

# ARABIC STUDIES

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## College of Arts and Humanities

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Arabic Studies at the University of Maryland offers a multidimensional education in Arabic language and culture, tailored for diverse populations of students, while also preparing them for a variety of careers on the global market. The Arabic Department's vision centers on rigorous language instruction that integrates dialects with the formal register of Arabic (*fushHa*) and on developing a nuanced cultural knowledge through a variety of courses that interrogate different aspects of culture and society in the Arabic-speaking world. The Arabic Department offers a B.A. and Minor in Arabic.

The Arabic and Persian Departments jointly host the UMD Summer Language Institute (<https://sllc.umd.edu/special-programs/arabic-persian/summer-langage-institutes/arabic/>), which offers an intensive language and culture program. Students participating in the Summer Institute are able to complete a full language level/academic year of Arabic. Three levels are offered in the summer: elementary, intermediate, and advanced.

Additionally, the School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures operates the Language House, including an Arabic cluster, where students live and learn in a semi-immersive environment.

## PROGRAMS

### Major

- Arabic Studies Major (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-humanities/languages-literatures-cultures/arabic-studies/arabic-studies-major/>)

### Minor

- Arabic Minor (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-humanities/languages-literatures-cultures/arabic-studies/arabic-minor/>)

## ADVISING

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To review the academic plan for this major, go to <http://arhu.umd.edu/academicsadvising/academic-plans/>.

## OPPORTUNITIES

### Summer Institute

The University of Maryland's School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures (SLLC) Summer Language Institute offers language and culture programs for Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced students of Arabic and Persian. Visit the UMD Summer Language Institute website (<https://sllc.umd.edu/special-programs/arabic-persian/summer-langage-institutes/arabic/>) to learn more.

## Study Abroad

Study abroad in Jordan through the Maryland-in-Amman program! Through our academic partner, CET Jordan, students receive top-tier intensive language instruction with unbeatable curricular customization. Enroll in two core language courses where you will learn both Modern Standard Arabic and the Jordanian Dialect, and the rest is up to you—pick engaging electives in Arabic or in English, take on directed research or an internship with a local organization. You even choose your own language pledge. Combined with field-based learning, language partners, and a housing setup designed to engage and acclimate you, it's a full semester of learning on your terms. Study for a summer, semester, or full academic year.

For information on study abroad programs, please see the program advisor and/or the Education Abroad website: <http://globalmaryland.umd.edu/offices/education-abroad/>.

## Language Partner Program

SLLC-ISSS Language Partner Program (LPP) offers majors in any SLLC program at UMD the opportunity to meet with international students outside the classroom and practice their target language in an informal yet structured way. Language Partners (LPPs) meet on a regular basis at least once a week for one hour of conversation. For information on the Language Partner Program, please see the program website: <http://globalmaryland.umd.edu/offices/international-students-scholar-services/sllc-iss-s-ea-language-partner-program/>.

## Internships

Each fall semester, SLLC organizes a Language Career and Internship Fair in conjunction with the UMD Career Center. For more information, see the SLLC website: <http://sllc.umd.edu>.

## Scholarships and Financial Assistance

The Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA) administers a variety of federal, state, and institutional financial assistance programs, and, in cooperation with other university offices, participates in the awarding of scholarships to deserving students. For information, visit: <http://financialaid.umd.edu> (<http://financialaid.umd.edu/>).