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 two full years 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 listed here 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

This area of study is administered by the Asian Studies Committee:
Satyananda Gabriel, Professor of Economics
Rie Hachiyanagi, Professor of Art, On Leave 2021-2022
Sohail Hashmi, Professor of International Relations on the Alumnae Foundation and Professor of Politics
Kavita Khory, Ruth Lawson Professor of Politics; Carol Hoffmann Collins Director of the McCulloch Center for Global Initiatives
Susanne Mrozik, Professor of Religion, Teaching Spring Only
Naoko Nemoto, Professor of Asian Studies
Joshua Roth, Professor of Anthropology
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Ying Wang, Felicia Gressitt Bock Professor of Asian Studies
Elif Babul, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Teaching Fall Only
Calvin Chen, Associate Professor of Politics
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Lan Wu, Assistant Professor of History
Lisha Xu, Senior Lecturer in Asian Studies
Heba Arafah, Five College Lecturer in Arabic
Jinhwa Chang, Lecturer in Japanese

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 16 credits:

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<td>At least two 300-level courses in Arabic</td>
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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

Courses Counting towards the Arabic Minor

ASIAN-232 Second Year Arabic I

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course is the continuation of ASIAN-131, First Year Arabic II. Students will further their knowledge of Arabic, focusing on the four skills: speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Students should expect text assignments as well as work with DVDs, audio, and websites. Exercises include writing, social interactions, role plays, and the interplay of language and culture. Students will use Al Kitaab, Book 2 (3rd edition), completing Chapter 4 by the end of the semester.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

The department

Prereq: ASIAN-131.
Advisory: Asian Studies 131 or equivalent. Contact Heba Arafah (harafah@mtholyoke.edu) for placement.
ASIAN-233 Second Year Arabic II

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course is the continuation of ASIAN-232, Second Year Arabic I. Students will further their knowledge of Arabic, focusing on the four skills: speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Students should expect text assignments as well as work with DVDs, audio, and websites. Exercises include writing, social interactions, role plays, and the interplay of language and culture. Students will continue using Georgetown Textbook Al Kitaab, Book 2, 3rd edition.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

The department

Prereq: ASIAN-232 or equivalent.