

Cleveland State University
Department of Modern Languages

Arabic 201 (Intermediate Arabic I)

Fall 2008

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Course Description and Objectives:

The course is designed for students who have completed at least two semesters of Arabic or have an equivalent level of knowledge, such as heritage speakers. This course will put an emphasis on the use of the four linguistic skills (listening, reading, talking, and writing). For example, we will be reading passages from the Qur'an, short stories, newspaper articles, and poetry. The teacher's role in this course is primarily to help and guide the students by offering a constructive framework. As for their part, the students' active participation in the class discussion is instrumental; and, therefore, you **MUST** always come prepared to class. By the end of the course students will reach the intermediate-Mid level in line with the scale devised by the American Council on Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). On the speaking level, the students, for example, will be able to express themselves by using known phrases; and they will be understood moderately by native speakers.

Course Requirements:

** Attendance at all classes is mandatory. Any Missed classes or repeated lateness will lower your grade. In fact, if you miss three sessions your final grade will be automatically lowered by 10 %. If you miss 50 % of the class meetings you will receive an "F" as your final grade. If you have to miss a class for any reason, you are responsible for all materials covered in the class and any homework assigned.

** Since the activities performed in the class are predominantly centered on your participation, you are expected to come to class prepared and to use Arabic to the full extent of your abilities.

** Homework is assigned daily and MUST BE submitted on its due date to be given full credits.

** Students are expected to write once a week a composition on a related topic.

** All quizzes and exams must be taken at their designated times.

The midterm will be taken on October 10, 2007 and the final is scheduled for December 12, 2007.

Special Rules and Regulations:

- 1) All wireless devices (cell phones and computers) MUST be turned off during class.
- 2) No guests (this includes Children) are allowed to attend class without prior permission from the professor.
- 3) During the exam the student MAY NOT leave the examination room until the examination is completed. If a student leaves the Room, he will receive “F” for that exam.
- 4) **There is NO make-ups exams (or quizzes) or alternative dates for exams permitted. If you miss the exam you receive an “F” for that Exam.**
- 5) Classroom behavior: all forms of irrelevant conversations and disruptions will not be tolerated in the class. Continuous distractions on the part of any student may lead to his dismissal from the class.

Students with Disabilities

Cleveland State University has a long established policy of non-discrimination on the basis of disability in education and employment. A student with a disability has the right to obtain timely, reasonable accommodation of his/her disability in order to have the same opportunity for success enjoyed by students who do not have disabilities. If you are a student with disabilities, you can contact Office of Services for Persons with disabilities University Center, Rm. 304 Phone: 216.687.2015.

Required Textbooks:

1. Brustad, Kristin, et al. *al-Kitaab fii Ta'allum al-'Arabiyya with DVDs: A Textbook for Beginning Arabic*, part one (Washington D. C.: Georgetown University Press, 2004).
2. *Arabic-English Dictionary, The Hans Wehr Dictionary of Modern Written Arabic*, ed. J. M. Cowan (4th edition).

The Grading System

25 % Attendance, compositions, Class Participation, and Homework.

20 % Quizzes

15 % Midterm OPI (Oral Proficiency Interview)

10% Listing assessment

10% Country Project and presentation
20 % Final

As for extra credits, students can gain up to 4 points if they participate in three extracurricular activities that will be announced, such as those of the Arabic Salon.

Grading scale:

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| 94-100 | A |
| 90-93 | A- |
| 87-89 | B+ |
| 83-86 | B |
| 80-82 | B- |
| 77-79 | C+ |
| 70-76 | C |
| 60-69 | D |
| Below 60 | F |

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| 70-77 | C |
| 60-70 | D |
| Below 60 | F |

COURSE PLAN

Week one (August 25-29)

Introduction to the course

Review Arabic 102

Vocabulary

Grammar

Unit Eight Page 124-133

Week Two (September 01- 05)

September 1st Labor day- no classes

Arabic numbers 11-100

Vocabulary

Unit 8 Page 134-146

Week Three (September 08-12)

Reading activity

Listening activity

Writing activity

Speaking activity

Quiz #1

Week Four (September 15-19)

Chapter 9 of the *al-kitab*

Mufradat (vocabulary) activity

Reading activity

Speaking activity

Week Five (September 22-26)

Continue Chapter 9 of the *al-kitab*

Mufradat (vocabulary) activity

Conjugation of the verbs '*ad* and *istata'a*

Listening activity

Quiz #2

Week Six (September 29- 03 Oct)

Chapter 10

Mufradat activity

Conjugation of the verbs *nama*, *ja'a*, and *saha*

Week Seven (October 06-10)

Continue Chapter 10

Mufradat activity

Conjugation of the verbs *nama*, *ja'a*, and *saha*

Review the *jadhr* and the *wazn*

Listening activity

Quiz # 3

Week Eight (October 13-17)
October 13 Columbus Day no classes

Chapter 11 of *al-kitab*
Mufradat activity

Midterm 10/15/ 08

Week Nine (October 20-24)

Continue Chapter 11 of *al-kitab*
Mufradat activity
Listening activity
Grammar: *al-mudari'* *al-marfu'*, adjectival phrases, and the quantifiers

Quiz #4

Week Ten (October 27-31)

Reading activity
Listening activity

Week Eleven (November 03-07)

Reading activity
Chapter 12 of *al-kitab*
Mufradat activity
Conjugation of the verbs *zara*, *baqiya*, and *qada*
Listening activity

Quiz #5

Week Twelve (November 10-14)

Reading activity

Continue Chapter 12 of *al-kitab*

Mufradat activity

Conjugation of the verbs *zara*, *baqiya*, and *qada*

Listening activity

Week Thirteen (November 17-21)

Reading activity

Listening activity

Vocabulary

Review Grammar

Quiz #6

Week Fourteen (24-28)

Review reading writing

Week Fifteen (December 01-05)

Review All chapters

Final exam Wednesday , December 10, 6:00-8:00 pm

Special note :

The instructor reserves the right to modify the schedule, materials, and topics as needed

Final 12-10-2008

