



## Program Financial Support

The AF program offers financial support to qualified students whose program of study at UM includes at least one course in Arabic language, culture, or content courses taught in Arabic each term.



## Arabic Language Flagship Program



THE LANGUAGE FLAGSHIP

Creating Global Professionals

## البرنامج الرائد لدراسة العربية Arabic Language Flagship Program



## The Language Flagship Mission

The Language Flagship leads the nation in designing, supporting, and implementing a new paradigm for advanced language education. Through an innovative partnership among the federal government, education, and business, The Language Flagship seeks to graduate students who will take their place among the next generation of global professionals, commanding a superior level of proficiency in one of many languages critical to U.S. competitiveness and security.

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## Overview

The University of Michigan Arabic Language Flagship Partner Program (AF) is a three-year program sponsored by the Language Flagship which leads the nation in designing, supporting and implementing a new paradigm for advanced language education. The UM AF program provides training in Arabic language and culture at the undergraduate level. Qualified students are given the opportunity to achieve the ACTFL Superior Level proficiency in Arabic while pursuing an undergraduate major of their choice.

## Program Curriculum

The AF curriculum is specifically designed to train students to develop the skills of listening, reading and analyzing authentic visual materials and texts through group work and one-on-one guided tutoring. The curriculum is performance-oriented, facilitating students' creation of portfolios that include writing samples and video recorded presentations.

In addition to offering advanced courses in Arabic language, literature, and culture, the AF program includes specialized content courses on the culture, society, economics, and politics of the contemporary Arab World. Tutors meet with the AF students twice a week in order to help them understand and analyze the material in the content courses and to provide them with conversation practice.

A distinctive feature of the UM AF program is the Arabic Cultural Club which provides weekly cultural activities including films on the Arab world, conversation practice, presentations by students and guest speakers, and a newsletter. The Arabic Cultural Club provides AF students with the opportunity to meet and socialize with Arab students studying at UM and members of the Arab communities in Ann Arbor and suburban areas.

The U.S. Government currently considers Arabic to be a critical language. Graduates with Superior Linguistic and Cultural proficiency in Arabic are in great demand for work in fields such as the government, business, and academia.



## Study Arabic in Alexandria, Egypt

The AF Program offers two opportunities to live and study abroad at The Language Flagship Center in Alexandria, Egypt which is administered by the American Councils for International Education.

- ❖ Short Term Summer Intensive Study for students who have reached the Intermediate High Level proficiency in Arabic.
- ❖ Year Long Academic Study for students who have reached the Advanced level proficiency in Arabic.

## Program Features

### Specialized Courses Taught in Arabic

- ❖ Intermediate Arabic for Communication
- ❖ Advanced Arabic Communication Media
- ❖ Intermediate Business Arabic
- ❖ Advanced Business Arabic
- ❖ Advanced Modern Standard Arabic
- ❖ Major Arab Authors
- ❖ Advanced Arabic Readings in Special Subjects

### Content Courses Taught in Arabic

- ❖ Economics and Politics of the Arab world
- ❖ Race and Ethnicity Issues in the Arab World
- ❖ Arab Culture and Society

## Program Eligibility Requirements

The AF program is open to current or incoming talented undergraduate students from a variety of disciplines and levels of Arabic language proficiency who have been accepted for admission to UM and are committed to pursue Arabic study to achieve superior professional proficiency. We welcome applicants from high schools and transfer students who have already completed one to two years of Arabic study or a summer intensive Arabic course. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents with a GPA of 3.25 or higher. All applicants are eligible should they meet the following Flagship entrance requirements:

- ❖ Full-time student admitted to UM
- ❖ Completion of one to two years of Modern Standard Arabic, or a Summer Intensive Elementary Modern Standard Arabic course
- ❖ GPA of 3.25 or higher
- ❖ Commitment to achieving Superior Level proficiency in Arabic
- ❖ U.S. citizenship or permanent residency

