

**College of Humanities and Social Sciences - Foreign Languages, BA
Concentration in Arabic**

Catalog Year: 2019 - 2020		Grades		
Mason Core Requirements 34-40 credits	Course Information	Credits	Earned	Needed
Written Communication:	ENGH 101 (100)	3		
Oral Communication:		3		
Quantitative Reasoning		3		
Information Technology		3		
Arts		3		
Global Understanding		3		
Literature	May be satisfied by ARAB 325	0-3		
Natural Science Overview		3		
Natural Science with Lab		4		
Social and Behavioral Sciences		3		
Western Civilization/World History		3		
Written Communication:	ENGH 302	3		
Synthesis/Capstone	May be satisfied by ARAB 351 or ARAB 440	0-3		
College Level Requirements for the BA Degree				
Philosophy or Religious Studies		3		
(PHIL 323, 324, 327, 393, 460 cannot be used to fulfill this requirement. PHIL 253 and RELI 235 cannot be used to fulfill both the PHIL/RELI requirement and the Mason Core literature requirement)				
Additional Social & Behavioral Sciences		3		
(The two courses used to fulfill the combined college and university requirements must be from different disciplines. This requirement may be fulfilled by completing any course in ANTH, CRIM, ECON, GOVT, HIST (except 100 or 125), LING, PSYC, or SOCI & these courses in GGS: 101, 103, 110, 301, 303, 304, 305, 306, 315, 316, 320, 325, 330, 357, 380)				
Foreign Language		0-12		
(Intermediate level in a single language by completing a course in a foreign language numbered 202 (or higher); or achieving a satisfactory score on an approved proficiency test; or by completing the following ASL three course sequence EDSE 115, 116, and EDSE 219; or students who are already proficient in a second language may be eligible for a waiver of this requirement)				
Non-Western Culture		3		
(Approved courses for this requirement may be found under Degree Requirements for the major listed within the University Catalog. The course used for this requirement may not simultaneously fulfill Mason Core Global Understanding)				
Major Requirements (30 credits)				
Minimum overall GPA of 2.0 with no grades of C- or D applied to the major				
Major Core Courses (24 credits): Eight courses chosen from: ARAB 300, 330, 331, 350, 351, 355, 375, 380, 390, 420, 430, 440, 498				
Core Course # 1:		3		
Core Course # 2:		3		
Core Course # 3:		3		
Core Course # 4:		3		
Core Course # 5:		3		
Core Course # 6:		3		
Core Course # 7:		3		
Core Course # 8:		3		
Elective Courses: Two courses (six credits) chosen from: ARAB 325, 360, 470, and approved courses in ANTH, ARTH, ENGH, GOVT, HIST, PHIL, RELI, or SOCI				
Major Elective Course #1:		3		
Major Elective Course #2:		3		
Degree Notes				
No more than two courses (six credits) conducted in English may be used to fulfill requirements for the concentration in Arabic. Any remaining credits may be completed with elective courses to bring the degree total to 120 with 45 of these credits at the 300/400 level.				
Advisor Notes:				



Year One – Semester One	16 credits
ENGH 101 (100) or COMM 101	3
MATH 106	3
HIST 100 or 125	3
Language course concentration* ARAB 110, Elementary Arabic	6
UNIV 100	1

Year One – Semester Two	16 credits
Philosophy or Religious Studies course	3
ENGH 101 (100) or COMM 101	3
Natural Science with a lab	4
ARAB 201, Intermediate Arabic I	3
Social/Behavioral Science	3

Year Two – Semester One	15 credits
Global Understanding	3
Natural Science without a lab	3
ARAB elective (RELI or GOVT)	3
ARAB 202, Intermediate Arabic II	3
Social/Behavioral Science	3

Year Two – Semester Two	15 credits
ARAB 325, Major Arab Writers	3
ARAB 330, Reading & Conversation I	3
Elective or minor course #1	3
Arts requirement	3
Non Western Culture	3

Year Three – Semester One	15 credits
ARAB 331, Reading & Conversation II	3
ARAB 350, Media Arabic I (Written Media)	3
HIST 390	3
Minor courses	6

Year Three – Semester Two	15 credits
ARAB 375, Study Abroad – Arab World	3
ARAB 351, Media Arabic II (Spoken Media)	3
ARAB 380, Arabic Dialects	3
Electives or minor coursework	6

Year Four – Semester One	15 credits
ARAB 390, Translation Methods: Arabic to English	3
ARAB 420, Survey of Arabic Literature or ARAB 430, Advanced Arabic Grammar	3
ENGH 302	3
Minor coursework	6

Year Four – Semester Two	15 credits
ARAB 440, Topics in Arabic Religious Thought & Texts	3
FRLN 385, Multilingualism, Identity, & Power	3
Upper-level elective or minor coursework	3
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This 4-year plan is an EXAMPLE for Arabic majors. Students are strongly encouraged to meet with their academic advisor at least once per semester. Students are also encouraged to keep in mind the following:

- You need a C or better in each course in order for it to count for your major;
- You need 120 credits for your B.A. degree, with 45 upper-division credits and **30 required credits** for your Arabic concentration;
- Students in *Foreign Languages* are encouraged to minor in a complementary subject during their time at GMU;
- While study abroad is not required, it is highly recommended.