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DEPARTMENT OF WORLD LANGUAGES & CULTURES

Learn Arabic Language at SHSU Minor in Middle Eastern Studies

Dear Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior students:

I am pleased to introduce you to our **Minor in Middle Eastern Studies at SHSU**. Learning spoken and written Arabic is extremely rewarding. With our well-researched teaching methods, learning Arabic is a fun experience and much easier than most people think. Students usually revel in their academic accomplishments and the high grades that they can get in this minor. All Arabic classes are Honors contract friendly.

Arabic is a critical language that is in demand by the Federal Government, FBI, law enforcement, CIA, Department of State, the Military, oil industry, and hospitals. It is extremely beneficial for students with majors in CJ, Homeland Security, ROTC, Political Science, History, Nursing, Communications, and Business. Arabic learners can benefit from the many scholarship programs such as those of WOLC, Fulbright, Gilman, Boren, and Critical Language Scholarship (CLS).

Knowledge of the Arabic language and culture opens opportunities for travel, scholarships, and better-paid employment opportunities.

ARAB 1411, Elementary Arabic I, is designed for students with no background in the language or culture. By the end of the first semester, you can write and read any word in Arabic and can communicate basic information such as introducing oneself and speaking about places, needs, feelings, food, numbers, etc.

Arabic in the following semesters **ARAB 1412 Elementary Arabic II**, **ARAB 2311 Intermediate Arabic I**, and **ARAB 2312 Intermediate Arabic II** will take you to the intermediate level that will allow you to survive in an Arab-speaking country.

Your knowledge of the language will be enriched by a good understanding of modern Arabic culture through **ARAB 3380 The contemporary Arab World**, which introduces you to the political, social, and religious background and exposes you to enjoyable excerpts from Arabic plays, short stories poetry, and, subtitled Arab films followed by lively discussions on cultural issues in English.

To complete the minor requirements, you will choose **two** relevant electives from the following: **HIST 3362 The Middle East, 500 - 1700**, **HIST 3336 the Middle East Since 1700**, **POLS 3375 Politics of The Middle East**, **SOCL 3336 Social Change and Development**, and/or **WOLC 4363 Language Learning: Concepts & Methods**

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