Arabic

The minor in Arabic is administered by the Asian Studies Committee: Professors Gabriel (economics; on leave Fall 2015), Hachiyanagi (art), Hashmi (international relations), Khory (politics), I. Peterson (Indian literature, cultural history, and Hinduism), Nemoto (Japanese language and linguistics), Roth (anthropology), Sinha (art history), Wang (Chinese language and literature; on leave 2015-16); Five College Lecturers Arafah (Arabic).

Overview

The Arabic program at Mount Holyoke is a part of the Five College Arabic Language Initiative. The coursework focuses on developing skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking Arabic as well as in Arabic culture. The program offers two full years of Arabic instruction and sometimes a third year at Mount Holyoke. Students can pursue advanced studies of Arabic in the Five College Consortium. Students who study Arabic may choose to complete the minor in Arabic listed here or the major in South Asian Studies for which language study is a principal component.

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Requirements for the Minor

Credits

- At least 16 credits of Arabic language courses at the 200 level or higher

Courses

- At least two 300-level courses in Arabic
- Independent Studies (295 or 395) do not count toward the minor
- Language courses that are not taken at MHC must be approved by the head of the Arabic program at Mount Holyoke College to count toward the minor
- Courses taught in English do not count toward the minor

Course Offerings

ASIAN-232 Second Year Arabic I

Fall
Students in this course will continue perfecting their knowledge of Arabic, focusing on the four skills: speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Students should expect text assignments as well as work with DVDs, audio, and websites. Exercises include writing, social interactions, role plays, and the interplay of language and culture. Students will complete Al Kitaab, Book 1 and finish Chapter 10 of Al Kitaab, Book 2 by the end of the year. 

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

H. Arafah

Prereq: Asian Studies 232.
Credits: 4

ASIAN-233 Second Year Arabic II

Spring
Students in this course will continue perfecting their knowledge of Arabic, focusing on the four skills: speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Students should expect text assignments as well as work with DVDs, audio, and websites. Exercises include writing, social interactions, role plays, and the interplay of language and culture. Students will complete Al Kitaab, Book 1 and finish Chapter 10 of Al Kitaab, Book 2 by the end of the year. The prerequisite is Arabic 130-131 or the equivalent.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

H. Arafah

Prereq: Asian Studies 232.
Credits: 4

See Also

- Middle Eastern Studies
- Asian Studies