ARABIC 121
ELEMENTARY ARABIC

BULLETIN INFORMATION
ARAB 121: Elementary Arabic (4 credit hours)

Course Description:
Grammar and practical vocabulary necessary for fundamental communication skills. Assumes no prior experience in the language. Offered only in fall.

SAMPLE COURSE OVERVIEW
Welcome to Arabic! This class will introduce the four fundamental language skills of Modern Standard Arabic (Fusha): reading, writing, comprehension and speaking. This class adopts a "proficiency-based" approach, which means we want you to get familiar with these four skills as soon as possible. Modern Standard Arabic is the language of literature and most forms of formal writing, news, business, scholarship, culture, and politics; it contrasts with spoken dialects of which every Arab country has their own. While Modern Standard Arabic is different from spoken colloquial Arabic, much of this vocabulary will be useful for both formal and colloquial languages. As in all language classes, participation, attendance, and homework are particularly important. Also, audio-video materials accompany the textbooks and you are expected to review them regularly. Prepared and in-class oral, written, comprehension, and reading skills will be practiced. In addition to the challenging mechanics of the language, Arab culture will also be introduced.

ITEMIZED LEARNING OUTCOMES
Upon successful completion of Arabic 121, students will be able to:
1. Communicate on a fundamental level orally and in writing, using the Arabic alphabet
2. Recognize, comprehend, and use basic Arabic vocabulary and grammatical concepts in simple sentences
3. Demonstrate a basic understanding of society and daily life in the Arabic-speaking world.

SAMPLE REQUIRED TEXTS/SUGGESTED READINGS/MATERIALS
1. Alif Baa: introduction to letters and sounds (by Kristen Brustad, Mahmoud Al-Batal, and Abbas al-Tonsi, Georgetown University Press); along with CD and DVD 2011.
SAMPLE ASSIGNMENTS AND/OR EXAM

1. **Tests:** There will be Six (6) tests. The first test will cover the alphabet and other material in the Alif textbook. Subsequent tests will cover the material presented in each chapter in the al-Kitab textbook. Tests are designed to measure how well students have learned the vocabulary and grammar of the chapter. After you learn the alphabet and we start al-Kitab, every test will start off with a short original passage pertaining to the “story” (presented in each chapter). The passage will be followed by a series of questions, which you will answer in Arabic. This will test reading comprehension as well as your ability to write.

2. **Quizzes:** Weekly vocabulary quizzes will be given. These quizzes will focus on the new vocabulary in the current unit but also review previous words.

3. **Homework & Participation:** There will be daily written assignments due at the beginning of the next class period. Homework will assist you in mastering the vocabulary, grammar, reading, and comprehension lessons in the chapters and will review the class lesson. This is one of the principal ways for you to increase your aural skills and to develop your accent and proficiency verbally with the language.

4. **Final Exam:** The final will be comprehensive. It will consist of a reading passage discussing the text’s ongoing characters and “story.” The exam will also have a listening comprehension component as well as sections on vocabulary, grammar, and cultural knowledge.

SAMPLE COURSE OUTLINE WITH TIMELINE OF TOPICS, READINGS/ASSIGNMENTS, EXAMS/PROJECTS

**Class 1:** Syllabus overview, Arabic Alphabet, Class Orientation, Questionnaires and Introductions, letters and numbers Greetings, Introductions,

**Class 2:** Unit 1-
Greetings, Introductions, (ي-و-ث-ت-ب-أ-ة) Identifications,
Drill 3: 13

**Class 3:** Unit 2 -
(پ-س-پ-ث-ث) Alphabets’ studying
Drill 2: 27, 3:29

**Class 4:** Short vowels
Drill 35-38, 8:34, 6-7: 35, 10: 38

**Class 5:** Unit 3-
خ ج ح و ي
Drill 8: 57, 3:52, 6:53, 5: 55, 10: 58

**Class 6:** Unit 4
ء أ 66- 70
Numbers
Drill 4: 69, 3:70
Vocab Quiz

Class 7: Numbers
زردة
Drill 11:85, 7: 79, 8:80, 9:84

Class 8: Unit 5
Shadda 92-93
ض ص ش س
Drill 12: p 108, 14: 109, 15: 110

Class 9: Unit 6
Gender in Arabic
ة p: 118-119
ظط
Drill 5: 124, 12: 129, 4: 123, 11: 128
Listening ex 7: 125
Vocab Quiz

Class 10: غ

Class 11: Unit 7
ل ك ق ف
Drill 2: 149, 4: 154, 8: 160
Listening ex 5: 152

Class 12: Unit 8
هن م
Ex 3: 176
Drill 2: 175, 4: 188
ه + ex4: 178
Vocab Quiz

Class 13: قزمه
يا وز
Ex5: 183
Writing practice 184
ام فلأ
Drill 8: 187, 9:187
Listening ex 6:184

Class 14: Unit 9
لا ما فلأ
فر ها و يس بشلا فورنها
Drill 5: 198, 1:196, 3: 197
لصولا قزمه
Listening ex 3:200

Class 15: Unit 10
قروص قم فلأ
Class 16: Writing styles, review on the Alif baa book
Class 17: EXAM on Alif baa
Class 18: Al-Kitaab
  Unit 1
  Grammar: feminine, masculine
  The Nisba Adj
  Ex p:7, 5: 8, 8: 11
Class 19: The definite article
  Ex12-13: 16
  Conversation ex 15
  Reading:18
  12: 15
  Drill 14:17
Class 20: Test # 1
Class 21: Unit 2
  Subject pronouns
  Plural Verb Conjugation pp 27-30
  Ex6: 26
  Story 9: 33
  Listening 11: 36
  Vocabulary Quiz
Class 22: Plural 30-33
  Conversation: 32
  Drill 12: 36, 15: 38
Class 23: Test # 2
Class 24: Unit 3
  Possessive pronouns54-55
  Drill 12: 56, 14: 57, 11: 56
  WRITING 16: 59
  Listening:60
  Vocab Quiz
Class 25: Homework review
  Reading 62
Handout exercises

Class 27: Test # 3
Class 28: Unit 4
   Present tense 74-77
   Drill 13: 79 or 11: 78, 10:78, 12:79
Class 29: Object pronouns
   The Nominal Sentence: 84
   The Verbal Sentence
   Drill 14: 82, 16:85, 17-18: 87
Class 30: Review grammar
   Drill 5: 68, 23 : 89, 21 : 89
Class 31: Test# 4
Class 32: Unit 5
   Definite and Indefinite
   Demonstrative pronouns
   Drill 10 : 101 or 11, 8: 98, 9: 99
   Vocab quiz
Class 33: Numbers 11-100
   حتنلا نيو� Adverbs
   Conversation: 106
   Drill 18: 105, 12-13: 102, 16: 103
   Drill 17: 105 (WRITING)
Class 34: Writing Drill 21: 109
   Listening to Fairuz’ song: 110
   Handouts
   Drill 23: 111
Class 35: Test# 5
Class 36: Unit 6
   ردصملا 121-124
   Drill 8: 125, 7:125
Class 37: More on ردصملا
   Drill 9: 126
   ردصملا 128-130
   Drill 11:130, 12 : 130
Class 38: Drill 17: 133
   Days of the week
   Handout Drills
Class 39: Vocab Quiz
Class 40: Review of the book
   Q&A
   FINAL EXAM according to University exam schedule