

A RESOLUTION FOR THE ADDITION OF ARABIC LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION TO ETSU'S
FOREIGN LANGUAGE COURSE OFFERINGS

Whereas, The Department of Language and Literature at East Tennessee State University offers courses in Chinese, French, German, Japanese, and Spanish, and;

Whereas, according to current estimates regarding total numbers of speakers around the world, Arabic ranks fourth, with approximately 221 million speakers, behind only Chinese (1.2 billion), Spanish (329 million), and English (328 million), and;

Whereas, this means that three languages with smaller speaker counts are currently taught at ETSU, and;

Whereas, Arabic is a fast growing international language whose literature and other writings are an important historical source of modern education and knowledge.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 2010-2011 STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
OF EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

Section 1. The Government Association of East Tennessee State University respectfully requests that the College of Arts and Sciences and the Department of Literature and language investigate the possibility of offering undergraduate language acquisition courses in Arabic.

Section 2. If it is not possible to hire a new faculty member to instruct Arabic, the College of Arts and Sciences could appropriate existing faculty at the university with competence in Arabic to teach these courses.

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