

Graduate Studies at the Department of Arabic Language and Literature

The Department of Arabic Language and Literature offers M.A. and Ph.D. programs to qualified applicants in all various fields of Arabic language and literature.

Graduate Program Objectives

(1) The M.A. Program:

In the M.A. program, the candidates will be able to

- (a) Obtain the necessary knowledge to strengthen their undergraduate training.
- (b) Develop their own knowledge of the major linguistic and literary schools, together with the related sub-fields to enrich their major areas of interest.
- (c) Establish a strong connection both with the previous as well as the most recent research in the field.
- (d) Master the required methods of research.
- (e) Command the skills conducting research and develop critical thinking.
- (f) Establishing self-reliance in choosing literary fields and doing literary analysis.

(2) The Ph.D. Program

In the Ph.D. program, the candidates will be able to:

- (a) Gain profound knowledge of the linguistic and literary aspects of the field, and investigate the connections these aspects have with other disciplines in the humanities.
- (b) Establish a strong connection both with the previous as well as the most recent studies in the field.
- (c) Learn the necessary approaches of looking deeply into the large heritage of Arabic language and literature, and to master the genuine techniques of reviewing, critiquing, and enriching this heritage.
- (d) Adding to, developing, and circulating knowledge in the field of Arabic literary and linguistic studies.
- (e) Provide the community with well-qualified and reliable specialists who can both teach, plan, and help develop their institutions according to the most current criteria.

Qualifications and pre-requisites for Admission:

General Requirements:

- (1) Saudi nationality or a scholarship from a Saudi University
- (2) B.A. from a Saudi university or an equivalent, accredited university.
- (3) Medical and moral eligibility.
- (4) Two references

Requirements for admission into the M.A. Program:

- (1) B.A. from King Saud University or an other accredited university with a GPA of B or better.
- (2) A Permission from employers if applicable.
- (3) Passing two entrance exams, one written and another oral.

Requirements for the Ph.D. Program:

- (1) M.A. in the field; if the granting university follows a grading system, the final grade has to be “VERY GOOD” or better.
- (2) Securing a Full-time leave from your work if applicable.
- (3) M.A. thesis has to be examined by a departmental committee to decide suitability to program objectives.
- (4) Passing two entrance exams, one written and another oral.

Study Plan

- Graduate study at the Department of Arabic Language and Literature is conducted both through coursework and a thesis / dissertation.

Study Tracks and Areas of Specialization:

- (1) **Literature and Criticism**
- (2) **Language and Syntax**

Credit Hours Requirements:

- (1) **Thirty one (31) hours for the M.A. Program**
- (2) **Eighteen (18) hours for the Ph.D. Program.**