

Arabic

African & African Diasporic Languages

Arabic at KU

The Department of African and African American Studies at the University of Kansas offers courses in Modern Standard Arabic at four levels in addition to courses of dialectal Arabic. The focus of the courses is conversational, media, literary works, classical and regional dialects of Arabic. The program prepares students to attain high global competence level by teaching Arabic language to professional levels of language proficiency. Students gain in-depth understanding of the infinitely rich Arabic speaking cultures of the Middle East and beyond.

The courses offered are designed according to the World Readiness Standards for Learning Languages, and the American Council of Teachers of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) proficiency guidelines and they adopt the backward curriculum design framework. Instruction in our courses is student centred and the courses adopt the communicative and interactive teaching approaches to develop ability in listening, speaking, reading, writing and cultural awareness. Our students benefit from rigorous classes taught by expert language teachers, innovative technology, cultural activities and language partners to enhance the language learning experience.

WHY STUDY ARABIC

Arabic is the official language of 22 countries and is the fifth most spoken language in the world. Approximately over 420 million people in the world speak Arabic. It is one of the six official languages of the United Nations.

Studying Arabic as a second or foreign language prepares you for work in any field where language proficiency is an advantage. By studying Arabic you will learn a language which is critical to U.S. National Security; prepare yourself to do business in some of the fastest-developing economies in the Arab world; and learn about the history of one of the oldest civilizations in the world. You may also pursue careers in language teaching, political science, journalism, law, business, translation, and Foreign Service.

It is also excellent preparation for doctoral work in Arabic, Islamic Studies, linguistics, literature, anthropology, political science, art, international relations, cultural studies and international comparative studies.

COURSES OFFERED:

ARAB 110/120 Elementary Arabic
ARAB 210/220 Intermediate Arabic
ARAB 310/320 Advanced Arabic
ARAB 401/402 Readings in Arabic

*Graduate students may take undergraduate level courses for graduate credit. Please contact <afs@ku.edu> for graduate course permission number.

ABOUT AAAS

AFRICAN & AFRICAN DIASPORIC LANGUAGE MINOR

PREREQUISITES

Must complete through Elementary Language II to begin minor coursework.

INTERMEDIATE LANGUAGE I

- ARAB 210, KISW 210, HAIT 230, WOLO 210

INTERMEDIATE LANGUAGE II

- ARAB 220, KISW 220, HAIT 240, WOLO 220

ADVANCED LANGUAGE I

- ARAB 310, KISW 310, HAIT 350, WOLO 310

ADVANCED LANGUAGE II

- ARAB 320, KISW 320, HAIT 360, WOLO 320

ELECTIVES: (COMPLETE TWO)

- Complete two additional AAAS 300+ courses, or additional language courses (ARAB 401 & 402, KISW 401, 402, or 410, HAIT 497 & 500; WOLO 401, 402 or 420)

HOURS/GPA REQUIREMENTS

- 18 Hours
- 12 must be JRSR hours/9 must be in-residence
- 2.00 minor GPA required of graduation

Currently AAAS doesn't offer advance courses in Amharic or Somali, therefore they are not included in the minor.

Through scholarship, teaching, campus and community service, and public programming, AAAS reflects intellectual and pedagogical practices that recognize the complexity and multiplicity of human experiences; promote critical thinking and creative problem-solving; and expand our understanding of citizenship in a rapid changing multicultural, global society.

On the undergraduate level AAAS offers the BA, BGS, and two undergraduate minors . On the graduate level AAAS has two MA degrees, and two graduate certificates.

WHY ENROLL IN A AAAS LANGUAGE COURSE?

- Classes are small
- Learning is collaborative
- Culture & history are integrated into the curriculum
- Fulfill foreign language requirement
- Earn a minor in African & African Diasporic Languages
- Opportunities to study abroad
- Be eligible to win a prestigious Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship
- Engage in extracurricular activities including, language tables, African food & film festivals, Arab Dance Night, & the African Language Festival

ENROLL TODAY!

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