After Graduation

Students who graduate with a bachelors degree in Arabic have a strong advantage in the Middle East and Gulf region with their grasp of the language.

Students have the opportunity to enter the field of teaching, or publishing and book printing.

Some students combined their degree with media and political science and became prominent news writers and analysts.

Becoming efficient in both English and Arabic, some graduates work in the realm of translation.

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One of the earliest academic units founded at the American University of Beirut, the Department of Arabic and Near Eastern Languages, has groomed an impressive number of some of the most celebrated writers and men of letters in the Arab world.
The Arabic language is like a beautiful woman
She never reveals herself all at once.
(Source Unknown)

The Program follows famous Arabic texts through historical times. By studying the language and recorded texts at different times in history, students can grasp the ways the language has developed and transformed to what it is today.

The program takes students on a journey of the Arabic language beginning their training with a survey of traditional Arabic grammar from classical grammatical texts The Alfiyya of Ibn Malik and al-kitab of Sibawyhi.

Following with the historical time period, students learn and analyze pre-Islamic Arabic poetry of the Heroic Age considering its individual, tribal and mythical codes. They then continue to survey Arabic poetry during the Abbasid period, with a focus on the historical, political and social background. Finally students are exposed to the major factors that shaped modern Arabic prose and poetry, while tracing the phases of development.

Along with the survey of the Arabic language, students have the opportunity to take courses in other near eastern languages such as Biblical Hebrew, Syriac Literature, Persian and Turkish.