8. Change in Curriculum

**College of Liberal Arts**
- Department of International Studies
- Minor in Arabic Studies
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COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
MINOR IN ARABIC STUDIES
Texas A&M University
Request for a Change in Curriculum
Undergraduate • Graduate • Professional

1. Program request type:  
   √Undergraduate  □Graduate  □First Professional (ex., DVM, JD, MD, etc.)

2. Request change for:  
   □Degree Program  √Minor  □Certificate

3. Request submitted by (Department or Program Name):  
   INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

4. Program Designation and Name  
   (e.g., B.A. in History, Minor in History, Certificate in European Union):  
   MINOR IN ARABIC STUDIES

5. Brief description of change:  
   Move ARAB 221 from core course to elective; add ARAB 321 and ARAB 323 as options in core courses; add additional ARAB and INTS courses with focus on the Middle East to list of electives. These changes will result in 12 hours of core courses (as opposed to 15 hours) and 6 hours of electives (as opposed to 3 hours); the total number of hours in the minor will not change.

6. Rationale for change:  
   Since the Arabic Studies minor was instituted, the number and breadth of courses in Arabic studies has increased. With the addition of new faculty and the restructuring of INTS, the department now offers more courses in Arabic studies and these have been added to the electives list. ARAB 221 will be moved to the electives list, since it is only offered by TAMU faculty as part of a faculty-led study abroad program; this change will permit students who do not study abroad with the faculty-led group to fulfill the requirements for the minor by selecting a different elective.

Use the checkboxes below to make sure that all information is included.

7. a. Proposed curriculum attached.  
   √Yes  □No

   b. Current catalog curriculum with handwritten edits attached.  
   √Yes  □No

   c. Current Howdy degree evaluation with handwritten edits attached.  
   √Yes  □No

   Please make sure the attached proposed curriculum, catalog and Howdy degree evaluation match.

8. a. Will degree program hours change (increase/decrease) due to the proposed curriculum changes?  
   □Yes  √No

   b. If yes, degree program hours will change  
      from:  
      to:  

   c. If yes, is the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board form attached?  
      http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/index.cfm?objectid=A0F5F7FA-9A92-4F11-2756AD3B3F101D60  
      □Yes  □No

9. If proposed changes affect other unit(s), are letters of support attached?  
   □Yes  □No

IMPORTANT NOTE: Curriculum changes submitted through the approval process and fully approved by February (December-UCC/GC, January-Faculty Senate, February-President) will be effective in the next academic year. Changes requiring approval beyond the University should complete the internal approval process early in the fall semester whenever possible in order to ensure timely implementation.

Approval recommended by:

Robert R. Shandley  
Department Head or Program Chair  
Date  8/25/15

Dean of College  
Date  8/26/2015

Chair, College Review Committee  
Date  9/14/15

Questions regarding this form should be directed to Curricular Services at 845-8201 or nandhu-williams@tamu.edu.
Curricular Services – 04/14
Arabic Studies – Minor

Program Requirements

Core courses
ARAB 202 3
Select two of the following: 6
  ARAB 301 Reading and Composition
  ARAB 302 Reading and Composition II
  ARAB 321 Business Arabic
  ARAB 323 Media Arabic
ARAB 491 Research (Capstone Course) 3

Electives
Select two of the following: 6
  ARAB 221 Introduction to Arabic Language and Society
  ARAB 400-489
  COMM 475 Media and the Middle East
  GEOG 320 The Middle East
  HIST 221 History of Islam
  RELS 221
  HIST 347 Rise of Islam, 600-1258
  RELS 347
  HIST 348 Modern Middle East
  INTS 251 Contemporary Issues in the Middle East
  INTS 321 Political Islam and Jihad
  RELS 321/
  HUMA 321
  INTS 484 Directed Internship (in an Arabic-speaking country)

TOTAL Semester Credit Hours 18

Students must earn a “C” or better in all minor coursework.
Arabic Studies - Minor

The minor in Arabic Studies is an academic program open to all students in the university. The minor is interdisciplinary in nature and combines courses in Arabic language and culture with electives in Arabic studies, as well as a capstone project. The minor is a valuable complement to the academic portfolio of any student majoring in the humanities, social sciences, or natural sciences, who wishes to add an international dimension to their intellectual profile. In addition, Arabic Studies faculty offer study abroad programs in order to enrich student learning experiences and cultural knowledge while helping students attain higher proficiency in the language.

Students must complete ARAB 101 and ARAB 102 before they may declare a minor in Arabic Studies.

Program Requirements

Core Courses

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Electives

Select one of the following:

- GEOG 320 The Middle East
- HIST 221 History of Islam
- RELS 221
- HIST 347 Rise of Islam, 600-1258
- RELS 347
- HIST 348 Modern Middle East
- INTS 484 Directed Internship (in an Arabic-speaking country)
- LBAR 484 Internship

Choose two from the following:

- ARAB 301, 302, 321, 323
- COMM 475
- INTS 251, 321
- ARAB 400-489

Total Semester Credit Hours: 18

Students must earn a "C" or better in all minor coursework.

Capstone Project

A capstone project that is completed in an approved upper-division Arabic Studies course is required of all students pursuing a minor in Arabic Studies during their final year of the program. It consists of a substantial research paper (15–20 pages) on an original topic and is conducted under the direction of a faculty member with the approval of the departmental advisors. Through the capstone course and project, students get a chance to integrate their classroom knowledge about the Arab world and use their study-abroad experiences and internships in an Arabic-speaking country, if any, to address an issue of interest to them. Issues that students can choose to address could be of linguistic, cultural, historical, religious, or political nature, among others. Upon its completion, and in coordination with the departmental advisors, the final project will be presented orally to Arabic classes in order to maximize its benefits.
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Select from GEOG 326, HIST 221, HIST 334, INTS 404, INTS 421, COMM 475, or ARTS 291, 321.

Total Credits and GPA: 0.000 0.00

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Only sections with prefix of ASIA, ARAB, CHIN, FRAN, GERMAN, ITAL, JAPN, RUSS, SPAN with the Writing attribute (WRTW) or INTS 411, 421, 431, 491 or 497, AGST 401 with the Writing attribute (WRTW) may be used to satisfy this requirement.

No AND B  | Writing | Requirement Course II |     |      |                  |                  |              |              |            |         |       |        |

Only sections of INTS 301, 401-405, 491, 491 or 497, AGST 401 with the Writing attribute (WRTW) may be used to satisfy this requirement.

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Select from courses with the International and Cultural Diversity attribute (IDED) (except sections of DIVP 203 with the UWRT attribute).

Total Credits and GPA: 0.000 0.00

### Area: Residence Requirement - Not Met

**Description:** A minimum of 36 hours of 300-400 level coursework must be completed at Texas A&M University. 12 hours must be in the major field.

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