

**ARABIC 121  
ELEMENTARY ARABIC**

**BULLETIN INFORMATION**

ARAB 121: Elementary Arabic (4 credit hours)

**Course Description:**

Grammar and practical vocabulary necessary for fundamental communication skills. Assumes no prior experience in the language. Offered only in fall.

**SAMPLE COURSE OVERVIEW**

Welcome to Arabic! This class will introduce the four fundamental language skills of Modern Standard Arabic (Fusha): reading, writing, comprehension and speaking. This class adopts a "proficiency-based" approach, which means we want you to get familiar with these four skills as soon as possible. Modern Standard Arabic is the language of literature and most forms of formal writing, news, business, scholarship, culture, and politics; it contrasts with spoken dialects of which every Arab country has their own. While Modern Standard Arabic is different from spoken colloquial Arabic, much of this vocabulary will be useful for both formal and colloquial languages. As in all language classes, participation, attendance, and homework are particularly important. Also, audio-video materials accompany the textbooks and you are expected to review them regularly. Prepared and in-class oral, written, comprehension, and reading skills will be practiced. In addition to the challenging mechanics of the language, Arab culture will also be introduced.

**ITEMIZED LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Upon successful completion of Arabic 121, students will be able to:

1. Communicate on a fundamental level orally and in writing, using the Arabic alphabet
2. Recognize, comprehend, and use basic Arabic vocabulary and grammatical concepts in simple sentences
3. Demonstrate a basic understanding of society and daily life in the Arabic-speaking world.

**SAMPLE REQUIRED TEXTS/SUGGESTED READINGS/MATERIALS**

1. *Alif Baa: introduction to letters and sounds* (by Kristen Brustad, Mahmoud Al-Batal, and Abbas al-Tonsi, Georgetown University Press); along with CD and DVD 2011.
2. *Al-Kitab fi Ta'alhum al-'Arabiyya: A textbook for beginning Arabic, Part 1* ed, by Kirsten Brustad, Mahmoud Al Batal, and Abbas Al-Tonsi, Georgetown U. Press (2010), along with CD and DVD.

## SAMPLE ASSIGNMENTS AND/OR EXAM

- 1. Tests:** There will be **Six (6) tests**. The first test will cover the alphabet and other material in the *Alif* textbook. Subsequent tests will cover the material presented in each chapter in the *al-Kitab* textbook. Tests are designed to measure how well students have learned the **vocabulary and grammar** of the chapter. After you learn the alphabet and we start *al-Kitab*, every test will start off with a short original passage pertaining to the “story” (presented in each chapter). The passage will be followed by a series of questions, which you will answer in Arabic. This will test reading comprehension as well as your ability to write.
- 2. Quizzes:** Weekly **vocabulary quizzes** will be given. These quizzes will focus on the new vocabulary in the current unit but also review previous words.
- 3. Homework & Participation:** There will be **daily written assignments** due at the beginning of the next class period. Homework will assist you in mastering the vocabulary, grammar, reading, and comprehension lessons in the chapters and will review the class lesson. This is one of the principal ways for you to increase your aural skills and to develop your accent and proficiency verbally with the language.
- 4. Final Exam:** The final will be comprehensive. It will consist of a reading passage discussing the text’s ongoing characters and “story.” The exam will also have a listening comprehension component as well as sections on vocabulary, grammar, and cultural knowledge.

## SAMPLE COURSE OUTLINE WITH TIMELINE OF TOPICS, READINGS/ASSIGNMENTS, EXAMS/PROJECTS

**Class 1:** Syllabus overview, Arabic Alphabet, Class Orientation, Questionnaires and Introductions, letters and numbers Greetings, Introductions,

**Class 2:** Unit 1-

Greetings, Introductions,

( - - - أ - ب - ت - ث - و - ي ) Identifications,

Drill 3: 13

**Class 3:** Unit 2 -

20-27 ت-ب-أ

ي و ث Alphabets’ studying

Drill 2: 27, 3:29

**Class 4:** Short vowels

Drill 35-38, 8:34, 6-7: 35, 10: 38

**Class 5:** Unit 3-

46-51 ج ح خ

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Drill 8: 57, 3:52, 6:53, 5: 55, 10: 58

