

STUDY ARABIC
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WHY STUDY ARABIC?



Arabic is spoken by more than 200 million people, making it the sixth most widely spoken language in the world today. It is the official language of 22 countries and is one of the 6 official languages of the United Nations. An understanding of the Arab world, and its language and culture, is particularly useful for students wishing to pursue careers in political science, international affairs, international business, international law, military science, Middle Eastern and North African studies, and Islamic studies. There is a critical shortage of Arabic-speaking Americans and any students graduating with Arabic language skills will be attractive candidates for a multitude of government, academic, and business jobs.

ARABIC COURSES

The Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures currently offers courses in Modern Standard Arabic. This is the form of Arabic used and recognized across the Arab world and is also the language of the news and media. It is used in conversation between educated Arabs from different countries.

L105: First-Year Arabic I

Essentials of the language for the beginner: aural comprehension, speaking, reading, writing and introduction to the cultures of the Arabic-speaking world.

L107: First-Year Arabic II

Essentials of the language for the continuing student: aural comprehension, speaking, reading, writing and further exposure to the cultures of the Arabic-speaking world.

LCC200: Second-Year Arabic I

LCC201: Second-Year Arabic II

Grammar review with extensive practice in conversation, reading and writing. There is a cultural component as well.

LCC250: Arabic Language, Literature and Culture in Translation

Selected works in translation from different periods and genres which represent the interrelationship of language, literature and culture.

FUTURE OFFERINGS:

L304: Third-Year Arabic I

L305: Third-Year Arabic II

Development of reading comprehension, communicative competence and cultural understanding.

BEGINNING SUMMER IMMERSION COURSE IN ARABIC (L180A)

* June 11-29, 2007

* learn a semester's worth of material in 3 weeks

* benefit from dedicated, experienced professors

* earn 5+ credits

* register for an additional credit of group study (L296V) to help you retain what you gain (and satisfy the 6-credit minimum to qualify for financial aid)

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

ARABIC CULTURE CLUB

This fun student club celebrates Arabic culture and is not religiously or politically affiliated. We meet twice a month to watch films, enjoy Arab cuisine, hear speakers, etc. Tutoring is also available. For more information, contact Dr. Hirchi.

STUDY ABROAD IN AN ARABIC-SPEAKING COUNTRY

There are many study abroad programs available throughout the Arab World for summer, semester-long or year-long study. Some programs offer scholarships. CSU sponsors the CIEE in Amman, Jordan

<http://www.ciee.org>

Dr. Hirchi can recommend programs in Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt and other countries, and summer programs in the U.S.

MIDDLE EAST / NORTH AFRICA OPTION

Students who choose an International Studies Concentration under the Liberal Arts major can declare an option in Middle East and North African Studies. This option requires 15 credits of Arabic. For more information, contact Dr. Hirchi or

visit this web page: <http://www.colostate.edu/Programs/in/midNorth.html>

ASIAN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

This program introduces students to the historic and contemporary cultures of Asia and the Middle East. The program offers courses in a wide variety of disciplines, enabling students to gain a broader and deeper appreciation of the diverse regions of the Middle East and Asia. This background prepares students for possible graduate work in these areas and for careers in a variety of fields. Students from any department may enroll in the program. Program details are available from the Office of International Programs and from Dr. Hirchi.

ARABIC FACULTY AT CSU



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Professor Hirchi teaches Arabic language, literature and cultures. He is involved with CSU's Middle East/North Africa Option and the Asian Studies Certificate program.

He advises students about Arabic courses and Study Abroad. Dr. Hirchi is interested in the teaching and learning of Less Commonly Taught Languages (LCTL) and has participated in several workshops related to teaching. His research focuses on the literatures and cultures of North Africa, the Middle East, Africa, the Caribbean and France. He has published articles in these areas and he is currently working on a book project on Moroccan women intellectuals.





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