

# UNDERGRADUATE LICENCE: ARABIC

## Presentation

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The intended aim of this undergraduate *Licence* programme is to offer students a solid training in Arabic civilisation and language. The programme of study has been devised such as to enable students to progressively acquire oral and written language skills, which are strengthened by an understanding of Arabic and Muslim cultures in their three key dimensions: Medieval, Early Modern, and Contemporary. From the outset, students familiarise themselves with both dialectal and literary Arabic. Students practice written and oral literary Arabic via the essential use of resources from both written press and audiovisual media, and via the exploration of texts from classical and contemporary literature.

In a nutshell...

**Duration:**  
year(s)

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**Education level:**

## Objectives

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The pedagogical intention of this programme of study has been scrupulously defined, in order to achieve a high level of language skills in students, as well as a wide knowledge of Arabic and Muslim history and civilisation. Perfect command of the French language; a veritable capacity for autonomous work; an earnest level of motivation; self-drive and rigour that are beyond reproach: these are the ingredients for success on this path of study. Students are strongly encouraged to go and stay in Arabic-speaking countries, which constitutes an important element of the learning process in this undergraduate *Licence*.

## Joint degree establishments and partnerships

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## Training content

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Three years of study

The undergraduate *Licence* in Arabic and Regional Language, Literatures and Civilisations (LLCER) offers students the chance to progressively specialise their course of study and, from the second year onwards, the chance to diversify their study with units on literary and dialectal Arabic, in translation, in linguistics, in literature, in history and civilisation, but also in Arabic theatre and film.

First year of undergraduate study (*Licence 1*)

Students follow a major course unit in Arabic (8 hours) with a reinforcement course unit (4 hours). This major unit can then be

combined with a minor course unit (4 hours), to be chosen from Linguistic Science or Applied Foreign Languages (LEA).

#### Second year of undergraduate study (*Licence 2*)

Students can continue to study the same major-minor unit combination that they started in their first year of study, or may opt for a major unit in linguistic reinforcement, in preparation for potential specialisation under the LLCER Arabic programme.

#### Third year of undergraduate study (*Licence 3*)

Students specialise as part of the undergraduate *Licence* LLCER Arabic and undertake more thorough practice of written and oral language skills, as well as more detailed study of linguistics, literature, history, and civilisation.

Furthermore, teaching is increasingly cross-disciplinary, with units on modern languages, information technology, and documentation and archiving.

## Admissions

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Find information regarding enrolment procedures and the supporting documents to be provided, according to your profile and your level of studies :

- \* Independent Stay
- \* Exchange Programme

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## Career pathways

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It cannot be denied that there is a high and constant demand in the employment market for Arabic specialists who are highly competent in Arabic language (writing, reading, and oral skills), and who have a detailed knowledge of Arabic society and Arabic and Muslim culture. The sectors in which these skills are called for are numerous, and include:

- \* French public service (French Ministry of National Education, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, Ministry of Social Policy, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Health, etc.),
- \* national and international bodies (Arab World Institute, UNESCO, etc.),
- \* non-governmental organisations,
- \* translation, proofreading, and interpreting,
- \* international tourism: tour guides, cultural tour agencies etc.,
- \* diplomacy and international relations: embassy attachés, cultural attachés, etc.,

- \* professions related to the book trade: publishing, archiving and documentation, libraries, multimedia libraries, bookshops, etc.,
- \* professions related to culture and the Arts: international cultural outreach, cultural programming and organisation of intercultural events, conference guides and hosts, promotion of heritage, museums and exhibitions etc.,
- \* information distribution: press, senior correspondent, editor-in-chief, assistant editor, corporate journalist, cultural co-ordination, etc.

## **Further studies**

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The undergraduate *Licence* degree in Arabic and Regional Language, Literatures and Civilisations (LLCER) is the first step in a long course of study. The following are possible, and worth considering:

- \* further study at Master's level (research-based or professional programmes are available, please refer to [www.u-bordeaux-montaigne.fr](http://www.u-bordeaux-montaigne.fr) for further information),
- \* further study within a translation or interpreting school,
- \* further study within a journalism school,
- \* competitive recruitment competitions for teaching, in public or private sectors, at primary or secondary school level, etc.