**Class 6:** Unit 4

66- 70 ء أ

Numbers

Drill 4: 69, 3:70

Vocab Quiz

**Class 7:** Numbers

ز ر ذ د

Drill 11:85, 7: 79, 8:80, 9:84

**Class 8:** Unit 5

Shadda 92-93

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Drill 12: p 108, 14: 109, 15: 110

**Class 9:** Unit 6

Gender in Arabic

ة p: 118-119

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Drill 5: 124, 12: 129, 4: 123, 11: 128

Listening ex 7: 125

Vocab Quiz

**Class 10:** غ ع

Drill 15: 136, 19: 140, 20: 140, 21:141, 23: 142

**Class 11:** Unit 7

ل ك ق ف

Drill 2: 149, 4: 154, 8: 160

Listening ex 5: 152

**Class 12:** Unit 8

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Ex 3: 176

Drill 2: 175, 4: 188

م + ex4: 178

Vocab Quiz

**Class 13:** ق ز م ه

ي ؤ

Ex5: 183

Writing practice 184

أ ؤ دم فلأ

Drill 8: 187, 9:187

Listening ex 6:184

**Class 14:** Unit 9

ل م ال فلأ

ة ير م ق ل و ة يس م ث ل ف و ر ح ل ا

Drill 5: 198, 1:196, 3: 197

ل ص و ل ا ق ز م ه

Listening ex 3:200

**Class 15:** Unit 10

ة ر و ص ق م فلأ

قرى صق فلأ

Grammatical ending نيونت

Ex3: 216

Reading drill 1: 222

Listening 7: 221

Writing 218-219

**Class 16:** Writing styles, review on the Alif baa book

**Class 17:** EXAM on Alif baa

**Class 18:** Al-Kitaab

Unit 1

Grammar: feminine, masculine

The Nisba Adj

Ex p:7, 5, 8, 8: 11

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**Class 19:** The definite article

Ex12-13: 16

Conversation ex 15

Reading:18

12: 15

Drill 14:17

**Class 20:** Test # 1

**Class 21:** Unit 2

Subject pronouns

Plural Verb Conjugation pp 27-30

Ex6: 26

Story 9: 33

Listening 11: 36

Vocabulary Quiz

**Class 22:** Plural 30-33

Conversation: 32

Drill 12: 36, 15: 38

**Class 23:** Test # 2

**Class 24:** Unit 3

ثنؤملا عمج 48-49

ريسكتلا عمج 51

Drill 9:52

ةفاضإلا 8:51, 10: 53

**Class 25:** Possessive pronouns 54-55

Drill 12: 56, 14: 57, 11: 56

WRITING 16: 59

Listening:60

Vocab Quiz

**Class 26:** Homework review

Reading 62

Handout exercises

**Class 27:** Test # 3

**Class 28:** Unit 4

Present tense 74-77

Drill 13: 79 or 11: 78, 10:78, 12:79

**Class 29:** Object pronouns

The Nominal Sentence: 84

The Verbal Sentence

Drill 14: 82, 16:85, 17-18: 87

**Class 30:** Review grammar

Drill 5: 68, 23 : 89, 21 : 89

**Class 31:** Test# 4

**Class 32:** Unit 5

Definite and Indefinite

Demonstrative pronouns

Drill 10 : 101 or 11, 8: 98, 9: 99

Vocab quiz

**Class 33:** Numbers 11-100

Adverbs ح ت ف ل ا ن ي و ن ت

Conversation: 106

Drill 18: 105, 12-13: 102, 16: 103

Drill 17: 105 (WRITING)

**Class 34:** Writing Drill 21: 109

Listening to Fairuz' song: 110

Handouts

Drill 23: 111

**Class 35:** Test# 5

**Class 36:** Unit 6

ردصملا 121-124

Drill 8: 125, 7:125

**Class 37:** More on ردصملا

Drill 9: 126

128-130 ببسب ، ل ، نأل ، اذامل

Drill 11:130, 12 : 130

**Class 38:** Drill 17: 133

Days of the week

Handout Drills

**Class 39:** Vocab Quiz

**Class 40:** Review of the book

Q&A

**FINAL EXAM according to University exam schedule**

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