

**DEGREE/PROGRAM CHANGE  
FORM C**

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**Division**

**Program**

**Branch**

Proposed effective term:

Semester **Fall** ▼ Year **2012** ▼

**Course Information**

Select Appropriate Program Undergraduate Degree Program ▼ CIP Code

Name of New or Existing Program \* Arabic Minor

Catalog Page Number **204** Select Category **Minor** ▼ Degree Type

Select Action **New** ▼

**Exact Title and Requirements as they should appear in the catalog.**

See current catalog for format within the respective college (enter text below or upload a doc/pdf file)

Minor Study Requirements Students complete eighteen hours of course work as described below. 1) Of these total eighteen hours, a minimum of six hours must come from Arabic 301, 302, or 320. 2) Of these total eighteen hours, a minimum of six hours must come from History 386 or 387 or Religious Studies 457. Note that the following courses are also acceptable when content-appropriate: Africana Studies 380 and 397, Comparative Literature 332, 335, 432, 453, and 480, French 335 and 432, History 300 and 496, Political Science 340, and Religious Studies 347 and 447.

**This Change affects other departmental program/branch campuses**

Reason(s) for Request \* (enter text below or upload a doc/pdf file)

Arabic is an increasingly popular language for students to study as it is a federally-designated Critical Language. We have more and more students studying Arabic and choosing Arabic as one of their languages under the Languages major, and they are now asking for us to establish an Arabic major. A major in Arabic is premature at this time, but we want to offer the Arabic minor to allow students to demonstrate to potential employers that they have pursued Arabic as a field of study. The minor will also serve as a first step towards an eventual Arabic major.

Statements to address budgetary and Faculty Load Implications and Long-range planning \* (enter text below or upload a doc/pdf file)

The minor will have no budgetary or faculty load implications because the minor is comprised of courses that are all currently being taught at UNM. The Arabic minor is part of a long-range plan to establish an Arabic major at UNM. UNM is one of the few major research institutions with limited offerings in Arabic and (currently) no degree options in Arabic itself. The minor will rectify some of this problem, but our ultimate goal is to expand course offerings so that a major is a realistic possibility. While such a long-range goal will require future investment in the form of additional hiring (at least one tenure-track professor and a dedicated Arabic TAship) and increased library holdings, this first step of creating a minor will have no costs.