

## LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES

### ARABIC

The objective of the Arabic Minor programme is to provide students with a good command of the four different language skills: speaking, listening, reading and writing. An Arabic minor will also allow students to gain a deeper insight into the contemporary life and culture of the respective Arabic country.

Arabic language combines well with all major programmes offered within the Arts Faculty and it also provides students with additional opportunities to further studies overseas.

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#### Minor (36 credits)

To complete a minor in Arabic, students are expected to take a total of 36 credits with the following components:

- **Prerequisite courses (12 credits):**  
ARAB1001. Arabic I.1  
ARAB1002. Arabic I.2  
*These courses will be offered to undergraduates in Year 1 or 2.*
  - **Core course (24 credits):**  
ARAB2001. Arabic II.1  
ARAB2002. Arabic II.2  
ARAB3001. Arabic III.1  
ARAB3002. Arabic III.2  
*These courses will be offered to undergraduates in Year 2, 3 and 4.*
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#### CORE COURSES

##### **ARAB1001. Arabic I.1 (6 credits)**

This course is intended for students with little or no previous knowledge of Arabic. Participants will acquire basic skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing Arabic. Small tutorial groups will be conducted in order to facilitate interaction among participants. Special attention will be given to pronunciation and building a base of core vocabulary. This course is a pre-requisite for students wishing to pursue a minor in Arabic.

Prerequisite: Nil

Assessment: 100% coursework

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##### **ARAB1002. Arabic I.2 (6 credits)**

This course is a continuation of **ARAB1001. Arabic I.1**. Vocabulary and grammar will be presented in context covering a variety of situations. The emphasis will continue to be on the spoken language, as well as on providing a solid foundation in written Arabic. Small tutorial groups are arranged throughout the semester to optimise opportunities for interactive practice. This course is a pre-requisite for students wishing to pursue a minor in Arabic.

Prerequisite: Students wishing to be admitted to **ARAB1002** without having previously completed **ARAB1001. Arabic I.1** will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the

Head of the School of Modern Languages and Cultures that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

Assessment: 100% coursework

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### **ARAB2001. Arabic II.1 (6 credits)**

This course further develops students' overall Arabic language ability established in **Arabic I. 2**. On completion of the course, students will have mastered basic grammar and the vocabulary needed to write short essays. Students will also be able to carry out conversations in Arabic to deal with a variety of everyday situation at a higher level than **Arabic I.2**. Small tutorial groups are arranged throughout the semester to optimise opportunities for interactive practice.

Prerequisite: Students wishing to be admitted to **ARAB2001** without having previously completed **ARAB1002. Arabic I.2** will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Head of the School of Modern Languages and Cultures that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

Assessment: 100% coursework

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### **ARAB2002. Arabic II.2 (6 credits)**

This course builds on **Arabic II. 1** and further develops students' overall Arabic language skills through further syntax acquisition: reading and text analysis, listening comprehension, composition, translation, oral expression and communicative skills. A wide variety of teaching techniques is used. Small tutorial groups are arranged throughout the semester to optimise opportunities for interactive practice.

Prerequisite: Students wishing to be admitted to **ARAB2002** without having previously completed **ARAB2001. Arabic II.1** will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Head of the School of Modern Languages and Cultures that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

Assessment: 100% coursework

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### **ARAB3001. Arabic III.1 (6 credits)**

This course is a continuation of **ARAB2002. Arabic II.2**. It continues to build on the first and second year's work. The intention is to lead students towards an in-depth understanding of the Arabic language through the study of various materials provided in class. A wide variety of teaching techniques is used. Small tutorial groups are arranged throughout the semester to optimise opportunities for interactive practice.

Prerequisites: Students wishing to be admitted to **ARAB3001** without having previously completed **ARAB2002. Arabic II.2** will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Head of the School of Modern Languages and Cultures that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

Assessment: 100% coursework

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### **ARAB3002. Arabic III.2 (6 credits)**

This course is a continuation of **ARAB3001. Arabic III.1**. It offers a balanced range of language skills and further explores the various linguistic aspects of the language. Small tutorial groups will be arranged to optimise opportunities for interactive practice.

Prerequisites: Students wishing to be admitted to **ARAB3002** without having previously completed **ARAB3001. Arabic III.1** will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the

Head of the School of Modern Languages and Cultures that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

Assessment: 100% coursework

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## ELECTIVE COURSES

*Students are encouraged to take the following elective courses during their studies of the language.*

### **ARAB2021. Introduction to Islam (6 credits)**

This course gives a general introduction on the formation and development of Islam. Historical and socio-political, as well as literary, judicial, and religious aspects of Islam will be analyzed.

Prerequisite: Nil

Assessment: 100% coursework

Medium of instruction: English

No previous knowledge of Arabic is required.

Texts and materials are in English and/or with facing English translations.

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### **ARAB3119. Overseas immersion language course - Arabic (6 credits)**

This course provides an opportunity to study Arabic and to experience linguistic and cultural immersion in a partner institution located in an Arabic-speaking country. The course usually takes place during the summer months (e.g., June, July and/or August) and the duration of the stay may vary from two weeks to one month, but must include at least 60 hours of formal class tuition. Students typically take part in this course after the completion of their second year of language studies at HKU. The course is designed to build on and to reinforce the language competence acquired during the previous years of study as well as to prepare the participants for more advanced work in the final years of the programme.

Prerequisite: Students must have completed **ARAB2002. Arabic II.2**. Students wishing to be admitted to **ARAB3119** without having previously completed **ARAB2002. Arabic II.2** will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Head of the School of Modern Languages and Cultures that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

Assessment: 100% coursework. In order to be granted credits for this course, participants are requested to check with the teacher in charge prior to their enrolment and departure whether the course they have chosen is suitable for the purpose and, after completing of the course, (1) to produce a formal statement of attendance and certified transcript bearing mention of the final grade(s) obtained from the host institution; (2) to provide a portfolio including i. a learning journal written in Arabic relating to daily class activities and, ii. samples of assessments (written assignments, tests, examinations, projects etc.) along with evaluation results.

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