

# What Can I Do With This **Ohio State** Major?

Bachelor of Arts

## Arabic

College of the Arts and Sciences

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.<sup>1</sup> 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

Journalist  
Photographer  
Foreign News Correspondent  
Bilingual Production Assistant  
Publisher

#### Health Professions

Translator/Interpreter  
Nurse

#### Education

ESL Instructor  
Professor/Teacher/Tutor  
Study Abroad Coordinator  
Linguistics Researcher

#### Government/Politics

International Diplomat  
United Nations Member  
Foreign Policy Analyst  
National Security Agent  
Immigration/Naturalization Officer  
Foreign Intelligence Manager  
Military Officer  
Immigration Attorney

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

### Transferable Skills:

Basic Computer Skills  
Language Fluency  
Analytical/Critical Thinking  
Coaching/Mentoring

Attention to Detail  
Written Communication  
Cultural Understanding  
Social Perceptiveness

Teaching/Instructing Others  
Flexibility/Adaptability  
Expressing Ideas  
Speaking Effectively

*\*This is not an extensive list of transferable skills. See larger list of skills you might develop here:  
<http://ccss.osu.edu>*

### Professional Links:

International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language: <http://www.iatefl.org/>

American Translators Association: <http://www.atanet.org/>

Vistawide World Culture and Language Careers: [http://www.vistawide.com/careers/language\\_careers.htm](http://www.vistawide.com/careers/language_careers.htm)

Occupational Outlook Handbook: Translators and Interpreters

Foreign Language Center: <http://flc.osu.edu/undergraduate/careers>