Arabic Program

The Arabic Program at Kalamazoo College introduces students to both Modern Standard Arabic (MSA), the written lingua franca of the Arab World, and at least one colloquial dialect (Egyptian and/or Levantine). The three-course sequence emphasizes reading and writing in MSA and listening comprehension and speaking in both MSA and dialect, in addition to introducing students to the history, geography and cultures of the Arabophone region through authentic media and diverse projects. Students also have the opportunity for service learning initiatives serving the Arab refugee population of Kalamazoo. Successful completion of the sequence fulfills the college's language requirement, prepares students for the college's new study abroad program in Amman, Jordan, and provides them with a rare ability to engage with Arabic-speaking communities in Michigan and elsewhere.

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