



Foreign Languages

Code: ARAB-111

Title: Introduction to the Arabic

Credit Hours: 03

Objectives:

The aim of this course is to provide students with a basic knowledge of Arabic, which is common to the entire Arabic-speaking part of the world and not specifically associated with any given country or region. The course covers grammar and essential vocabulary and focuses on the four language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing), aiming to enable students to communicate in everyday situations

Course Contents

- Introduction to the Arabic language
- Alphabet and pronunciation
- Introducing oneself: name, nationality, profession
- Forming simple sentences
- Male and female forms
- Talking about one's family
- Feminine words
- Demonstratives (What's this?)
- Talking about one's work
- Plural forms
- Describing things
- Everyday objects (Whose is this?)
- Possessive endings
- Making polite requests
- The indefinite and definite articles
- 'Sun and moon letters'
- Describing places, time, days, months, colors etc.
- Asking questions (Where? How? What? etc.)
- Prepositions
- Introduction to dialect features
- The idafa construction
- Forming more complex sentences
- Describing one's town
- Writing and listening activities
- Overview and progress test

Recommended Books:

- Wightwick, J. and Gaafar, M. (2014). *Mastering Arabic 1* (3rd ed.). London: Palgrave Macmillan.

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- Alif Baa with DVDs. Introduction to Arabic Letters and Sounds, 2nd ed. By Brustad et al.
- Al-Kitaab fii Taallum al-Arabiyya with DVDsc. A Textbook for Beg Arabic: Part 1, 2nd ed. by Brustad et al.
- Understanding Arabs: A Contemporary Guide to Arab Society, 5th edn., by Margaret Nydell; Nicholas Brealey Publishing, 2012