

صف اللغة العربية
Elementary Arabic I (1501/22885)
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Class Time & Place: MWF 10:30-11:20 Liberal Arts 405 A

Description

This course is an introduction to Arabic: Arabic alphabet and grammar, in addition to extensive discussions of the culture. It is designed to provide a solid foundation, at the elementary level, in the structure, pronunciation and vocabulary of Modern Standard Arabic. The focus of the class will be on developing various language skills of reading, listening, and writing as well as the automated production skills necessary to function in an Arabic speaking environment. The course material is selected and designed to help students develop their communicative abilities in order to perform tasks that a native speaker carries out in formal situations.

Textbook/ Materials:

Alif Baa: Introduction to Arabic Letters and Sounds, 3rd Edition. Kristen Brustad, Mahmoud Al-Batal, and Abbas Al-Tonsi. Paperback & DVD ISBN # 9781589016323 (1589016327)

Course Policy:

You are responsible for the following:

1. Doing your homework
2. Reviewing each new lesson before coming to class



3. Using the DVD provided with the book
4. Familiarizing yourself with the letters and sounds of Arabic by practicing each lesson several times until you feel comfortable pronouncing and writing the letters/words down
5. Asking relevant questions to facilitate your learning process.

Course Objectives:

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

1. Create their own sentences
2. Read short texts
3. Write short sentences correctly
4. Understand basic grammatical rules
5. Behave well in various selected cultural situations
6. Engage in familiar and novice level conversations on selected topics

Course Assessment: A final grade will be given based on the completion and quality of the following:

Attendance & Class/Blackboard participation	2%
Two Quizzes (10% per quiz)	20%
Oral Proficiency Interview	10%
Lab (four quizzes; 2% per quiz)	8 %
Three Tests (10% each)	30%
Cumulative Final exam	30 %

Helpful Tools

Each person has his/her own learning style. Whatever yours is, you may find it helpful to use a combination of the following tools to enhance your progress:

- Attend Arabic language lab in LACIT at least 2 hours per week
- Flash cards
- Applications- Arabic alphabet / numbers game; Arabic spelling and reading (e.g. Fun Arabic Learning, iPlay Arabic, Kids Arabic Alif Baa Ta Alphabet, iLearn Languages-Arabic, etc.....)
- Interactive computer programs/ Internet sites/Maha's YouTube videos
- Radio and television (if you have access to Arabic radio/T.V.)



Attendance Policy:

Attendance is very pivotal for your learning progress. In other words, you have to be in class. **You will receive an “F” once you’ve been absent more than three times.** Exception to the above-stated policy is only made under these circumstances: (1) a medical emergency requiring hospitalization, (2) jury duty or (3) official UTEP business such as athletics, debating team, or band. Documentary proof of official UTEP business or jury duty must be provided ten calendar days before the fact; documentary proof of hospitalization must be provided on the day you return to class. **Your instructor can drop you for lack of effort. Your instructor can drop you with a “W” only before the dropping deadline.**

Students with Disabilities

Individuals with disabilities have the right to equal access and opportunity. In support of this endeavor, **Disabled Student Service Office (DSSO) at UTEP** provides needed accommodation to those who believe or suspect a disability and need assistance in their pursuit of higher education including the opportunity to participate and benefit from all University sponsored programs, social activities and events. DSSO ensures that reasonable accommodations and services are afforded to students with disabilities such that they have equal opportunities to achieve their academic and professional goals. DSSO Staff serves as liaisons between students and faculty, administrators, and outside agencies.

DSSO Contact Info:

Office: 106 East Union Bldg.

Phone: 747-5148

COURSE POLICIES

Assignments

Be sure to submit all major assignments in order to pass the class. All assignments must be completed and turned in on the scheduled dates. Any assigned work that is not submitted by the due date will not get the corresponding points/ credit. If a major assignment is not submitted, the student is very likely to fail the course. No late work will be accepted. The only exceptions to this rule may be medical emergencies (or similar extraordinary circumstances) and these will need to be properly documented.



All work must be edited and revised. Written assignments that do not conform the specifications outlined by the instructor may receive a failing grade. Students are strongly encouraged to consult with Arabic tutor in the lab in order to revise / edit their work before submitting it.

Cell phones, laptops, and other electronic devices

All students must turn off their cell phones, pagers, iPods, MP3, and any other similar devices while in class. If a student uses a cell phone (including checking email or texting) or if his/her use of any electronic device disrupts the class, the student will be reported to the Dean of Students' Office.

LAB

You need to spend at least two hours per week in the Arabic Language Lab (LART 220) working on the exercises in each unit. Quizzes will be given in the lab or in the classroom on the assigned date for each topic (Please see course calendar). Attendance to the Arabic Lab is an important part of the course and lab activities should be completed every week, as assigned by the class instructor. Failure to complete the assigned Arabic lab quizzes can lower the course grade or result in a failing grade.

Some Important Arabic Lab Policies

- . Students should follow all lab rules and procedures established by the department of Languages and Linguistics;
- . Only Arabic course-related work is allowed in the lab. Any activity unrelated to Arabic class may lead to suspension of lab privileges;
- . Food, drinks, chewing gum, chatting or loud conversations are not allowed in the lab;
- . Any disruptions or violation of lab rules will be reported to appropriate university authorities.

Final Exam

Final exam is comprehensive.



Oral Proficiency Interview

You will have a scheduled appointment during the last weeks of the semester to do your interview in Arabic. It will be based on all the oral/speaking skills covered in class through out the semester.

Grades are assigned on this scale: C is the required minimum average to pass this course.

A = 90-100 B = 80-89 C = 70-79 D = 60-69 F = 0-59

Tentative Schedule:

Week 1-3 (Units 1-3)

Week 4-6 (Units 4-6)

Week 7-9 (Units 7-8)

Week 10-13 (Units 9-10)

Week 14 (Unit 10 ; OPI)

Week 15 (Review; OPI)



Tentative Course Calendar

Date	Assessment/ Fall 13 Calendar
1/20	First Day of Classes
2/12	Lab Quiz One
2/15	Quiz One (Units 1-2)
2/26	Test One (Units 1-5)
2/29	Lab Quiz Two
3/2	Quiz Two (Units 6-7)
March 7-11	SPRING BREAK
3/14	Test Two (Units 6-8)
3/30	Lab Quiz Three
4/1	Course Drop Deadline
4/6	Lab Quiz Four
4/18	Test Three (Units 9-10)
April 20-May 4	Oral Proficiency Interview/ Review
5/13 Friday	Final Exam 10:00-12:45 {in class; bring a scantron}
5/23	Final Grades available online

Arabic Language Lab Hours (Liberal Arts 220)

DAY	Time
Monday	12:00-3:00
Tuesday	9:00-12:00
Wednesday	12:00-5:00
Thursday	Closed
Friday	10:00-2:00

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