The Arabic major is offered by the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures and includes courses in the language, literature, and culture of the Arab world. Students studying Arabic progress from an elementary working knowledge of the language toward oral and written proficiency. Once students have mastered the unique writing system of the language, they are gradually introduced to basic patterns of speech and grammar. The rich body of Arabic literature is first studied in English translation; as students progress in the major and develop their language skills, they continue their readings in Arabic. Visit the Foreign Language Center for up-to-date information on how foreign language skills can be put to use in the professional world, and to receive guidance on how to conduct on-line job searches, compose global resumes and develop strategies that relate to rewarding professional careers in the age of globalization.

**Career Areas/Job Titles:**

**Management and Industry**
Knowing Arabic can complement any business profession in an international setting (trade, finance, engineering, etc.)
- Financial Services Officer
- Senior Account Executive
- Human Resources Director
- Flight Attendant
- Hotel Manager
- Travel Agent

**Communication and Media**

**Government/Politics**

**Health Professions**
- Translator/Interpreter
- Nurse

**Education**
- ESL Instructor
- Professor/Teacher/Tutor
- Study Abroad Coordinator
- Linguistics Researcher

**Transferable Skills:**
- Basic Computer Skills
- Language Fluency
- Analytical/Critical Thinking
- Coaching/Mentoring
- Attention to Detail
- Written Communication
- Cultural Understanding
- Social Perceptiveness

*Some careers may require licensure, certification, or further education. Talk to an advisor about specific requirements.*

**Professional Links:**

- International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language: [http://www.iatefl.org/](http://www.iatefl.org/)
- Occupational Outlook Handbook: Translators and Interpreters
- Foreign Language Center: [http://flc.osu.edu/undergraduate/careers](http://flc.osu.edu/undergraduate/careers)