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Arabic language instruction is offered through Tri-College cooperation. ARAB H001 and ARAB H002 are taught at Haverford College (ARAB H001 and ARAB H002). Intermediate Arabic courses are taught at Bryn Mawr (ARAB B003 and ARAB B004), and Advanced Arabic courses are available at Swarthmore College and the University of Pennsylvania through the Quaker Consortium. The teaching of Arabic is one important component of the three colleges' efforts to increase the presence of the Middle East in their curricula. Bryn Mawr offers courses on the Middle East and North Africa in the departments of Anthropology, Classical and Near Eastern Archaeology, Comparative Literature, French and Francophone Studies, General Studies, History, History of Art, International Studies, and Political Science and in the Program in Middle Eastern, Central Asian and North African Studies (MECANA). Additionally, students can obtain a Minor in MECANA.

College Foreign Language Requirement

Before the start of the senior year, each student must complete, with a grade of 2.0 or higher, two units of foreign language. Students may fulfill the requirement by completing two sequential semester-long courses in one language, beginning at the level determined by their language placement. A student who is prepared for advanced work may complete the requirement instead with two advanced free-standing semester-long courses in the foreign language(s) in which she is proficient.

ARAB B000 Arabic TA/Drill Sessions (0 Unit)

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ARAB B003 Second Year Modern Standard Arabic (1 Unit)

Combines intensive oral practice with writing and reading in the modern language. The course aims to increase students' expressive ability through the introduction of more advanced grammatical patterns and idiomatic expressions. Introduces students to authentic written texts and examples of Arabic expression through several media. Prerequisite: ARAB H002 or placement by instructor.

ARAB B004 Second-Year Modern Standard Arabic (1 Unit)

Combines intensive oral practice with writing and reading in the modern language. The course aims to increase students' expressive ability through the introduction of more advanced grammatical patterns and idiomatic expressions. Introduces students to authentic written texts and examples of Arabic expression through several media. Prerequisite: ARAB B003 or placement.

ARAB B100 Introduction to Jordanian Dialect and Culture (0.5 Unit)

Having studied Modern Standard Arabic in some depth before, this course will help you communicate in the Jordanian dialect while introducing you to an in-depth examination of the history and culture. This will take place through a variety of interactive exercises and real-life scenarios, possibly going shopping in one of the local stores, and/or similar field trips. In addition, the course will introduce and touch upon cultural norms of Jordan, some of it specific to the country and some shared by inhabitants of the Arab world. This course will help you advance your understanding of the history and culture of Jordan, but also of the Arabic language and its usage on a daily basis.

ARAB B103 Conversation on Culture in MSA mixed with Egyptian Dialect (1 Unit)

The main focus of this conversation course is the development of speaking and listening skills of students at the Advanced Level of Arabic. This will be achieved through the introduction of multimedia materials in Modern Standard Arabic. The materials selected will aim to help the students acquire socio-cultural competence while advancing their aural and oral communication skills. The selected audio-visual materials are meant to engage students, help them explore varied topics relating to the Middle East and its culture, and entice them to communicate their thoughts and express themselves in the language. Students will work individually and in pairs and groups to prepare skits and reports for oral presentations. This class is conducted entirely in Arabic. Prerequisite: Two years of Intensive Arabic or their equivalent.

ARAB B403 Independent Study (0.5-1 Unit)

ARAB B421 Advanced Classical Arabic (1 Unit)