

AMIDEAST Education Abroad Programs

ARAB 201: Modern Standard Arabic III Session 1

Syllabus

Credit Hours: 5 credit hours

Course Description:

This course is designed to reinforce all the linguistic skills at both the reception and production levels, with special importance given to the development of reading skills. Students will learn to converse on a variety of topics, narrate, and read authentic material in Modern Standard Arabic (MSA). In addition, in this course, students will learn a majority of the basic structures of MSA which will allow them to accomplish more complicated linguistic tasks. Students will also be exposed to many aspects of Arabic culture. The course will cover the material in *Al-Kitaab*, Part One, Second Edition, Chapters 14-20.

Learning Outcomes

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

- Understand basic grammatical rules and structures in MSA
- Converse in Arabic using a variety of language functions appropriate for their level
- Acquire knowledge about major aspects of Arabic and Islamic world culture.

Knowledge

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

- Use basic conversational tasks successfully in different social situations
- Understand and correctly use basic grammatical rules in producing written and spoken Arabic
- Read mid-size texts
- Extract the main ideas of non-technical texts
- Extract the main points in video materials and be able to discuss important ideas
- Develop conversational skills using a variety of language functions (e.g., description, comparison, cause and effect, arguing for/against, etc.)
- Engage in a variety of daily conversations
- Give short presentations on topics of interest
- Converse in Arabic using a variety of language functions appropriate for their level
- Acquire knowledge about major aspects of Arab and Islamic culture.

Skills

This course is designed to assist students in developing the following skills:

- Engaging successfully a variety of basic communicative tasks and social situations
- Reading consistently connected texts dealing with a variety of basic and social needs
- Reading authentic material from Arabic advertisements, short narratives, descriptions of people and places, simple contemporary poetry, and topics on Arab culture
- Making short presentations on topics of interest
- Writing medium length compositions on familiar topics, including descriptions and short narratives.

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. *Al-Kitaab fi Ta'allum Al Arabiya* with DVDs Part One, Second Edition, by Kristin Brustad, Mahmoud Al-Batal and Abbas Al-Tonsi - chapters 14-20.
2. Hans Wehr *Dictionary of Modern Written Arabic* edited by J.M. Cowan
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 written assignments due at the beginning of class on the day assigned by the instructor. Late homework assignments may be checked by the instructor 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 hours to see the instructor when questions arise.

Quizzes

There will two quizzes, one during the first week and the other during week three: Quiz 1 will take place Week 1, Thursday and Quiz 2 will take place Week 3, Thursday.

Midterm Exam

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

Final Written Exam

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	وحدة 14 تفعيل المفردات وتمارينها الصفية (تمرين 1+تمرين 4+تمرين 5)	Exercise #2 p244	
Second Lesson	القصة (تمرين 6) القواعد: الجملة الاسمية وصف الاماكن	Exercise # 3 p 244	
Monday First Lesson	الاضافة القواعد: اوزان الفعل نشاط 12	Exercise # 8 p 249	
Second Lesson	القاموس " ورقة عمل على الاوزان و القاموس" نشاط قراءة: تمرين 13 نشاط 11	Exercise # 7 p 248	

**This is a real syllabus for this course, but please note that there may be changes for each semester.

Tuesday First Lesson	نشاط قراءة: تمرين 14 مالك بن نبي الاستماع: تمرين 16	Exercise # 9 p 250 Exercise # 10 p 254	
Second Lesson	وحدة 15 تفعيل المفردات الملابس: تمرين 1 اسألوا زملائكم تمرين 4	Exercise # 17 p 261 Exercise # 18 p 262	
Wednesday First Lesson	القصة: تمرين 5 الثقافة: هلا الاولاد عندهم حرية اكثر من البنات؟ تمرين 6 محادثة	Exercise # 2 p 266 Exercise # 3 p 267	
Second Lesson	القواعد: الاسم الموصول "الذي, التي, الذين ما و من تمرين 7 تمرين 8		
Thursday First Lesson			Quiz 1
Second Lesson	قواعد : مراجعة النفي الشرط تمرين 12 نشاط قراءة: تمرين 14 " مشكلتي"	Exercise # 9 p 271 Exercise # 11 p 273	
Week 2 Sunday First Lesson	نشاط قراءة: تمرين 15 " تونس بين يديك" الاستماع: تمرين 16 مع العائلة والاصدقاء	Exercise # 13 p 275 Exercise # 10 p 272	
Second Lesson	تمارين المراجعة: تمرين 17 الجملة الاسمية والجملة الفعلية وحدة 16 تفعيل المفردات	Exercise # 18 and 19 p 283 Exercise # 1 p 286	
Monday First Lesson	اسألوا زملائكم تمرين 2 الثقافة شهور السنة القصة: تمرين 5	Exercise # 3 p 289 Exercise # 4 p 289	
Second Lesson	القواعد: أفعل التفضيل	Exercise # 6 p 290	

