female Figures in the Quran
ARBC 4303	Arab Political Life Through Literature and Film
LITR 1250	Stories from the Quran

Literature and Culture Course:

ARBC 1195	Introduction to Study Abroad (Study Abroad program, Fez Morocco)
ARBC 3391	Advanced Topics in Arabic Culture

History Course

Select one of the following: 3

HIST 2273	Classical Islamic Civilization, 1000-1700
or HIST 3373 Empires and Cultures of Islamic World	
HIST 2271	Modern Middle East
or HIST 3371 Modern Middle East	
HIST 2272	Early Middle East 300-1100
or HIST 3372 Early Middle East 300-1100	

Program-Approved Elective

Select one of the following: ² 3

IDS 2201	Catholic/Benedictine Traditions (History of Christian-Muslim Relations)
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IDS 2201	Catholic/Benedictine Traditions (Shared Stories in the Qur’an and Bible)
IDS 2203	Catholic/Benedictine Intellectual Traditions: Global (Strange and Normal)
PLSC 2216	Genocide: The Politics of Hate, Fear, Terror and Power
or PLSC 331 Genocide: The Politics of Hate, Fear, Terror and Power	
PLSC 2217	Revolutions and Political Violence
or PLSC 3317 Revolutions and Political Violence	
PLSC 2218	Nationalism and Terrorism
or PLSC 3318 History of Political Thought: 17th Century to the Present	
PLSC 2224	Democracy & Democratization
or PLSC 3324 Democracy & Democratization	
RELS 2130	Abrahamic Traditions
RELS 2265	Eastern Christianity
THEO 2235	Interreligious Dialogue

Total Hours 17

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² Can also be chosen from any of the above courses in Arabic, Literature, or History, as well as the following Interdisciplinary Seminar, Political Science, Religious Studies, or Theology courses.

For further information or for placement test in Arabic, please contact the Department of Languages and Literature at (630) 829-6274.