

Course Content: Introduction to Arabic

Course duration: 8 sessions x 2 hours

Objectives	Topics	Notes/vocabulary
<p>1. Learn to recognize, read and write the Arabic script</p> <p>2. Provide solid foundation for the students to move on to a proper Arabic textbook</p> <p>3. Give the students a basic introduction to Arabic phrases by coaching them through conversations</p> <p>4. Application of lessons learnt through exercises and in-class drills</p> <p>5. Promote both andragogical efficacy and confidence to express oneself in the Arabic language, through heavy emphasis on interactions</p> <p>6. After completion of the course, student should be able to read and write Arabic texts, possess basic conversational Arabic skills, and move on to the Modern Standard Arabic I (MSA 1) course.</p>	<p>Contact time will be utilized to focus primarily on the reading and writing of Arabic script. The following topics will be covered comprehensively throughout 8 weeks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of the Arabic language • Recognition of all 28 letters of the Arabic alphabets in their 4 forms • The 3 vowel signs, the silent vowel and the long vowels • The doubled letters (<i>shaddah</i>) • Nunnation (<i>tanwiin</i>) • One-letter particles • Justification of margins • Handwriting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greetings • Introducing oneself • Introducing a friend • Asking categorical questions • Answering categorical questions • Goodbyes
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “How are you?” and its variants • Asking and answering one’s state of affairs • Asking and answering one’s place of origin
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nationality and citizenship • Adding suffixes for male/female citizens • Asking and negating spoken languages; “Do you speak English?”, “I don’t speak Arabic.” • Selected list of languages and countries
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions and answers on occupations and locations • “Where do you stay/work?” • “What do you work as?” • List of selected occupations
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers and numerals (<10) • Days of the week
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shopping • Talking to a salesperson • Asking for merchandise • Simple bargaining • Numbers and numerals (>10)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talking on the phone • Asking someone out • Arranging for a meeting
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mealtime phrases • Talking to a waiter • Ordering meals • Asking for the bill • Selected list of food and drinks