	تمرين 8 أسالو زملائكم القواعد " من الـ... أن "		
Tuesday First Lesson	أوزان الفعل إعراب الاسم إعراب الاسم المرفوع والمنصوب	Exercise # 7 p 292	
Second Lesson	إعراب الاسم: المرفوع. المنصوب و المجرور نشاط قراءة تمرين 11	Exercise # 7 p 292	
Wednesday First Lesson	نشاط قراءة تمرين 12 الاستماع تمرين 13	Exercise # 10 p 296	
Second Lesson	الثقافة نزار قباني شاعر الحب وحدة 17 تفعيل المفردات أسألوا زملائكم: تمرين 4	Exercise # 15 p 305 Exercise # 1 p 310	
Thursday First Lesson			Midterm
Second Lesson	القصة: تمرين 5 الاعراب الاسم المجرور	Exercise # 16 p 306 Exercise # 2 p 310 Exercise # 3 p 311	
Week 3 Sunday	<i>Holiday (No class)</i>		
Monday	<i>Holiday (No class)</i>		
Tuesday	<i>Holiday (No class)</i>		
Wednesday First Lesson	القواعد: اوزان الفعل تمرين 6 الاعراب :الاسم المرفوع والمنصوب		
Second Lesson	تمرين 9 نشاط قراءة: تمرين 12 الحديث النبوي تمرين 11	Exercise # 7 p 317 Exercise # 8 p 318 Exercise # 10 p 321	
Thursday First Lesson			Quiz 2
Second Lesson	نشاط قراءة: تمرين 14 نشاط قراءة: تمرين 16	Exercise # 13 p 325 Exercise # 15 p 326	

Week 4 Sunday First Lesson	وحدة 18 تفعيل المفردات اسألوا زملائكم تمرين 4 تمرين 5	Exercise # 17 p 329 Exercise # 18 and 19 p 330	
Second Lesson	القصة تمرين 6+تمرين 7 المثنى تمرين 10	Exercise # 2 p 335 Exercise # 3 p 336	
Monday First Lesson	القواعد : الالوان نشاط قراءة: تمرين 12	Exercise # 9 p 342	
Second Lesson	وزنا فعل و تفعل نشاط قراءة و محادثة: تمرين 14 تمرين 13	Exercise # 11 p 345 Exercise #16 p 350	
Tuesday First Lesson	الاعراب: إن/ أن القراءة بالفصحى: تمرين 17 وحدة 19 تفعيل المفردات		
Second Lesson	القواعد: المصدر كاسم اسألوا زملائكم: تمرين 4 القصة: تمرين 6	Exercise # 18 p 352 Exercise # 19 p 353	
Wednesday First Lesson	القواعد: مثل, كما, كأن اسألوا زملائكم: تمرين 8 جمع المؤنث تمرين 9	Exercise # 2 p 359 Exercise # 5 p 360 Exercise # 3 p 359	
Second Lesson	تمرين 11 محادثة نشاط قراءة: تمرين 13 أب و أخ والكنية	Exercise # 7 p 363	
Thursday First Lesson	وحدة 20 تفعيل المفردات تمرين 1 تمرين 4	Exercise # 17 p 372 Exercise # 18 p 373 Exercise # 4 p 378	
Second Lesson	اسألوا زملائكم تمرين 3 القصة: تمرين 5 القواعد: قراءة التواريخ+تمرين 6	Exercise #2 p 377	
Week 5 Sunday First Lesson	المصدر كفاعل نشاط محادثة بالصف: تمرين 8	Exercise # 7 p 382	

	الاستماع: تمرين 11 نشاط قراءة: تمرين 12		
Second Lesson	مراجعة عامة		
Monday	Final Exam		Final Exam
Tuesday	Reflection		