ARBC 140: Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic II/ Summer 2020
Yale Summer Session
Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations/ Yale University

Course Description
ARBC 140 is a course designed for students who have completed the equivalent of three
semesters of Arabic study at Yale (Intermediate Arabic I, ARBC 130) or the equivalent.
Students earn one credit and a half after completion of ARBC 140. The class meets online
five times a week (M through F) for two hours using Zoom. It is assumed that the
students have basic oral skills, familiarity with the grammatical structures covered in two
semesters of Beginner Arabic (Beginner Arabic I and II, ARBC 110/120), in addition to
one course of intermediate (Intermediate Arabic I, ARBC 130). The course emphasizes
continued development in both written and spoken Modern Standard Arabic reinforcing
the previously learned grammar and covering new grammatical concepts. Additionally,
Shami dialect is taught as part of speaking ability.

Instructors
Class time
Sarab Al-Ani M-F 10:00 -12:00

Meeting with the instructor can ALWAYS be arranged by email (sarab.alani@yale.edu).

Textbooks
- Reading Series : (بالقراءة تقدم ) (click here).
- A Dictionary of Modern Written Arabic by Hans Wehr (optional).
- Al-Mawrid by Munir and Rohi al-Ba’labki (optional)

Proficiency Goals
1. Listening and Speaking
- To be able to engage in most straightforward communicative social situations
  where the student feels comfortable in conversing on topics related to his/her
everyday life and personal experiences, as well as issues that relate to the
society (housing, celebrations, immigration, etc.)
- To be able to listen and understand some authentic materials such as TV, movies,
documentaries, songs, etc…

2. Reading and Writing
- To be able to write on topics in forms of essays and personal letters. Students can
  also give their thoughts, opinions and comments on related subjects that they have
learned in the classroom or studied as part of their Homework.
- To be able to read and comprehend authentic texts taken from Arabic Magazines
  and Newspapers.
Class Procedure

Students are expected to spend at least two hours every day preparing for class
If you do not prepare on daily basis and spend at least one hour and a half to two hours every day, preparing for class and doing Homework, you will have a difficult time understanding the language and performing well in the course.

- Always read the Grammar explanation in the textbook as assigned in your schedule. It is your responsibility to study the Grammar on your own before each class. The Instructors will only drill you in class and will not explain the grammatical details except on certain subjects.
- Much – but not all – of the daily Homework is to be done on the Al Kitab companion website and as is assigned daily.

In Class
1. You will be asked in class to demonstrate what you have studied and prepared at home. The instructor will evaluate your performance on vocabulary memorization as well as Grammar preparation.

2. Class time will be used primarily for the purpose of reinforcing the material you have prepared.

3. No English will be allowed in class. This is an attempt to make the classroom an Arabic speaking environment. If you have any questions in English, ask before or after class.

Evaluation

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Weekly Plan

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**Attendance**
- Attendance is mandatory to all Yale Summer Sessions.

**Homework**
- Homework must be completed on the day it is due in order to receive credit.
- Late Homework will not be accepted unless there is a valid excuse (excused absences, emergency, sickness, etc…)
- You receive credit for Homework submission and not for the accuracy of your answers. We want you to learn.
- If your Homework is done poorly the instructor might ask you to redo it, and you will not receive credit unless you redo and submit that Homework.

**Tests**
Students are expected to take all tests and submit all writing on the day they are given. A missed test will NOT be made up, unless a prior arrangement has been made.

**Academic Dishonesty**
The strength of the university depends on academic and personal integrity. In this course, you must be honest and truthful. You are expected to do your own work yourself and not reply on anyone else to do it for you. That been said, you may ask for feedback from your instructor and teaching assistant.

Plagiarism is the use of someone else’s work, words, or ideas as if they were your own. Here are three reasons not to do it:

- By far the deepest consequence to plagiarizing is the detriment to your intellectual and moral development: you won’t learn anything, and your ethics will be corrupted.
- Giving credit where it’s due but adding your own reflection will get you higher grades than putting your name on someone else’s work. In an academic context, it counts more to show your ideas in conversation than to try to present them as sui generis.
- Finally, Yale punishes academic dishonesty severely. The most common penalty is suspension from the university, but students caught plagiarizing are also subject to lowered or failing grades as well as the possibility of expulsion. Please be sure to review Yale’s Academic Integrity Policy.

**Grading scale**

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