

ARABIC (TRI-CO)

Department Website:

<https://www.brynmawr.edu/arabic>

Arabic language instruction is offered through Tri-College cooperation. Arabic 001 and 002 are taught at Haverford College (ARAB H001 and ARAB H002 Introduction to Modern Standard Arabic). Intermediate Arabic courses are taught at Bryn Mawr (ARAB B003 and ARAB B004 Second-Year Modern Standard Arabic), and Advanced Arabic courses are available at Swarthmore College and the University of Pennsylvania through the Quaker Consortium.

The teaching of Arabic is one important component of the three colleges' efforts to increase the presence of the Middle East in their curricula. Bryn Mawr offers courses on the Middle East in the departments of Anthropology, Classical and Near Eastern Archaeology, Comparative Literature, General Studies, History, History of Art, and Political Science. Additionally, students can have a concentration in Middle Eastern Studies.

Faculty at Bryn Mawr and Haverford

Affiliated Faculty

Manar Darwish

Senior Lecturer and Director of Arabic and Director of Arabic Language Study in Sijal

Amira Ghazy

Arabic Drill Instructor

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Lecturer of Modern Languages & Literatures - Arabic

Courses at Haverford

ARAB H001 INTRODUCTION TO MODERN STANDARD ARABIC (1.5 Credits)

Manar Darwish

Division: Humanities

Domain(s): A: Meaning, Interpretation (Texts)

Three additional hours of Drill required.

(Offered: Fall 2025)

ARAB H002 INTRODUCTION TO MODERN STANDARD ARABIC (1.5 Credits)

Manar Darwish

Division: Humanities

Domain(s): A: Meaning, Interpretation (Texts)

Enrollment Limit: 20 Drills for this course: M/W/F 8:30-9:30 at Haverford OR M/W/F 10:00-11:00 at Bryn Mawr. Lottery Preference(s): 14 spaces reserved for incoming freshmen; (1) Freshman; (2) sophomore; (3) Junior; (4) major/Minor/Concentration; (5) Permission of Instructor

(Offered: Spring 2026)

ARAB H011 ADVANCED ARABIC (THIRD YEAR ARABIC) (1.0 Credit)

Division: Humanities

Domain(s): A: Meaning, Interpretation (Texts)

This is an advanced Arabic language course designed for students who have completed two years of Modern Standard Arabic or the equivalent. This course deepens students' understanding of Modern Standard Arabic by placing equal emphasis on advanced-level speaking, reading, writing, and listening skills. A more precise use of Arabic grammatical structures is cultivated and applied meaningfully in speech and writing. The course's focus on reading comprehension skills furthers the student's ability to scan advanced-level texts for general themes. Particular emphasis is placed on expanding vocabulary by utilizing it to discuss a wide range of topics in varied settings. Students will read and analyze a wide range of literary texts that reflect various social, economic, political, religious, and cultural realities in Arab societies. Finally, the course aims to enhance each student's awareness of the diverse aspects of Arab life and culture through a variety of discussion activities. Pre-requisite(s): Second Year Arabic or its equivalent

Courses at Bryn Mawr

ARAB B000 ARABIC TA/DRILL SESSIONS (0.0 Credits)

Amira Ghazy

Arabic TA/Drill Sessions

(Offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2026)

ARAB B003 SECOND YEAR MODERN STANDARD ARABIC (1.0 Credit)

Amira Ghazy, Manar Darwish

Division: Humanities

Domain(s): A: Meaning, Interpretation (Texts)

Combines intensive oral practice with writing and reading in the modern language. The course aims to increase students' expressive ability through the introduction of more advanced grammatical patterns and idiomatic expressions. Introduces students to authentic written texts and examples of Arabic

expression through several media. Prerequisite: ARAB H002 or placement by instructor.
(Offered: Fall 2025)

ARAB B004 SECOND-YEAR MODERN STANDARD ARABIC (1.0 Credit)

Manar Darwish

Combines intensive oral practice with writing and reading in the modern language. The course aims to increase students' expressive ability through the introduction of more advanced grammatical patterns and idiomatic expressions. Introduces students to authentic written texts and examples of Arabic expression through several media. Prerequisite: ARAB B003 or placement.
(Offered: Spring 2026)

ARAB B100 INTRODUCTION TO JORDANIAN DIALECT AND CULTURE (0.5 Credit)

Having studied Modern Standard Arabic in some depth before, this course will help you communicate in the Jordanian dialect while introducing you to an in-depth examination of the history and culture. This will take place through a variety of interactive exercises and real-life scenarios, possibly going shopping in one of the local stores, and/or similar field trips. In addition, the course will introduce and touch upon cultural norms of Jordan, some of it specific to the country and some shared by inhabitants of the Arab world. This course will help you advance your understanding of the history and culture of Jordan, but also of the Arabic language and its usage on a daily basis.

ARAB B103 CONVERSATION ON CULTURE IN MSA MIXED WITH EGYPTIAN DIALECT (1.0 Credit)

Amira Ghazy

The main focus of this conversation course is the development of speaking and listening skills of students at the Advanced Level of Arabic. This will be achieved through the introduction of multimedia materials in Modern Standard Arabic. The materials selected will aim to help the students acquire socio-cultural competence while advancing their aural and oral communication skills. The selected audio-visual materials are meant to engage students, help them explore varied topics relating to the Middle East and its culture, and entice them to communicate their thoughts and express themselves in the language. Students will work individually and in pairs and groups to prepare skits and reports for oral presentations. This class is conducted entirely in Arabic. Prerequisite: Two years of Intensive Arabic or their equivalent.
(Offered: Spring 2026)

ARAB B403 INDEPENDENT STUDY (0.5 Credit)

Manar Darwish

(Offered: Fall 2025)

ARAB B421 ADVANCED CLASSICAL ARABIC (1.0 Credit)

Manar Darwish

Courses at Swarthmore

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