ARABIC LANGUAGE AND CULTURES
College of Liberal Arts

Degree Benefits
Graduates of program in the modern languages and cultures program are prepared to enter positions requiring communicative skills and knowledge of language and culture and/or to pursue advanced study and degrees in these areas and/or in related disciplines. Programs prepare graduates not only to be proficient in the language but also to be intellectually well-rounded individuals with a deep insight into other peoples, societies and cultures, in order to live and participate in the “global society” of our age.

Job Options
Language study provides employment in regional, national and international government agencies; legal, banking and commercial corporations; social service and religious organizations; educational institutions; communications; import-export and travel businesses; the Peace Corps; and translation services.

Program Objectives
The primary objective is to prepare the foreign language major to achieve a career in liberal arts, teacher education or international studies (business and economics, foreign languages, geography or political science), with a vision toward maximum utilization of language competency.

The program provides culture courses centered on the languages offered at Cal U. Taught in English, these courses familiarize students with how social and historical circumstances influence world views and demonstrate each group’s contribution to world culture.

Students entering language courses are evaluated by a proficiency examination to determine course level placement. A CLEP examination may be taken in order for a college requirement to be waived and/or credit to be awarded.

Minor
The College of Liberal Arts offers the opportunity to minor in numerous academic programs. Students may choose minors among areas in art, communication studies, earth science, English, foreign languages, history, philosophy, psychology, social sciences and theatre. A total of 18 credits must be completed in a minor. In addition to Arabic, a foreign language minor is also available in Spanish.

University Resources
Student-run foreign language clubs offer a variety of activities including speakers, international dining experiences and off-campus trips. Students may become members of Alpha Mu Gamma (AMG), the National Foreign Language Society. The department annually awards the Elsbeth E. Santee Scholarship for up to $1,000. Information about the award is available from the department.

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ARABIC LANGUAGE AND CULTURE—120 CREDITS
The following eight-semester schedule of courses provides a recommended framework for completing this program of study in four years. To ensure that they are making satisfactory academic progress, students should consult with their faculty adviser, and complete necessary prerequisites and required courses in sequence.

Admission
Students seeking a bachelor’s degree in Arabic Language and Culture must meet California University of Pennsylvania Undergraduate Admissions requirements; have an SAT writing score of 460 or higher or an ACT writing score of 19 or higher, or equivalent transfer credits; or satisfactorily pass a writing test administered at California University of Pennsylvania.

Students wishing to take only the minor, letter of completion or individual courses, or those already holding an accredited bachelor’s degree, do not need to meet the writing requirements listed above.
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Freshman Year

First Semester ..........................................................16 credits
UNI 100 First-Year Seminar ........................................1 cr.
ENG 101 English Composition I .......................................3 crs.
ARB 101 Elementary Arabic I ..........................................3 crs.
General Education, Minor or Capstone Courses ..............9 crs.

Second Semester ..........................................................15 credits
ENG 102 English Composition II .......................................3 crs.
ARB 102 Elementary Arabic II ..........................................3 crs.
General Education Courses ...........................................9 crs.

Sophomore Year

Third Semester ..........................................................15 credits
ARB 203 Intermediate Arabic I ..........................................3 crs.
General Education, Minor or Capstone Courses ..............12 crs.

Fourth Semester ..........................................................15 credits
ARB 204 Intermediate Arabic II .........................................3 crs.
General Education, Minor or Capstone Courses ..............12 crs.

Junior Year

Fifth Semester ..........................................................15 credits
ARB 350 Advanced Arabic I ............................................3 crs.
General Education, Minor or Capstone Courses ..............12 crs.

Sixth Semester ..........................................................15 credits
ARB 351 Advanced Arabic II ............................................3 crs.
General Education, Minor or Capstone Courses ..............12 crs.

Senior Year

Seventh Semester .......................................................9-12 credits
General Education, Minor or Capstone Courses .............9-12 crs.

Eighth Semester .......................................................9-12 credits
General Education, Minor, or Capstone Courses .............9-12 crs.
Arabic-related Capstone Courses: .................................12 crs.
(Students must select 12 credit-hours from any single capstone course or combination of courses)

MFL 479 Field Study in Modern Languages and Cultures ....3-12 crs.
ARB 480 Selected Topics in Arabic ...................................3-12 crs.
MFL 481 Modern Language Internship ..............................3-12 crs.

Program Contact Information

Contact the Department of Modern Languages, Philosophy and Socio-Cultural Studies at 724-938-4246.

Department Website

www.calu.edu/academics/colleges/liberal-arts/foreign-languages

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California University of Pennsylvania is a proud member of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. Located in the borough of California, just 35 miles from Pittsburgh, Cal U serves about 8,200 undergraduate and graduate students.

• Cal U’s main campus houses academic buildings, dining and recreation facilities, and six suite-style residence halls.
• Cal U’s upper campus includes the Vulcan Village apartments, athletic facilities at Roadman Park, and space for student meetings and outdoor recreation at SAI Farm.
• Cal U Global Online is the University’s virtual campus, offering degree and certificate programs 100% online.

FINANCIAL AID

For information on student loans and undergraduate scholarships, visit www.calu.edu or call 1-888-412-0479.

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