

برنامج اللغة العربية



ARABIC 101

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The goal of this course is to begin developing reading, speaking, listening, writing, and cultural skills in Arabic. The course stresses communication using both formal and informal Arabic. Preparation for class is an essential component of the course, allowing us to devote in-class time to communicating in the language rather than talking about the language. Students will be evaluated on attendance and class participation, daily homework assignments, quizzes, skits, presentations, and chapter & final examinations.

Learning Outcomes for Arabic 101:

By the end of Arabic 101 you will, *in-shaa'a-llaaah*:

1. Have mastered the Arabic alphabet and sound system, be able to distinguish and pronounce all Arabic sounds, and write accurately from dictation.
2. Initiate social interactions, ask for basic information, and be aware of basic cultural aspects of social interaction in the Arab world.
3. Be able to talk about yourself, your education, and your family.
4. Comprehend simple written texts on familiar topics.
5. Comprehend simple audio/video texts on familiar topics.
6. Be able to compose simple paragraphs about yourself.
7. Be able to introduce and talk about yourself in the formal and informal forms.

Course Requirements and Grade:

1	ATTENDANCE & PARTICIPATION	20%
2	HOMEWORK & PREPARATION	20%
3	QUIZZES	10%
4	TESTS AND ASSESSMENTS	20%
5	SKIT & FINAL PRESENTATION	20%
6	FINAL EXAM	10%

1. ATTENDANCE & PARTICIPATION (20%)

You are expected to attend class every day. Missing class not only means extra work to catch up on, it is also unfair to your classmates because you will slow us all down. You are allowed 4 absences without affecting your grade.

If you do have to miss a class, make sure you have the phone number and e-mail address of at least two of your classmates whom you can contact to find out what you missed.

Class will begin on time. Please do your best **not to be late for class** as it is disruptive and disrespectful to your classmates. You must bring your book to every class.

Participation is a key component of this class. Participation is closely related to homework and preparation. If you are not prepared for class it will be difficult for you to participate in a meaningful way. Good and effective participation also means being a good citizen in class. Part of good participation means knowing when to give others the chance to speak. We will do a lot of group-work this year. It is important that everyone treats his or her fellow students with respect and patience at all times. The composition of the groups for group-work will change regularly. You must be ready, willing and enthusiastic about working with all of your class-mates.

Participation also means regularly checking your e-mail and D2L at least once a day for messages regarding Arabic class.

Your daily attendance grade will be posted on D2L so you can keep track of your absences. Remember that your participation is a key component which will be reflected in your final grade too.

Please do not:

- **Consume food in the classroom. (Water is encouraged, however ☺)**
- **Use your cell phone, laptop or any devices.**

2. HOMEWORK & PREPARATION (20%)

We cannot emphasize enough the importance of homework, which means both written work and other kinds of preparation. **The philosophy of this course is that material is rarely introduced to the student “cold”; in other words, the majority of class time will be devoted to practice as opposed to explanation.** It is thus **essential** that you come to class prepared.

There will be written assignment due **every class**. You are expected to turn these assignments in **on time**. (In turn, we will make every effort to return your homework by the following class).

You are allowed **five free late submissions**, which means that five late homework will be graded and counted as if they were turned in on time.

You are encouraged to study and work on homework assignments together, with the stipulation that everyone must submit her/his own individual paper. Please hand in homework written out on **a separate sheet of paper**. Pages Xeroxed out of the book, unless stated otherwise, will not be accepted.

Your homework **MUST** follow a specific format. Please see attached sample on D2L.

Your homework grade will be distributed as follows:

- You will receive half the grade upon turning in your homework in class following the specific format. The answers will be uploaded daily on D2L so you can check and correct your mistakes.
- You will receive the second half of your grade once you turn in all your corrected homework in one organized folder, once at the end of Alif_baa, and again at the end of chapter three in Al-Kittab.

Preparation is obviously related to homework, but also includes assignments and aspects of the course which are not written, i.e. you must come prepared for class activities (this means following the syllabus, studying vocabulary and grammar, and being ready to participate fully.) that said; please **Do not skip class** even if you are not fully prepared.

