Syllabus: Arabic-130  
Summer-2020  
Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic

Instructor: Muhammad Aziz, Ph.D.  
Office Hours: by appointment

Course Materials:
1. Al-Kitāb, part II by Brustad et al.  
2. Modern Standard Arabic Grammar by Mohammad T. Alhawary  
3. A Dictionary of Modern Written Arabic by Hans Wehr

Course Description:
This course is a continuation of al-Kitāb series. After the assimilation of part I, the student should be ready to embark on part II to enhance what he/she has already gained and to also build up the necessary skills in order to be able to identify key issues such as grammar and structures in the process of language learning. The focus of this book is on the reading skill which requires a full understanding of the vocabulary items before the first reading of the text. There will be listening exercises too which commensurate with the other skills and will eventually help in strengthening the overall purpose of the course. Students are required to attend daily and fully prepared. Unlike the first year, which was focusing on the listening skills of the main text, the second year needs some extra efforts to manage the reading texts which are full with new vocabulary. Course evaluation is based on daily participation, uninterrupted homework assignments, weekly quizzes, oral presentations, written essays, monthly Tests.

Course Requirements:

Homework:  
Students should come to class everyday fully prepared and having carefully completed all homework assignments. Students are expected to keep all handouts and organize them so that they can use them again in the future. Remember that your homework is an important part of your grade. Home assignments, which are turned in late, are not OK and will not be graded.  

Attendance:  
Attendance is extremely important: every three unexcused absences will lower your participation by one point {instead of having (A), you will receive (A-)}. The only excused absences are: illness (confirmed by a letter from your doctor/hospital) and religious holidays. Make up quizzes or tests are given only in extremely exceptional cases to be decided by the instructor.
**Assistance:**
Students are encouraged to see the instructor during office hours for extra help or to discuss issues related to the course.

**Statement of academic Integrity**
Students must avoid any academic dishonesty. If students quote from sources, they must cite these fully (name of author, publishing house, year of publication, and page number). The quotation should be clearly indicated. **Using Sources:** Please follow the link:

[http://ctl.yale.edu/writing](http://ctl.yale.edu/writing)

**Grading System:**
- Participation: 15%
- Homework: 15%
- Quizzes: 20%
- Tests: 20%
- Oral Presentations: 15%
- Written projects: 15%

**Grading scale:**
- A 95-100
- A- 90-94
- B+ 87-89
- B 83-86
- B- 80-82
- C+ 77-79
- C 73-76
- C- 70-72
- D+ 65-69
- D 60-64
- E 00-59