

Beginning Arabic I

اللغة العربية (فصل الخريف)

Week ONE

Intro to Arab world and Arabic language

Alphabet letters alef through ghayn

Basic greetings

Week TWO

Arab countries

Alphabet letters fa through ya

Basic greetings

Week THREE

Subject pronouns

Basic objects

Prepositions and interrogatives

Week FOUR

Possessives

Adjectives

Translation exercises

Week FIVE

Idafas

Verb conjugation present tense

Numbers

Week SIX

Class game “Who am I?” (120)

Oral Presentations

Week 7

Continued oral presentations

Week 8

Arabic Verb Chart

Verb conjugation past tense

Week 9

MOVIE NIGHT (ACTFL Convention)

Week 10

Review

Reading exercises

Reading Arabic calligraphy in magazine ads

Course Text:

Introduction to Arabic Language and Culture by Dr. Ramzi Salti

Course reader is available for sale at the Stanford bookstore.

Please note that the textbooks assigned for Level 1 courses are used throughout the language course sequence. Also, where possible, course sequences will remain on the same weeknight with the same instructor.

Grading Options:

You may take the course for a grade, on a C/NC (Pass/No Pass) basis, or for no grade at all. If you decide to opt for a Letter Grade, your grade will be based on attendance and on the homework you submit.

Supplementary Material:

1. Linguastep.com

Interactive Web site designed to accompany *Al-Kitaab*; available for Stanford students on an exclusive basis.

2. Yamli.com

Search the Internet in Arabic and more

2. Al-Arabiyya CD-ROM (on Mac) ZMS 359

Combines sound and picture to introduce the Arabic script and sound system.

3. NISUS Arabic Word Processing ZMS 52

A must for ALL Arabic students!

4. "The Holy Qur'an" on CD at Meyer. ZMS 594

5. The Rosetta Stone: An integrated learning program on CD (ZMS 606)

6. Arabic CDs on Formal Written Arabic

7. Arabic CDs on Formal Spoken Arabic

8. Arabic CDs on different varieties of Spoken Arabic (i.e., Levantine, Egyptian, Saudi, Moroccan)

9. Videotapes on the Arab World, the Middle East, and Islam (available at Green Library Media Center)

Arabic at Stanford Web Page:

<http://www.stanford.edu/group/arabic>

OR: <http://www.stanford.edu/class/arabic/>

AND:

<http://www.stanford.edu/class/arabic/misc/programs/index.html>.

Arabic script web page:

http://www.stanford.edu/dept/lc/arabic/arab_alph2.htm

<http://www.arabacademy.com/download/alphabetwed7introchange5.swf>

Internet Resources:

Catalogue of Internet Resources (including online Arabic courses):

<http://bubl.ac.uk/link/a/arabic.htm>

To write e-mails in Arabic (even if your system does not support Arabic fonts): www.maktoob.com

Online list of Arabic newspapers and television stations: <http://media.fares.net>

To learn about Lebanese singer Fairuz (including song and video clips): www.fairouz.com

To learn all about Egyptian singer Amr Diab, go to www.AmrDiab.net

Al-jazeera News: www.al-jazeera.com

English/Arabic/English Online Dictionary: www.ajeel.com