



FALL 2023

ARAB 1501

Elementary Arabic I

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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday 10am-11am (MDT) via MS Teams, or by appointment

CRN: 11015

TIME: MW 9:00am-10:20am MDT

LOCATION: ONLINE

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Welcome to Elementary Arabic! This course is an introduction to the Arabic language and the cultures of the Arabic speaking world. Elementary Arabic I is designed to provide students who have little to no knowledge of the Arabic language with a solid foundation of the structure, pronunciation, and vocabulary of Modern Standard Arabic. Students will learn the Arabic alphabet and numbers, basic Arabic grammar, and basic communicative sentences and phrases. By the end of this course, students will, among other skills, be able to write and read the Arabic alphabet, understand basic grammatical rules of the Arabic language, and communicate basic information at the novice level in Modern Standard Arabic.

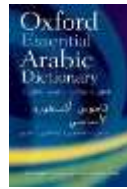
A NOTE ABOUT THIS COURSE

This course is designed for non-native speakers / novice learners of the Arabic language. Students enrolled in this course who have experience with the Arabic language from previous academic courses must report to the instructor and take a placement test to assess their appropriate level of Arabic. Failure to adequately self-report can result in removal from the course.



CLASS THEME

Based on the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations, each Arabic course at UTEP is thematically designed to relate to a particular goal. You can read more about the UN's SDG Goals [here](#). The theme of this class is Good Health and Well-Being. In addition to learning the basics of the Arabic language, students will investigate the ways in which good health and well-being are perceived in the Arab world and the United States, uncovering cultural similarities along the way. Elementary Arabic I is the first course of four that are thematically focused and designed to introduce students to the Arabic language and cultural and societal frameworks that exist in the Arab world.



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Read and write the Arabic alphabet
- Write short sentences
- Read short texts
- Understand basic grammatical rules
- Understand various cultural practices and behaviors of the Arabic speaking world
- Communicate with others at the novice level on familiar topics

REQUIRED TEXTS

- While there is no official textbook to purchase for this course, students will be required to access, download, and print course materials throughout the semester. Materials will be available on our course blackboard.
- Another essential is an Arabic-English Dictionary, such as Oxford Essential Arabic; ISBN-10: 019956115X

REQUIRED MATERIALS

- Access to UTEP email and course Blackboard
- Adobe Acrobat or Adobe Acrobat PDF Reader
- Microsoft Office Suite or equivalent
- Five-subject notebook and index cards
- FlipGrid Student Account

ARABIC LAB

You are **required** to complete at additional lab work for this course. More information about lab work can be found on our course blackboard.

COURSE ASSESSMENTS

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| Class Participation | 10% |
| Reading & Listening Assignments | 15% |
| Speaking Assignments | 15% |
| Writing Assignments | 15% |
| Unit Lab Tasks | 10% |
| Unit Quizzes | 10% |
| Unit Reflection Journal Posts & Final Reflection Project | 5% |
| Mid-term Exam | 10% |
| Cumulative Final Exam | 10% |

GRADE DISTRIBUTION

Students can earn a total of 1000 points for the course:

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| A | B | C | D | F |
| 1000-900 | 899-800 | 799-700 | 699-600 | 599 and below |

UNIT LAB TASKS & TUTORING

You'll be assigned lab tasks in each unit. You must complete the tasks by their specific due dates. You must also meet with the Arabic tutor/TA at least twice in the semester (TBA).

READING & LISTENING

In every unit, you'll post responses to short interpretive activities, mostly focused on reading and listening.

SPEAKING ASSIGNMENTS

Every unit, you'll post responses to speaking activities on the FlipGrid App.

WRITING

Every unit has writing assignments that you turn in on Blackboard. Some require you to handwrite responses, others require you to type in Arabic.

MID-TERM AND FINAL EXAMS

There are two exams for this class. Exams consist of multiple choice, speaking, and writing. Exams will cover all material from the course, including class content and lab content. **Exams are not open book.**

UNIT QUIZZES

At the end of each unit in the course, a quiz will assess your progress.

REFLECTION JOURNAL

At the end of each unit, you'll reflect on your progress in the course.

FINAL REFLECTION PROJECT

A final reflection portfolio that revisits your progress in the course from our first day to the last day.

