

AMIDEAST Education Abroad Programs ARAB 101: Modern Standard Arabic I Syllabus

Credit Hours: 5 credit hours

Course Description

This course introduces the Arabic alphabet and sound system forms. Students will be given ample opportunity to practice and produce both the alphabet and the sound system; they will start developing their vocabulary via specific structures presented in the textbook. Students will learn simple grammatical structures and gradually listen to authentic and instructional materials that come with the textbook. Most of the exercises and the activities are task-based and student-centered. The course will cover the material in *Alif Baa* and *Al-Kitaab*, Part One, Second Edition, Chapters 1-5.

Learning Outcomes

By the completion of this course, students will:

- Master basic conversational tasks in different social situations in Modern Standard Arabic (MSA)
- Master basic aspects of Arab culture in general

Knowledge

By the completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Distinguish and pronounce all Arabic sounds, and write accurately from dictation
- Initiate social interactions, ask for basic information, and be aware of basic cultural aspects of social interaction in the Arab world
- Talk about themselves, their education, and their family with native speakers of Arabic in MSA
- Comprehend simple written texts on familiar topics
- Comprehend simple audio/video texts on familiar topics
- Compose simple paragraphs about themselves
- Be familiar with some of the differences between formal Arabic and the Colloquial Jordanian Arabic.

Skills

This course will assist students in developing the following language skills:

- Writing names, numbers, dates, nationality, and simple autobiographical information
- Comprehending words and phrases from simple questions, statements, high-frequency commands
- Ability to communicate by using learned utterances such as asking and answering questions.
- Ability to read learned words and standardized phrases, messages, and expressions such as schedules, timetables, maps, and signs
- Ability to write short sentences
- Ability to understand short utterances, and short paragraphs on familiar topics materials, and simple paragraphs on familiar topics.

Attitudes

This course helps develop the following attitudes:

- Eagerness to learn the Arabic language
- Curiosity about the local culture in particular
- Confidence in ability to interact with native speakers
- Cultural awareness to behave appropriately in various situations
- Desire to pursue further study of the language.

Course Materials

1. *Alif Baa Introduction to Arabic Letters and Sounds*, Second Edition, by Kristin Brustad, Mahmoud Al-Batal and Abbas Al-Tonsi
2. *Al-Kitaab fi Ta'allum Al Arabiya* with DVDs A Textbook for Beginning Arabic: Part One, Second Edition, by Kristin Brustad, Mahmoud Al-Batal and Abbas Al-Tonsi
3. Locally produced materials, selected by program faculty

Assessment Overview

Description	Weight	Due Date
Engagement	20%	Continuous
Assignments	30%	Continuous
Quizzes	20%	Quiz 1: Week 1, Thursday Quiz 2: Week 3, Thursday
Midterm Exam	15%	Week 2, Thursday
Final Written Exam	15%	Week 5, Monday

Engagement

Students are expected to attend all regularly scheduled classes and come prepared to participate fully in class activities. This means doing any listening activities, homework, and learning new vocabulary and structure so that they can actively use them in class.

Overview of Attendance Policy

For Modern Standard Arabic, students are allowed to miss only **4 contact hours** (1 full day of instruction) unexcused before their overall grade is reduced. A student's grade for the course will be lowered by one "mark" for each additional unexcused absence (2 contact hours is equal to one absence). Being absent for more than 4 contact hours will result in **one letter grade deduction from the student's final grade for every 2 hours of unexcused absence beyond the allowed limit**. In other words, if a student misses an additional 2 hours of instruction (for a total of 6 hours of unexcused absences) an "A" will become "A-", after 8 total hours of unexcused absence an "A" becomes a "B+"; after 10 total hours of unexcused absence an "A" becomes a "B", etc.; etc.

For Colloquial Arabic, students are allowed to miss only **2 contact hours** unexcused before their overall grade is reduced. A student's grade for the course will be lowered by one "mark" for each additional unexcused absence (1 contact hour is equal to one absence). Being absent for more than 2 contact hours will result in **one letter grade deduction from the student's final grade for every 1 hour of unexcused absence beyond the allowed limit**. In other words, if a student misses an additional 1 hour of instruction (for a total of 3 hours of unexcused absences) an "A" will become "A-", after 4 total hours of unexcused absence an "A" becomes a "B+"; after 5 total hours of unexcused absence an "A" becomes a "B", etc.; etc.

An unexcused absence is one not caused by illness or otherwise not approved by AMIDEAST staff. An excused absence means written approval from the Program Manager (and sometimes a doctor) justifying the absence. Arriving late to class may also count towards an absence.

The engagement grade will depend on both the quality and the quantity of student's comments and questions and shall account for 20% of the total course grade.

