

Elementary Modern Standard Arabic

ARBC-110

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Course Description

ARBC 110 is a course designed for students who have no previous background in Arabic. The class meets five times a week 2 hours each session (online). You will learn the Arabic alphabet, basic vocabulary and expressions, basic grammatical structures, and concepts, concentrate on developing listening and speaking skills. By the end of the term, the student will be able to read and write simple Arabic texts and short stories in addition to handling basic interactional skills.

Textbooks & Website

- Alif Baa (third edition, other editions do not apply)
- Al-Kitāb, part I by Brustad et al. (third edition, other editions do not apply)
- [Lingco Website \(Online\)](#)
- A Dictionary of Modern Written Arabic by Hans Wehr (optional)
- Al-Mawrid by Munir and Rohi al-Ba'labki (optional)
- Supplementary materials to be given by the instructor.

Proficiency Goals

1. Communication skills

- To handle basic interactional skills, such as greetings, questions, identification, apologies, shopping, asking/giving directions, daily activities, etc...

- To understand cultural aspects and values in the Arab world which are reflected in the usage and structure of the language.

2. Listening and Speaking

- To hear and produce the Arabic sounds accurately.
- To understand simple everyday conversations, within limited topics.

3. Reading and Writing

- To accurately write sentences and short paragraphs on simple topics.
- By the end of the term, you will write a full paragraph of simple Arabic.

Class Procedure

You are expected to spend at least three hours every day preparing for class. You need to read all the instructions and any information in the books.

If you do not prepare on daily basis and spend at least two and a half hours to three hours every day, preparing for class and doing Homework, you will have a difficult time understanding the language and performing well in the course. This course requires serious commitment and steady work.

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 instructor will only drill you in class and will not spend the time to explain the grammatical details except on certain topics when it is necessary.

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 uptake and Grammar preparation.

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

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

Evaluation

Homework	20%
Participation & attendance	20 %
Quizzes	20%
Exams	20%
Oral presentation	10%
Lingco Website	10%
Total	100%

Notes:

Attendance

- ❖ Students who are absent from THREE class meetings without providing acceptable excuses will be referred to the Committee on Honors and Academic Standing for cut restriction and will have the classroom participation portion of their grade automatically reduced. If you are late for class THREE times (coming in once the teacher starts class, you are automatically marked "late"), they will be counted as ONE absence.
- ❖ Penalty-free/Excused absences are possible when you can present a note from your doctor/dean, or when observing religious holidays. If you are absent due to sudden illness or other emergencies, you must contact your instructor within the day by e-mail, and we will keep a record of it and will take it into consideration at the end of the semester.

Homework

- ❖ Homework must be submitted 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 make mistakes! This is how you will learn. If your Homework is done poorly the instructor will ask you to rewrite it, and you will not receive credit unless you rewrite and submit that Homework.

Tests

- ❖ Students are expected to take all tests on the day they are given. A missed test will NOT be made up unless a prior arrangement has been made or a written note from your doctor.

Statement of 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>

Grading scale

A	95-100
A-	90-95
B+	86-89
B	82-85
B-	78-81
C+	74-77
C	70-73
C-	66-69
D+	62-65
D	58-61
F	00-57