CLASS AND UNIVERSITY POLICIES

COURSE DELIVERY

- This course is delivered entirely online through Zoom and Blackboard, Time: MW 9:00am-10:20am MDT. Materials and assignments will be posted on Blackboard.
- You must have consistent access to high-speed internet, Blackboard, and other required course platforms online and offline.
- Assessments in this class are not open book. Put away all notes, books, and electronic devices during quizzes and tests.

VIRTUAL ARABIC LAB POLICIES

- You must complete the required lab tasks for the course.
- If available, you can schedule a tutoring session with the Arabic tutor/TA online, during her regular tutoring hours.
- If available, you may schedule your tutoring session using the portal in our Arabic class on Blackboard.
- When using video or audio to connect with the tutor, make sure your setting, dress, and conduct are professional and appropriate for the academic setting.
- If you schedule a meeting with the tutor, arrive on time and be prepared with your work.
- Lab sessions may be recorded.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

- Attendance is mandatory and calculated by your attendance in classes.
- Speak with me first if you are considering dropping the class.
- Students must submit the appropriate paperwork to withdraw from the class. **I will not drop you.**

- If you have an emergency or issue that prevents you from keeping up with your course work, you must let me know. Documentation must be provided within one week after the absence or missed assignment(s) for an excused absence or opportunity to make-up work to be given.

LATE WORK POLICY

- All assignments have strict due dates which you can find in the course calendar and on the course blackboard.
- Generally speaking, late work is not accepted for any reason. If you have an issue, please contact me immediately.
- Late assignment (if accepted) will lose some points, assignment that is two weeks late will not be grade and will earn 0 points.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

The University of Texas at El Paso prides itself on its standards of academic excellence. In the classroom and in all other academic activities, students are expected to uphold the highest standards of academic integrity. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, and any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts.

In this class, academic dishonesty includes the use of on-line translation services (i.e: Google Translate) to complete coursework. If I suspect that Google Translate is being used as a primary means of completing assignments, I will introduce measures to monitor student progress, including, but not limited to: using Respondus Lockdown Browser for assignments and tests; check-ins with the Arabic tutor and instructor; and pop quizzes.

IMPORTANT:

IF YOU ARE FOUND TO BE CHEATING, COLLUDING, PLAGIARIZING, USING GOOGLE TRANSLATE, OR TAKING CREDIT FOR SOMEONE ELSE'S WORK IN MY CLASS YOU WILL RECEIVE A "0" FOR THE ASSIGNMENT IN QUESTION AND A CASE WILL BE OPENED WITH THE OFFICE OF STUDENT CONDUCT AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Your success in this class is important to me. We will all need accommodations because we all learn differently. If there are aspects of this course that prevent you from learning or exclude you, please let me know as soon as possible. Together we'll develop strategies to meet both your needs and the requirements of the course. I also encourage you to **visit the Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) in room 106, Union East Building or contact them at 747-5148 or cass@utep.edu**. If you need official accommodations, you have a right to have these met. There are also a range of resources on campus, including the Writing Center, Counseling Center, Military Student Success Center and Academic Advising Center.

MILITARY STUDENTS

If you are a military student (veteran, dependent, active) please visit the [Military Student Success Center](#). I also recognize the complexities of being a student veteran. If you are a student veteran, please **visit the Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) in room 106, Union East Building or contact them at 747-5148 or cass@utep.edu**.

COURSE CALENDAR

A course calendar for this class is available on Blackboard. There, you will find the due dates for all assignments and readings for this course.

I will give announcements and reminders in class about homework

and assignments, but it is your responsibility to keep track of those dates, too.

Click [here](#) for the UTEP Spring 2023 Academic Calendar.



EMAIL POLICY

If you send me an email, always include your name, and which class you are in.

I check my email daily but please allow a 48-hour period for replies.

Emails sent on weekends will be replied to on the next business day.

**Update to Academic Integrity Policies:

All content, resources, exams, quizzes, and answer keys for this course are considered privileged information and should only be used by students registered for the course. No student should distribute, share, or upload these materials to a publicly available platform. Cloud services, storage drives, and any other platform where these digital or printed materials are stored should be **private** and only accessible by the student using them. Uploading and sharing answers to exams, quizzes, and homework assignments is not allowed and is considered colluding and cheating. Copying work from other students' materials is considered plagiarism and is prohibited.

Any student who is found to be distributing course materials, including - but not limited to - exam and quiz answers; assignment answer keys; and the PDF resources made available to students in the course via Blackboard, will be reported to the Office of Student Conflict and Conduct Resolution.

