International Studies: Arabic language requirements

IS majors focusing on the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) and satisfying four semesters of Arabic should include 4-6 newspaper articles from different sources in their Senior Project and its bibliography. They should write a 150-200 word abstract of their senior project in Arabic, which should be preceded on a separate page by a “glossary of terms” (of 10-15 key terms). During the oral defense of the Senior Project that typically lasts 45-50 minutes, students should be able to answer questions about their Senior Project effectively and continuously in Arabic for approximately 5 minutes.

Please note:

1. Students should meet at least once with the Arabic language professor as they write the Senior Project proposal (INTST 600). Discussion in this meeting will focus on finding the appropriate Arabic sources to write an abstract and developing a “glossary of terms.”

2. After the Senior Project proposal oral meeting (INTST 600), students should meet at least once more with the Arabic language professor regarding the Arabic sources before they begin writing their project.

3. Students arrange a meeting in the first two weeks of the semester in which they are enrolled in INTST 610 to present their “glossary of terms” to the Arabic language professor. Changes may be made subsequent to this meeting and prior to submission.

4. A draft of the abstract is due to the Arabic language professor one month prior to handing in the Senior Project (INTST 610). Final changes may be made subsequent to this meeting and prior to submission. Necessary follow-up meetings regarding revisions to the Arabic abstract and “glossary of terms” and preparations for the oral defense are arranged between the student and the language professor during this meeting.