

Cover Sheet: Request 15615

Modification for ALL (Arabic Language and Literature Minor)

Info

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Responses

Name

Enter the name of the minor.

Response:
ARABIC LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Code

Enter the two or three letter specialization code that identifies the minor in the student information system.

Response:
ALL

Effective Term

Enter the term (semester and year) at which the modification should be effective.

Response:
Earliest Available

Effective Year

Response:
Earliest Available

Proposed Changes

Describe the proposed changes to the minor.

Response:
1) Allow ARA 2220 and ARA 2221 (Intermediate Arabic 1 and 2) or higher-level courses to satisfy the first tier.
2) Combine the second tier (3 credits) and third tier (6 credits) into one tier (9 credits).
3) Remove the requirement that the third tier (now second) must exclude language courses.

Pedagogical Rationale/Justification

Describe the rationale for the proposed changes.

Response:

The previous requirements have proven to be unrealistic. To complete the minor, students are required to complete 18 credits of coursework at the beginning and intermediate levels (prereqs - not counted toward the minor) plus 15 credits at the upper levels (counted toward the minor; total: 33 credits. The modified requirements are more realistic as they require students to complete 27 credits of coursework in total:

- 10 credits of ARA 1130-1131 (Beginning Arabic 1&2); these satisfy CLAS Foreign Language Requirement

- 15-17 credits toward the Minor

Heritage learners who test out of Intermediate ARA 2220 (4 credits) and ARA 2221 (4 credits) should take upper level courses - e.g., ARA 3410 (3 credits) and ARA 3411 (3 credits). These students need 15 credits instead of 17 to complete the minor.

The modified requirement follow the Chinese and Japanese model

https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/colleges-schools/UGLAS/EAC_EAJ_UMN/ . Like Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin & Cantonese) and Japanese, are classified by the US Department of State as Category IV languages in terms of difficulty for native speakers of English.

Impact on Other Programs

Describe any potential impact on other programs or departments, including increased need for general education or common prerequisite courses, or increased need for required or elective courses outside of the existing program.

Response:

The change may only have a positive impact on the International Studies Major (INS). Students majoring in INS with focus on the Middle East and North Africa are required to complete Intermediate Arabic 1 and 2. By counting these courses toward the Arabic Minor, students may be motivated to do an additional 9 credits and complete the Minor.

We do not foresee any negative impact.

Catalog Copy

Submitter agrees to prepare and upload document showing the catalog copy with the current and proposed curricula edited using the "track changes" feature in Word.

Response:

Yes

ARABIC LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

MINOR

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The Arabic language is the key to understanding the culture and history of North Africa, the Middle East, and the Arabian Peninsula. Arabic is also the liturgical language of more than a billion Muslims, and it is one of the six official languages of the United Nations.

ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

- **College:** [Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Credits:** [15-17](#) | Completed with minimum grades of C and no optional S/U

Department Information

Related Programs

An intensive summer program in Fez, Morocco, is available for students at all levels.

No more than three credits of 4905 (Individual Work) coursework may be applied to the minor. Students must complete a minimum of six credits of coursework [at the 3000/4000 level](#) exclusive to the minor that cannot count toward the major(s) or other minors.

REQUIRED COURSES

Select one:

6-8

[ARA 2220](#)

[Intermediate Arabic 1](#)

[& ARA 2221](#)

[Intermediate Arabic 2](#)

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Arabic language courses	(3000 level or above)	
ARA 4400 & ARA 4401	Fourth Year Arabic 1 and Fourth Year Arabic 2	
ARA 4420	Arabic through the Texts⁺	3
ARA or ABT prefixed courses	(3000/4000 level)²	69
Total Credits		15-17
⁺ Prerequisite: 5 semesters of Arabic or the equivalent.		
² Excluding ARA language courses.		

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