ARABIC STUDIES

Unlike English, the Arabic alphabet consists of 28 letters and is written from right to left. These 28 letters are key to your next cultural adventure or future career. Arabic classes allow you to explore the language and culture in a way that you never have before.

Considered a critical language by the U.S. Department of State, you will be competitive for a critical language scholarship (CLS) by participating in this area of study. The CLS program includes intensive language instruction and structured cultural enrichment experiences designed to promote rapid language gains.

Academics

The Arabic minor is available to students with demonstrated language proficiency in Arabic through coursework (ARAB 202) or faculty assessment. Fifteen (15) hours.

- ARAB 288 Exploring Love, Sexuality and Femininity in the History of Arabic Culture
- ARAB 303* / 304* Advanced Composition, Grammar and Conversation I / II
- ARAB 306 Women in Quran

*Required courses

For a complete list of applicable courses see Catalog and minor advisor. Some students choose other 300 level courses in history, classics and religious studies, or other areas. See your advisor for approval.

Experiences and Opportunities

In the rapidly changing Arab world, the “Arab Spring” is bringing about essential political, economic and business reforms. These reforms are launching a new era and reestablishing the global economic and cultural exchange between the Arabic countries and the West. New career opportunities in intelligence, business, diplomacy and academia are increasing nationwide and overseas.

Arabic Conversation Table gives you the opportunity to practice your Arabic in the Language Lab with other students. The Arabic Writing Center helps you enhance your Arabic learning experience! You can discuss your written assignments with native speakers of Arabic and learn ways to improve your writing.

CZECH STUDIES

The Czech program at Nebraska is one of eight regularly offered Czech language programs in the U.S., giving you the opportunity to learn the language, history, and culture. This program allows you to become proficient in reading, writing, listening to, and speaking the language. Lectures, films, and language laboratories are part of the coursework.

Academics

The Czech minor is available to students with demonstrated language proficiency in Czech through coursework (CZEC 202) or faculty assessment. Fifteen (15) hours.

- CZEC 301* Czech Culture and Society via Film
- CZEC 302* Czech Cultural Studies
- CZEC 361 Czech History and Culture
- CZEC 388 Women Totalitarian Experience: Culture, Identity and Memory
- CZEC 391 Central European Story (study abroad)
- CZEC 396 Independent Study
- CZEC 398 Special Topics

*Required courses

For a complete list of applicable courses see Catalog and minor advisor.

Experiences and Opportunities

The Czech Komenský Club provides events which focus on culture and history and bring together people of diverse backgrounds who share Czech interests. The club, created in 1904, has organized concerts of classical music, lectures, poetry readings, balls, workshops, film screenings and other cultural activities for our students as well as for members of the Lincoln community.

There are also several education abroad opportunities for travel to the Czech Republic to further your understanding of the language and culture.

If you are interested in working internationally you will benefit from minoring in a foreign language. Language skills contribute to successful careers in the sciences, government, business and non-profit/humanitarian work as employers hire candidates with strong communication skills.