**Overview and Contact Information**

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 Arab culture. The program offers a full year of Arabic instruction. Students can pursue advanced studies of Arabic in the Five College Consortium. Students who study Arabic may choose to complete the minor in Arabic or the major in Middle Eastern Studies for which language study is a principal component.

**See Also**

- Middle Eastern Studies (http://catalog.mtholyoke.edu/areas-study/middle-eastern-studies/)
- Asian Studies (http://catalog.mtholyoke.edu/areas-study/asian-studies/)

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**Faculty**

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Calvin Chen, Professor of Politics  
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Sohail Hashmi, Professor of International Relations on the Alumnae Foundation and Professor of Politics, Teaching Fall Only  
Kavita Khory, Ruth Lawson Professor of Politics; Carol Hoffmann Collins Director of the McCulloch Center for Global Initiatives  
Susanne Mrozik, Professor of Religion  
Naoko Nemoto, Professor of Asian Studies, On Leave 2022-2023  
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Ajay Sinha, Julie ’73 and Helene ’49 Herzig Professor of Art History  
Ying Wang, Felicia Gressitt Bock Professor of Asian Studies  
Elif Babul, Associate Professor of Anthropology  
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Lan Wu, Assistant Professor of History  
Lisha Xu, Senior Lecturer in Asian Studies  
Jinhwa Chang, Lecturer in Japanese  
Kyae-Sung Park, Five College Lecturer in Korean  
Ahmad Alswaid, Visiting Lecturer in Arabic  
Qianxue Jin, Visiting Instructor in Asian Studies

**Requirements for the Minor**

A minimum of 16 credits:

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**Additional Specifications**

- Independent Studies (ASIAN-295 or ASIAN-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