

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences  
Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures  
Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Languages (BAFL)  
**ARABIC MAJOR**  
For students entering under UG Catalog 2023-2024

**Common Degree Core (21 credit hours)**

All language majors under the BA in Foreign Languages share the following Common Degree Core requirements (21 credit hour total):

- First year experience (3 credit hours)
- Language (6-15 credit hours)
- Other language-program-specific courses (3-12 credit hours)

*First year experience (3 cr)*

\_\_\_ RLCL 1004 Introduction in Religion and Culture (3) (or an FYE course completed in another major)

*Language (e.g., oral, written, interpretive) (6 cr)*

\_\_\_ ARBC 2105 Intermediate Arabic (3 cr.; prereq.: 1106)

\_\_\_ ARBC 2106 Intermediate Arabic (3 cr.; prereq.: 2105)

*Other language-program-specific courses (e.g., literature, culture, linguistics) (12 cr)*

\_\_\_ ARBC 3105 Advanced Arabic (3 cr.; prereq.: 2106)

\_\_\_ ARBC 3106 Advanced Arabic (3 cr.; prereq.: 3105)

\_\_\_ ARBC 3124 Arabic for Oral Proficiency (3 cr.; prereq.: 2105)

\_\_\_ ARBC 4154 Advanced Composition and Stylistics (3 cr.; prereq.: 3105)

**Major Requirements (15 credit hours)**

\_\_\_ ARBC 3514 Media Arabic (3 cr.; prereq.: 2105)

\_\_\_ ARBC 2774 Arab Culture and Civilization<sup>1</sup> (3 cr.)

\_\_\_ ARBC 3474 Topics in Arab Cinema<sup>1</sup> (3 cr.; may be taken twice for 6 cr.)

\_\_\_ ARBC 3304 Modern Arabic Literature in Translation<sup>1</sup> (3cr.)

\_\_\_ ARBC 4334 Research in Arab Culture (3 cr.; prereq.: 2105 and 2774)

<sup>1</sup>May also count toward Pathways. Taught in English.

**Note:**

- Some courses required for this major have pre-/co-requisite and/or enrollment requirements. Please refer to Undergraduate Course Catalog or consult your advisor for information about pre-/co-requisite and enrollment requirements.

**Pathways to General Education Requirements (45 credit hours)**

Area 1: Discourse (9 credit hours)

\_\_\_\_\_ (foundational) (3)  
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\_\_\_\_\_ (advanced/applied) (3)

Area 2: Critical Thinking in the Humanities (6 credit hours)

\_\_\_\_\_ (3)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (3)

Area 3: Reasoning in the Social Sciences (6 credit hours)

\_\_\_\_\_ (3)  
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Area 4: Reasoning in the Natural Sciences (6 credit hours)

\_\_\_\_\_ (3)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (3)

Area 5: Quantitative and Computational Thinking (9 credit hours)

\_\_\_\_\_ (foundational) (3)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (foundational) (3)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (advanced/applied) (3)

Area 6: Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts (6 credit hours)

\_\_\_\_\_ (design) (3)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (arts) (3)

Area 7: Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the United States (3 credit hours)

(may be double-counted with another core concept)

\_\_\_\_\_ (3)

**Free Electives:**

Complete remaining credit hours needed to satisfy degree 120 credit hour requirement.

**Total Hours Required:** 120 credit hours required for graduation

**GPA requirements:**

Students must have a 2.0 in-major GPA in Arabic and earn a C or better in each course for it to count towards the major.

**Additional Graduation Requirements:**

- As a major in Arabic, you will have completed the Foreign Language (FL) requirement at Virginia Tech:
  - Students who completed 3 years of a single FL in high school have completed the requirement.
  - Students who did not complete 3 years of a single FL in high school may complete the requirement as follows:
    - Complete 2 years of a single language in high school, plus 1106 or equivalent in college (these 3 hours count toward the 120 required for graduation) OR
    - Complete 1105-1106 or equivalent in college (these 6 hours do not count toward the 120 required for graduation)

**Transfer Credit:**

- Students may transfer no more than 18 of the last 45 cr. of course work. Study Abroad falls under this rule if it is not VT credit.
- A form for “Authorization to Take Courses Elsewhere” must be filled out and signed by the student, the department representative, and the Director of the Global Education Office before the student departs on the study abroad program.
- A maximum of 50% of the required credits for a degree may be earned at a two-year college.

**Satisfactory Progress toward Degree:**

By the time a student majoring in Arabic has completed 72 semester credits (including transfer, advanced placement, advanced standing, and course withdrawal), the student must have completed satisfactorily the following courses in Arabic: 3105, 3106, and 3124. Satisfactory completion means a C or better (in each required course in the major).