Summary of Attendance Policy

1. Students are expected to do the required reading before class, volunteer for presentations and participate actively in class discussions.
2. Excused absences are determined by the lead AMIDEAST staff member; in some instances a doctor's certification may be required.
3. Deadlines must be respected, even in cases of excused absences.
4. Students are responsible for getting homework assignments they miss and submitting them in a timely manner. Assignments turned in after the due date will result in a penalty to be determined by the instructor.
5. Any assignments not submitted will result in that assignment being given a grade of 0 (zero).
6. The Attendance Policy is applied until the last day of the program.

Assignments

There will be daily assignments due at the beginning of class on the day assigned by the instructor. Late homework assignments may be checked but will not be given any credit. Students are encouraged to study and work on homework assignments together. Students should follow up on any instructor's comments on the homework, and it is the students' responsibility to come to office to see the instructor when questions arise.

Quizzes

There will be two 30 minute quizzes, unless otherwise noted by the instructor. These will be:

Quiz 1: Week 1, Thursday

Quiz 2: Week 3, Thursday

Midterm Exam: Week 2, Thursday

The midterm exam will cover all material studied from the beginning of the semester until the midterm. It will test reading, writing and listening skills.

Final Written Exam: Week 5, Monday

The final examination will cover material studied after the midterm. It will test reading, writing and listening skills.

Grading Scale

Numerical	Grade	Basic Grade Point	Grade Range
93-100	A	4.0	3.86-4.00
90-92	A-	3.7	3.46-3.85
87-89	B+	3.3	3.16-3.45
83-86	B	3.0	2.86-3.15
80-82	B-	2.7	2.46-2.85
77-79	C+	2.3	2.16-2.45
73-76	C	2.0	1.86-2.15
70-72	C-	1.7	1.36-1.85
60-69	D	1.0	0.51-1.35
Below 60	F	0.0	0.00-0.50

Course Schedule

Date	Activity	Homework Assignments	Exams/Quizzes
Week 1 Sunday First Lesson	Alif Baa Unit 1	Exercise # 1 Page 10 Exercise # 2 + 3 Page 13 Exercise # 4 Page 16	
Second Lesson	Alif Baa Unit 1 ا ب ت ث و ي (ا ب ت ث و ي)	Drills # 1- 12 in unit 1 Study the vocabulary page 41	
Monday First Lesson	Alif Baa Unit 3 ج ح خ (ج ح خ)	Drills # 1-11 in unit 2 Study the vocabulary page 61	
Second Lesson	Alif Baa Unit 4 أ ذ ز	Drills # 1-11 in unit 4 Study the vocabulary page 86	

Tuesday First Lesson	Alif Baa Unit 5 س ش ص ض	Drills # 1-16 in unit 5 Study the vocabulary page 100 & page 112	
Second Lesson	Alif Baa Unit 6 ة ط ظ ع غ	Drills # 1-23 in unit 6 Study the vocabulary page 130 & 143	
Wednesday First Lesson	Alif Baa Unit 7 ف ق ك ل لا	Drills # 1-11 in unit 7 Study the vocabulary page 164	
Second Lesson	Alif Baa Unit 8 م ن ه أ و ئ	Drills # 1-9 in unit 8 Study the vocabulary page 189 Drills # 1-7 + 9 in unit 9 Study the vocabulary page 204	
Thursday First Lesson	Alif Baa Unit 9 Quiz 1 ال التعريف / همزة الوصل / همزة القطع	Study for the Quiz	Quiz 1
Second Lesson	Alif Baa Unit 10 الألف المقصورة / أ لف المَدَّ التنوين: الفتح، الضم، الكسر	Exercises # 1-7 in unit 10 Study the vocabulary page 204 Study the new vocabulary of Chapter 1 in Alkitab Exercises # 1-2 page 2	
Week 2 Sunday First Lesson	Al-Kitaab I Chapter 1 أنا مها تفعيل المفردات الجديدة تمرين 3	Exercise # 3 page 3 Study the Culture page 5 Exercise # 7 page 6	
Second Lesson	Al-Kitaab I Chapter 1 أنا مها تمرين 5: القصة تمرين 7 : الثقافة	Exercise # 9 page 9 Study the grammar page 7	
Monday First Lesson	Al-Kitaab I Chapter 1 أنا مها المؤنث والمذكر تمرين 9: نشاط قراءة ... The Definite Article	Exercise # 8 Page 8 Exercise # 10 Page 10 Study the grammar page 11	
Second Lesson	Al-Kitaab I Chapter 1 أنا مها تمرين 11 النسبة نشاط خارجي: التعريف بالنفس	Exercise # 12 Page 12 Exercise # 13 Page 13 Study the grammar page 13	
Tuesday First Lesson	Al-Kitaab I Chapter 1 أنا مها	Exercise # 14 Page 15 Exercise # 17 Page 17	

