BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN ARABIC STUDIES

Meeting the diverse academic and professional career demands of GW students while maintaining a leading status in the field of Arabic studies in the United States, the Arabic studies program specializes in literature, translation, media, and business. Students graduate with an authentic and proficient knowledge of the Arabic language and culture as well as myriad opportunities. Program graduates have embarked on career paths as diplomats and foreign service officers, government language analysts, and translators and consultants through international organizations such as the World Bank, International Monetary Fund, Amnesty International, World Health Organization, and United Nations. GW also prepares graduates to expand their Arabic competency by practicing in areas such as history, comparative linguistics, Semitics, religion, political science, and international trade.

Visit the program website (https://cnelc.columbian.gwu.edu/ba-arabic-studies) for more information.

ADMISSIONS

For information about the admission process, including deadlines, visit the Office of Undergraduate Admissions website (https://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/). Applications can be submitted via the Common Application (https://go.gwu.edu/commonapp).

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Office of Undergraduate Admissions
The George Washington University
800 21st St NW Suite 100
Washington, DC 20052

For questions visit undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/contact-us (http://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/contact-us).

REQUIREMENTS

This Bulletin covers the degree requirements for students matriculating in the current academic year. Students who matriculated before the current year can find their requirements in the relevant archived Bulletin (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/archives/).

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Undergraduate Programs (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degreeregulationstext).

In addition to course requirements, students must complete 10 credits (one semester) of study abroad in an Arabic-speaking country, including 6 credits in modern standard Arabic and 4 credits in a spoken Arabic dialect. Students must attain proficiency in speaking, reading, listening, and writing at the advanced level on the ACTFL scale as measured by exit examinations administered by the department.

Code	Title	Credits
Required		
26 credits from the following:		
ARAB 3001	Advanced Arabic	
ARAB 3301	Modern Arabic Literature	
ARAB 3302	Media Arabic	
ARAB 3311	Business Arabic	
ARAB 3501	Arabic and Arab Identity	
ARAB 3502	Arab Film and Culture	
ARAB 3503	Fundamentals of Arabic Linguistics	
ARAB 4001	Genres in Modern Arabic Literature	
ARAB 4002	Arabic Narratives Through the Ages	
ARAB 4501	Arabic-English Translation	
ARAB 4502	Arabic–English Advanced Translation and Editing	

GENERAL EDUCATION

In addition to the University General Education Requirement (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education/), undergraduate students in Columbian College must complete a further, College-specific general education curriculum —Perspective, Analysis, Communication (G-PAC) (https://advising.columbian.gwu.edu/general-education-curriculum-gpac) as well as the course CCAS 1001 First-Year Experience. Together with the University General Education Requirement, G-PAC engages students in active intellectual inquiry across the liberal arts. Students achieve a set of learning outcomes that enhance their analytical skills, develop their communication competencies, and invite them to participate as responsible citizens who are attentive to issues of culture, diversity, and privilege.

Coursework (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education/#generaleducationtext) for the University General Education Requirement is distributed as follows:

- One course in critical thinking in the humanities.
- Two courses in critical thinking, quantitative reasoning, or scientific reasoning in the social sciences.
- One course that has an approved oral communication component.

- One course in quantitative reasoning (must be in mathematics or statistics).
- One course in scientific reasoning (must be in natural and/or physical laboratory sciences).
- UW 1020 University Writing
- After successful completion of UW 1020, 6 credits distributed over at least two different Writing in the Disciplines (WID) courses taken in separate semesters (summer counts as one semester). WID courses are designated by a "W" appended to the course number.

Coursework for the CCAS G-PAC requirement is distributed as follows:

- Arts—one approved arts course that involves the study or creation of artwork based on an understanding or interpretation of artistic traditions or knowledge of art in a contemporary context.
- Global or cross-cultural perspective—one approved course that analyzes the ways in which institutions, practices, and problems transcend national and regional boundaries.
- Local or civic engagement—one approved course that develops the values, ethics, disciplines, and commitment to pursue responsible public action.
- Natural or physical science—one additional approved laboratory course that employs the process of scientific inquiry (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
- Humanities—one additional approved humanities course that involves critical thinking skills (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
- CCAS 1001 First-Year Experience

Certain courses are approved to fulfill GPAC requirements in more than one category.

Courses taken in fulfillment of G-PAC requirements can also be counted toward majors or minors. Transfer courses taken prior to, but not after, admission to George Washington University can count toward the University General Education Requirement and G-PAC, if those transfer courses are equivalent to GW courses that have been approved by the University and the College.

Lists of approved courses in the above categories are included on each undergraduate major's (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#majorstext) page in this Bulletin.

SPECIAL HONORS

In addition to the general requirements stated under University Regulations, in order to be considered for graduation with Special Honors, students must have attained a 3.75 grade-point average in the major and at least a 3.25 average overall by the end of the junior year.