

Cleveland State University
Department of Modern Languages

Fall 2008

Arabic 393 (Special Topics in Arabic)

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Time: Monday, Wednesday 6:00- 7:50 PM

Location: MC 324

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Course Description and Objectives:

The course is designed for students who have completed at least four 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-high 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, but they also can create their own. On the reading level, the students will be able to deal with original texts by using dictionary.

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 credit.

** 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-up exams (or quizzes) or alternative dates for exams permitted. If you miss the exam you receive an “F” for that Exam.**
- 5) If there is a major illness or religious holiday, it must be documented.
- 6) 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. 1. Brustad, Kristin, et al. *al-Kitaab fii Ta'allum al-'Arabiyya with DVDs: A Textbook for Beginning Arabic*, part two (Washington D. C.: Georgetown University Press, 2006).
3. *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

10% Listing assessment

10 %Country Project and presentation

15 % Midterm

20 % Final

5 points will be added to the grade if the student:

1) **Submit** a response in English on documentaries that will be presented as part of the Arabic Salon during the semester.

Grading Scale:

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

COURSE PLAN

Week one (August 25-29)

Introduction to the course

Review Arabic

Chapter 16 of the *al-kitab* Page 285-293

Vocabulary

شهور السنة

افعل التفضيل

من ال....أن

Reading Activity

Speaking Activity

Week Two (September 01-05)

Continue Chapter 16 of the *al-kitab*

اوزان الفعل

اعراب الاسم المرفوع والمنصوب والمجرور

نزار قباني

رسالة من عمي

September 1st Labor day- no classes

QUIZ # 1

Week three (September 08-12)

Chapter 17 of the *al-kitab* Page 308-323

كل عام وانتم بخير

Vocabulary

اوزان الفعل

Week Four (September 15-19)

Continue Chapter 17 of the *al-kitab* Page 323-331

الاعراب

الاسم المجرور والمرفوع والمنصوب

الحديث

تساؤلات

كل سنة وانتم طيبين

QUIZ # 2

Week Five (September 22-26)

Chapter 18 of the *al-kitab*

Mufradat (vocabulary) activity

Body parts and colors

الجسم

جمال عبد الناصر

ام كلثوم

الالوان

Week Six (September 29- 03 Oct)

Continue Chapter 18 *Mufradat* (vocabulary) activity
Body parts and colors

المثنى
الاخوان رايت
وزنا فعل وتفعل
النصق الاخر

QUIZ # 3

Week Seven (October 06-10)

Continue

طه حسين
من الادي العربي
اعراب ان
المهم هو راى خالد

Week Eight (October 13-17)

Grammar: the dual, the *awzan fa''ala* and *tafa''ala*.
Chapter 19: *mufradat* activity
Listening activity
New Verbs

Song by Kazim al-Sahir

October 13 Columbus Day no classes

Continue Chapter 19

Vocabulary

ك . مثل كما كأن
جمع المؤنث

QUIZ # 4

Midterm 10/15/ 08

Week Nine (October 20-24)

انسات النادي الاهلي
دروي للسيدات
اب و اخ
الكنيه

Week Ten (October 27-31)

QUIZ #5

نجيب محفوظ
من الادب العربي
يعني ايه كلمة مناسبة
اشتريتي ايه
Review

Week Eleven (November 03-07)

Reading activity
Chapter 20: *mufradat* activity
Listening activity
Reading dates in Arabic
Grammar: *masdar* construction

QUIZ # 6

Week Twelve (November 10-14)

Continue Chapter 20

المفردات
قراءة التواريخ
المصدر كفاعل

Week Thirteen (November 17-21)
Review reading + Listening

*مراجعة ماذا تعلمنا
مع العائلة والاصدقاء
كيف تكونت منطقة الشرق الاوسط
لندن 1936*

Week Fourteen (24-28)
Review Writing + Speaking

*من الادب العربي
نصوص مختلفة*

Week Fifteen (December 01-05

Review All Chapters

Special note:

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

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

