

Welcome to Arabic Studies!

Major Overview:

A BA in Arabic studies is offered through the Department of Classical and Near Eastern Studies (CNES), which is home to four major tracks, of which Arabic studies is one:

1. Arabic studies, focusing on Arabic language and literature as a gateway to the culture and civilization of the Arabic-speaking world
2. Classical civilization, focusing on the ancient Greek, Roman and Mediterranean worlds, broadly defined (no required coursework in ancient Greek or Latin language)
3. Classics, Greek and Latin, focusing on either ancient Greek or Latin language/literature, but requiring some additional coursework in the other language
4. Latin, focusing on Latin language and literature

The Arabic studies major entails 10 courses, of which six must be in Modern Standard Arabic and two in Egyptian Arabic. The remaining two courses are electives to be chosen in consultation with the CNES undergraduate director; options include advanced Arabic language or literature courses.

Courses:

Courses in Arabic language and literature (ARAB course code). Arabic studies majors are advised to begin the Arabic language sequence no later than fall of their sophomore year.

- TURK 111, 112, 203, 204, Modern Turkish Sequence
- TURK 480A: Ottoman Turkish
- ARAB 380B: The Postcolonial Arabic Novel
- ARAB 380C: Conversation, Grammar, Translation
- ARAB 385A: Introduction to Qur'anic Arabic

Click [Arabic courses](http://www.binghamton.edu/cnes/arabic/courses.html), to see detailed descriptions of the courses.
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Post-Graduation:

Students majoring in Arabic studies increasingly find themselves in demand for careers in business, foreign service, academics and defense, intelligence and national security. Majors in Arabic studies find that the major pairs well with the study of history, business, banking, economics, philosophy, pre-law, medicine, art history, comparative literature, political science, anthropology, Africana studies, and Judaic studies. More broadly, Binghamton University believes that a degree in the humanities, including Arabic studies, offers an enlightening perspective on today's headline issues and supplies the intellectual tools needed to address those issues. Indeed, this major is excellent preparation for a PhD program, depending on what you wish to pursue.

Career possibilities are vast, but include:

- Diplomat
- Editor
- Grant writer
- Lawyer
- Legislative aide
- Librarian
- Public administrator
- Teacher
- Technical writer
- University/college professor
- Security/law-enforcement specialist

Additional Resources

The CNES Department highly recommends study abroad in the Arabic-speaking world, as well as in Turkey. To learn more, click [study abroad](http://binghamton-oip.terraddotta.com). [http://binghamton-oip.terraddotta.com]

Students will also likely wish to look into a certificate offered through the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Program. Click [MENA](http://www.binghamton.edu/mena/) to learn more. [http://www.binghamton.edu/mena/]

To get to know your professors and their interests, click [faculty](http://www.binghamton.edu/cnes/people/index.html). [http://www.binghamton.edu/cnes/people/index.html]

Research Areas:

Internship possibilities may reflect your larger interests such as a legal, medical, government or business-oriented internship, and could even include an archeological field school experience. Make sure to talk with the Fleishman Center for Career and Professional Development to get advice on internships in your interest area.

Peruse internship possibilities by clicking [internships](http://www.binghamton.edu/ccpd/students/undergraduate/internships-and-other-ways-to-gain-experience/internship-links.html).
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Thank you!

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