It is essential to remember that preparation for class means more than passively reading assigned grammar explanation and/or new vocabulary, and completing homework in a completely mechanical fashion. You are expected to demonstrate that you have made a concerted effort to *fully engage* with the new material and come to class prepared to *actively* use it.

How to prepare for class?

Vocabulary: when preparing new vocabulary for class we expect you to listen to the vocabulary and repeat it several times so that your pronunciation will be accurate. Practice the word until you can say it easily. To remember the meaning of the new words it helps *to use them in your own sentences* and to study in groups. It does not help to write the English word or to use the vocabulary lists in the book to memorize these words. All the vocabulary in this book is recycled constantly throughout the drills, therefore it helps to pay close attention to them as you do them, i.e. make sure that you understand completely all of the sentences in the drills. They are designed not only to help you learn the new vocabulary but to review the old vocabulary as well.

Grammar: there will be very little grammar explanation given during class time. We expect you to prepare the grammar by actively reading the explanation, memorizing material in charts and preparing drills assigned. One of the best ways to check if you have understood the grammar is to read the examples given and make sure you understand them. If after preparing in this way you still have questions you may ask them in class.

There will be ample opportunity for extra credit this semester. Each extra credit assignment will raise your overall grade by ½ of a percentage point. To receive extra credit you will be asked to do some extra work. You are limited to 3 extra credit assignments per semester.

Class time is **short** so we need to spend it doing activities that will help you internalize and learn to actively use the vocabulary and grammatical structures we are studying.

3. QUIZZES (10%)

There will be 1-2 short quizzes (approx. 6-10 minutes each) per week. There are no make-up quizzes. Your lowest 3 quiz grades will be dropped and not counted in your final grade.

4. TESTS (20%)

There will be 4 tests during the semester to make sure that you are on the right track. You will be notified in advance about the dates of these tests and assessments.

5. SKIT & FINAL PRESENTATION (20%)

During the semester, you will be asked to create a video-recorded skit with a partner and a final video presentation. You will be given a chance to practice your skit and presentation and talk with me about it. You will be notified of the dates in advance.

6. FINAL EXAM (10%)

This two-hour exam will cover vocabulary, grammar, reading, writing, and listening. The exam will take place **December 16th, 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm NWQ G544**

Class Expectations:

You are expected to spend the following amount of hours on each category in order to do well in this class. The amount of hours has been calculated according to the language needs of Arabic. You are encouraged to meet the minimum amount or put more hours to excel.

Category	Total Hours Per Semester	Total
Attendance	75	
Homework & Preparation	153	
Arabic Table	8	
Final Exam	2	
		238

Grading Scale:

A	93-100	C+	78-79
A-	90-92	C	73-77
B+	88-89	C-	70-72
B	83-87	D+	68-69
B-	80-82	D	63-67
		D-	60-62
		F	59 and below

Course Materials:

- 1) *-Alif Baa , an Introduction to Arabic Letters and Sounds, third edition* 2010, by Brustad, Al-Batal& Al-Tonsi.
- 2) *-Al-Kitaab fii Ta'allum al- 'Arabiyya , Part I, third edition* 2011, by Brustad, Al-Batal& Al-Tonsi.
- 3) *-Alif Baa Companion Website Access, <https://www.alkitaabtextbook.com/books/>*
- 4) *-Al-Kitaab Companion Website Access, <https://www.alkitaabtextbook.com/books/>*

Both books are available at Neebo Bookstore

Optional Additional Resources

- *UWM Language Resource Center Website, <https://uwm.edu/language-resource-center/resources/arabic/>*
- *Aswaat 'Arabiyya, Arabic, Videos for listening exercise <https://www.laits.utexas.edu/aswaat/>*
- *Quizlet, Phone app for vocab (Free)*
- *Vocab-Arabic, Phone app for vocab (Must Pay)*
- *Yallah, Alkitaab's Phone app for vocab (Must Pay)*
- *Memrise-Arabic, Phone app for vocab and grammar (Payment Optional)*

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