Final Note: Policies in this syllabus are subject to change at instructor's discretion. I will notify you if anything in this syllabus is updated.

Class Communication

I have mentioned this already in the earlier parts of the syllabus, but it warrants repetition: I will always communicate with you through Blackboard or through UTEP email. It is extremely important that you check your email daily, especially on days we have class. I do not plan on it, but there may be moments in the semester where I will have to make emergency changes to the class meetings or how the assignments will be completed. I will always communicate these changes through Blackboard and by emailing to your student email (ending in @miners.utep.edu). If you do not have access to Blackboard or to your student email, you need to contact the Help Desk and fix that as soon as possible.

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| August 28 | Fall classes begin |
| September 4 | Labor Day-No Classes |
| September 13 | Fall Census Day |
| November 3 | Fall Drop/Withdrawal Deadline |
| November 23-24 | Thanksgiving Holiday-No Classes |
| December 7 | Last Day of Classes |
| December 8 | Dead Day-No Classes |
| December 11-15 | Final Exams |

ARAB 1501 – COURSE CALENDAR

All due dates are grouped by unit section. Assignments are due on Sundays at 11:59PM Mountain Standard Time (MDT). Extra credit assignments, such as Culture Corner Blogs or Skill Builders, are due on the due date of their respective sections and units, see Blackboard for more detail.

This schedule may be modified at the Instructor's discretion to better achieve the objectives of the course. Any changes made to it will be notified to the students as soon as possible.

All due dates are final. Please see late work policy in syllabus
All quizzes and exams will be posted on **BLACKBOARD** and will be **TIMED**.

| Week | Unit-Section | Assignments | Due date (All by 11:59 MDT) |
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| 1 8/28-9/3 | 0-1 & 0-2 | WA #0 SA #0 Reflection #0 Quiz #0 | Sunday, Sept. 3, 2023 |
| 2 9/4-9/10 | 1-1 | R&L #1 WA #1 SA #1 | Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023 |
| 3 9/11-9/17 | 1-2 | R&L #2 WA #2 SA #2 Unit Reflection #01 Unit Quiz #01 Unit Lab Tasks #01 | Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023 |
| 4 9/18-9/24 | 2-1 | R&L #3 WA #3 SA #3 | Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023 |
| 5 9/25-10/1 | 2-2 | R&L #4 WA #4 SA #4 | Sunday, Oct. 1, 2023 |
| 6 10/2-10/8 | 2-3 | R&L #5 WA #5 SA #5 Unit Reflection #02 Unit Quiz #02 Unit Lab Tasks #02 | Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023 |
| 7 10/9-10/15 | 3-1 | R&L #6 WA #6 SA #6 | Sunday, Oct. 15, 2023 |
| 8 10/16-10/22 | 3-2 | R&L #7 WA #7 SA #7 Unit Reflection #03 Unit Quiz #03 Unit Lab Tasks #03 | Sunday, Oct. 22, 2023 |
| 8 | Mid-Term Exam | | Sunday, Oct. 22, 2023 |
| 9 10/23-10/29 | 4-1 | R&L #8 WA #8 SA #8 | Sunday, Oct. 29, 2023 |
| 10 10/30-11/5 | 4-2 | R&L #9 WA #9 SA #9 Unit Reflection #04 Unit Quiz #04 | Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023 |

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| | | Unit Lab Tasks #04 | |
| 11 11/6-11/12 | 5-1 | R&L #10 WA #10 SA #10 | Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023 |
| 12 11/13-11/19 | 5-2 | R&L #11 WA #11 SA #11 | Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023 |
| 13 11/20-11/26 | 5-3 | R&L #12 WA #12 SA #12 Unit Reflection #05 Unit Quiz #05 Unit Lab Tasks #05 | Sunday, Nov. 26, 2023 |
| 13 | Thanksgiving | | Nov. 23-24 |
| 14 11/27-12/3 | 6-1 | R&L #13 WA #13 SA #13 Unit Reflection #06 Unit Quiz #06 Unit Lab Tasks #06 | Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023 |
| 15 12/4-12/10 | 7-1 7-2 | R&L #14 WA #14 SA #14 R&L #15 WA #15 SA #15 | Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023 |
| 15 | Exam Review | | Monday: Dec. 4, 2023 |
| 16 | Final Reflection | | Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023 |
| 16 | Final Exam: Cumulative; covers all units | | Wednesday: Dec. 13, 2023 10:00 am – 12:45pm |