

**UMBC UGC Change in Existing Course: ARBC 325 Introduction to Arabic Dialects: Special Topics**

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**COURSE INFORMATION:** (please provide all information in the “current” column, and only the information changing in the “proposed” column)

change		current	proposed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Course Number(s)	ARBC 325	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Formal Title	Introduction to Arabic Dialects: Special Topics	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transcript Title (≤30c)	Introduction to Arabic Dialects	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recommended Course Preparation		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prerequisite <b>NOTE:</b> Unless otherwise indicated, a prerequisite is assumed to be passed with a “D” or better.	ARBC 202 with a grade of C or better	
<input type="checkbox"/>	# of Credits Must adhere to the <a href="#">UMBC Credit Hour Policy</a>	3	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Repeatable?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Max. Total Credits	3	<b>9</b> <b>Max. Total Credits:</b> This should be equal to the number of credits for courses that cannot be repeated for credit. For courses that may be repeated for credit, enter the maximum total number of credits a student can receive from this course. E.g., enter 6 credits for a 3 credit course that may be taken a second time for credit, but not for a third time. Please note that this does NOT refer to how many times a class may be retaken for a higher grade.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grading Method(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reg (A-F) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass-Fail	<input type="checkbox"/> Reg (A-F) <input type="checkbox"/> Audit <input type="checkbox"/> Pass-Fail

**CURRENT CATALOG DESCRIPTION:**

This course gives students a basic understanding of the linguistics of the Arabic dialects, and of the theory and practice of Arabic dialectology; to give them a solid foundation for future in-depth study of Egyptian (Masri), Levantine (Shami), or Moroccan (Darija) Arabic; and to give them the tools to enable them to independently acquire communicative competence in other Arabic dialects they might encounter in the course of their studies and beyond.

**PROPOSED CATALOG DESCRIPTION** (Approximately 75 words in length. Please use full sentences): leave blank if no changes are being proposed to the catalog description. NOTE: information about prerequisites should NOT appear in the catalog description.)

This course gives students a basic understanding of the linguistics of the Arabic dialects, and of the theory and practice of Arabic dialectology; to give them a solid foundation for future in-depth study of various Arabic dialects, such as Egyptian (Masri), Levantine (Shami), or Moroccan (Darija) Arabic; and to give them the tools to enable them to independently acquire communicative competence in other Arabic dialects they might encounter in the course of their studies and beyond. A particular dialect will be selected each time the course is offered. Repeatable for credit, up to 9 credits, as the dialects change.

**RATIONALE FOR CHANGE:**

This course provides students a selection of Arabic dialects (Egyptian\_in Egypt and Sudan, Levantine\_in the Middle East, or Darija\_in the northern African region). This course can be offered at UMBC campus in a regular semester, summer, or winter session. It can also be offered in an institution overseas during study abroad in one of the Arab regions listed above. If the course is offered in the northern African region, such as Morocco, the dialect of Arabic that will be taught is “Darija”. In Egypt or Sudan, the dialect of Arabic that will be taught is “Masri/Egyptian”. In the Middle East region, such as Jordan, the dialect of Arabic that will be taught is “Shami”. UMBC students may have the option to enroll in one of the dialects of Arabic offered on campus and also will have the opportunity to learn a new dialect while studying abroad.

This course focuses on the study of the dialect of Arabic and the culture of that particular region where the dialect is taught. The course needs to have a **culture** designation for GEP.

When the course is offered at an overseas institution, it would be taught by a UMBC faculty.