

BEGINNERS ARABIC

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Year-long course

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Office Hours: Monday 14:00-16:00 by appointment

Short description:

This course will introduce the student to Modern Standard Arabic (MSA) which is used by its speakers around the world as a reading and writing language. As a spoken language, it is primarily used in formal circumstances, while oral communication puts to use colloquial Arabic, whose various dialects vary from country to country and region to region.

The aim of the course is to introduce basic grammar rules and vocabulary that will allow students to comprehend short texts dealing with daily life, media, literature, poetry, Quran and more. In addition, students will acquire written and oral expression capabilities and develop basic listening skills in the language.

During the course, a variety of learning tools will be used - news sites, online encyclopedias, songs, films, television programs, speeches as well a variety of written sources.

Assessment* :

The following assessments will be required in **each semester**

Minor assignments:

Quizzes (written and oral) 30%

Final requirement:

In-class exam – 60%

Participation:

Participation, call assignments and attendance – 10%

The fall semester grade will comprise 40% of the overall grade.

Attendance:

Attendance is mandatory. Students are permitted a maximum of three absences without penalty. Any additional absences will affect the final grade and may result in failure of the course.

Academic conduct:

* Please note that if distance learning is required, the assessment procedure, modes of assessment and weightings may be changed.

Plagiarism is taken extremely seriously. Any instance of academic misconduct which includes: submitting someone else's work as your own; failure to accurately cite sources; taking words from another source without using quotation marks; submission of work for which you have previously received credit; working in a group for individual assignments; using unauthorized materials in an exam and sharing your work with other students, will result in failure of the assignment and will likely lead to further disciplinary measures.

Additional requirements:

You may include a request to keep phones turned-off while in class, or to turn off all electronic apparatuses.