	السؤال تمرين 15 تمرين 16	Study the new vocabulary of chapter 2 Study grammar page 22	
Second Lesson	Al-Kitaab I Chapter 2 أنا فعلا وحيدة تفعيل المفردات الجديدة تمرين 2	Exercise 1 # 20 Culture page 21	
Wednesday First Lesson	Al-Kitaab I Chapter 2 أنا فعلا وحيدة تمرين 3: القصة الضمائر نشاط لتفعيل الضمائر	Exercise # 4 Page 22 Study grammar page 23	
Second Lesson	Al-Kitaab I Chapter 2 أنا فعلا وحيدة الجمع تمرين 6	Exercise # 5 Page 26 Study the grammar page 27	
Thursday First Lesson	Midterm	Study for the Mid Exam	Midterm
Second Lesson	Al-Kitaab I Chapter 2 أنا فعلا وحيدة الجملة الاسمية تمرين 8 تمرين 11 : القراءة	Exercise # 7 Page 28	
Week 3 Sunday	<i>Holiday (No class)</i>		
Monday	<i>Holiday (No class)</i>		
Tuesday	<i>Holiday (No class)</i>		
Wednesday First Lesson	Al-Kitaab I Chapter 2 أنا فعلا وحيدة تمرين 10 : الاستماع تمرين 12 : القراءة	Exercise # 14+15 Page 33 Study the new vocabulary of chapter 3 Study for the midterm	
Second Lesson	Al-Kitaab I Chapter 3 عائلة والدي تفعيل المفردات الجديدة تمرين 2	Exercise # 1 Page 37 Exercise # 3 Page 38 Study the grammar page 41 Exercise 6 page 42	
Thursday First Lesson	Al-Kitaab I Chapter 3 عائلة والدي القصة	Study for the quiz	Quiz 2
Second Lesson	Al-Kitaab I Chapter 3 عائلة والدي ضمائر الملكية تمرين 8 + 10 + 11	Exercise# 7 page 44 Prepare for exercise 14 page 48	

Week 4 Sunday First Lesson	Al-Kitaab I Chapter 3 عائلة والدي تمرين 12 تمرين 14	Study the culture page 48	
Second Lesson	Al-Kitaab I Chapter 3 عائلة والدي تمرين 15 تمرين 16	Exercise # 17 Page 50 Study the new vocabulary of chapter 4 Exercise 1 page 53	
Monday First Lesson	Chapter 4 كيف أحفظ كل الأسماء تفعيل المفردات الجديدة تمرين 3	Exercise 2 page 53	
Second Lesson	Al-Kitaab I Chapter 4 كيف أحفظ كل الأسماء تمرين 4 القصة تمرين 6	Study the grammar page 56-58 Exercise 7 page 58	
Tuesday First Lesson	Al-Kitaab I Chapter 4 كيف أحفظ كل الأسماء الفعل المضارع تمرين 9 تمرين 10	Exercise 8 Page 59	
Second Lesson	Al-Kitaab I Chapter 4 كيف أحفظ كل الأسماء الجملة الفعلية تمرين 11	Study the grammar page 62 Read the culture page 64 Exercise 15 page 64	
Wednesday First Lesson	Al-Kitaab I Chapter 4 كيف أحفظ كل الأسماء السؤال تمرين 12 تمرين 14		
Second Lesson	Al-Kitaab I Chapter 4 كيف أحفظ كل الأسماء نشاط قراءة تمرين 16 تفعيل المفردات الجديدة تمرين 2	Study the vocabulary of chapter 5 Exercise # 1 page 71 Study the grammar page 73 Exercise # 4 page 74	
Thursday First Lesson	Al-Kitaab I Chapter 5 لا أحب مدينة نيويورك تنوين الفتح تمرين 5 تمرين 6	Exercise # 10 page 78 Exercise # 11 page 78	
Second Lesson	Al-Kitaab I		

	Chapter 5 لا أحب مدينة نيويورك الاسم و الصفة تمرين 7 تنوين الفتح تمرين 5 تمرين 6		
Week 5 Sunday First Lesson	Al-Kitaab I Chapter 5 لا أحب مدينة نيويورك تقديمات عن الطقس تمرين 8 تمرين 12	Prepare a presentation about the weather in your country.	
Second Lesson	Al-Kitaab I Chapter 5 لا أحب مدينة نيويورك تمرين 13 تمرين 14	Study for the final	
Monday	Final Exam		Final Exam
Tuesday	Reflection		