

Arabic 204

Beginners' Arabic as a Foreign Language II

Course Learning Outcome:

By the end of this course, you will be able to write and conduct basic conversation about yourself, your family and your environment. You will be introduced to short selections of authentic Arabic material addressed to Arabs such as announcements, advertisements etc... Being largely proficiency based, this course will address various language-related skills such as reading, writing, speaking and listening. The students' active use and production of the language, both in class and in homework, are therefore encouraged to enhance comprehension and communicative writing and speaking skills. Vocabulary will be introduced thematically to impart a basic mastery of Arabic for a variety of social settings. Selections of reading materials will enable the students to distinguish the rudiments of Arabic grammar and syntax. Some of the grammar points to be introduced include the use of prepositions, the nominal sentence, the verbal sentence, noun-adjective structures, idaafah structures, prepositions and negative sentences, the past and present verb conjugations. In addition to reading materials, audio and audiovisual materials are essential components of this class. All these components will be incorporated for assignments and preparations for upcoming class sessions. Short oral presentations and group discussions are regular activities in this class.

Resources:

Al-Kitaab fii Ta allum al-^cArabiyya; A Textbook for Beginning Arabic, Part I, by Brustad, Al Batal and Al-Tonsi, Georgetown University Press, 1995;
Copies of both books are available in Jafet Library, the audio-visual room. Students who do not wish to purchase the books may zerox required chapters from the library copy. Listening material which accompanies both *Alif Baa* and *al-Kitaab I* will also be required for homework. This material is available on audio and audiovisual cassettes in Jafet Library, the audio-visual room. The same above mentioned material is also available on the web. Go to the CAMES site, click on the language resources which will guide you through the listening material of all chapters of *al-Kitaab* series.

Grading:

Grades will be computed on the following basis:

1. **Homework and class participation 20%:** Students should expect written homework assignments for each session. Students will get credit for all homework that is completed satisfactorily and turned in on time. Language instruction in class will take the format of extensive oral drills. Students should have the readiness to participate in these drills. It is therefore **mandatory** for students to prepare the relevant language material **before** they come to class. Any laxity in preparing for class will seriously jeopardize the final grade.
2. **Attendance 5%:** "Students are expected to attend all classes.. Absence of a student, whether excused or not, from any class...does not excuse the student from his/her responsibility for the work done or for any announcements made during his/her absence". Any student who misses more than one fifth of the class will receive a W for the course. Even though university policy may permit one fifth absence from class time, students are strongly discouraged from missing out on any classes.
3. **Quizzes 45%:** All quizzes will be announced in advance. Students should expect 3 to 4 quizzes during the semester.
4. **Final exam 30%**

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