

Faculty

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“My favorite course this year was Arabic class. I tremendously enjoyed learning Arabic and the culture of the Middle East – this was my best semester.”
Charles J. Knooihuizen
'07



Career Opportunities in Arabic

- **Interpreter** – “Interpreters are in great demand – especially for corporations that do business in Arabic-speaking countries.”
- **Travel and Hospitality** – “All sorts of opportunities exist for Arabic speakers in the domestic travel industry. You can easily find work in hotels, restaurants, travel agencies, airports, and many other businesses that are seeing an increase in Arabic customers.”
- **Finance** – “The financial industry has a great need for people who speak Arabic, as some of the countries that speak Arabic as their native tongue are among the richest countries in the world. This ensures that the need for people who can speak Arabic effectively will continue to grow. If you already have a background in finance, you may be able to quickly rise through the ranks of your organization by adding the Arabic language to your skill set.”
- **Government** – “Many governments today utilize Arabic speakers and translators when conducting negotiations and policy discussions with other countries. Once again, you must be able to speak the language fluently without any mistakes in your translations.”

Source: http://Arabic.speak7.com/job_opportunities_for_arabic_speakers.htm

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(Dome of the Rock, Jerusalem)



(Model Arab League)



(Jordan)

Study Abroad Programs

Students in the Arabic program have the following study abroad opportunities: Oman, Amman (Jordan), Rabat (Morocco), and Ankara and Istanbul (Turkey).



(Morocco)

“My favorite memory about Morocco was food. Food is one way to experience a culture. In Morocco, food is often at the center of the family. Meals are eaten together around one plate, using bread or khobz as a utensil.” August Miller ‘07

Arabic Program Curriculum

Students who wish to minor in Asian studies have the opportunity to take Arabic I or Arabic II (4 credits) that will count toward the Asian studies minor. In addition, a four credit Arabic language fulfills the student’s general education requirements.

Courses offered

Arab 101 Arabic (Fall): This introductory language course develops reading, speaking, listening, writing, and cultural skills in Arabic. The course includes technology such as DVD, materials for listening comprehension, and stresses communication in formal (written) and spoken (colloquial) Arabic.

Arabic 102 (Spring): This course further develops reading, speaking, listening, writing, and cultural skills with added emphasis on the meaning of phrases, sentences, short readings, and compositions. Students will reinforce their reading, comprehension, speaking, and writing skills with greater accuracy.

“For a relatively small school, I was excited and impressed to learn that Hope offered Arabic. Taking Arabic classes provided me a great foundation to further my study while abroad in Amman, Jordan. I am truly grateful for the challenging and engaging instruction I received” Christopher Jetter ‘08



Co- Curricular Activities

- Intercultural Immersion: Arab-American Museum Dearborn, Michigan.
- Michigan Model Arab League.
- Middle East Film Festival.
- Arabic Dardasha: Reading & Conversation Club.