

Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
Course Profile Spring 2009
First Year Arabic II

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"As a member of the Notre Dame community, I will not participate in or tolerate academic dishonesty."

The Honor code pledge

Course description:

Ahlan wa-sahlan أهلاً وسهلاً and welcome back! In this semester we will continue working on *al-Kitaab*. While emphasis will still be on the proficiency of the language, that is, speaking and listening skills, attention will also be given to reading, writing, morphology and syntax, the use of Arabic dictionary and understanding basic Arabic grammar. Modern Standard Arabic (MSA) will be the main medium of communication in class. You will also be exposed to some aspects of Arab culture, and Arabic literature.

Our class is intended to be interactive and participatory. Preparing all the assignments before class is required. Our mutual commitment is essential component to our class: students commit themselves to work after classroom; likewise the professor is committed to extra help during office hours and other appointments.

On Tuesdays, every student is encouraged to participate in online session with the instructor for Q and A about the class' materials.

Textbooks:

Brustad, et. al, *Al-Kitaab fii Ta`alum al-`Arabiyya: A Textbook for Beginning Arabic* (Part 1; Washington D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 1995).

The Hans Wehr Dictionary (ed. J. Cowan; Ithaca: Otto, 1994).

Course requirements

- I. Full commitment to the Honor Code Pledge
- II. Attendance, preparation, and active participation in all class sessions are essential factor into final grade. Missing two or more classes without official university approval will result in failure.
- III. Daily dictation, drills in class, and assignments handed in on time
- IV. Quizzes (a quiz for each unit of the *Kitaab*) and exams.

Grading

60 % Daily class work, participation, and assignments

40 % Quizzes, tests and exams

Course Schedule

First Week 2-07

Review of Beginning Arabic I: Practicing Grammar found in L1, L2, L3
Focusing on structuring of Noun-Sentence, Noun-Adjective and *idaffa*,
Homework: Practice Noun-Sentence, Noun-Adjective and *idaffa*, Drill 8, p. 76

Second Week 2-14

Review Arabic I, and L 5
Homework: Drill 9, p. 77 with translation

1. L5: Listening and discussing تمرين 2 & المفردات تمرين 1, p. 71 with translation; and تمرين 3 (as much as you can) & read p. 73

Third Week 2-21

1. L 6: Discussing المفردات, تمرين 2 & Watching and discussing the Story, Drill 4
2. Grammar: قواعد : pp. 89-91; تمارين 7 and 8
3. الواجب: تمرين 1 and 6 & compose 5 sentences using المصدر with translation

Fourth Week 2-28

1. L 6: Conversation and expressing purpose, cause and reason & تمارين 10 and complete 7 and 8
2. الواجب: تمرين 9 and 11 with translation & watch/ listen to the Story

Fifth Week 3-06

1. L 6: Conversation on القصة & Reading & Reviewing the Grammar & Drill 12, 17
2. الواجب: complete تمرين 18, and personalize it. Prepare the personalized version for presentation.

Sixth Week 3-13

1. L 7: Listening and & Discussing the new مفردات p. 103, and تمرين 1, 3 and 4
2. Presentation of the HW
3. الواجب: write the new مفردات in ten sentences & Drill 2 with translation

Seventh Week 3-20

1. L 7: Conversation, قواعد: pp. 106-110, Drills 5, 6, 9
2. الواجب: تمرين 5, 7 and 8 with translation

Week Eight, March 24-28 is Mid-Semester Break

Ninth Week 4-03

1. L 7: Discussing القصة, expressing numbers with their objects & drill 10

2. الواجب: الـواجب 11 with translation and 13
1. L 7: Conversation & Listening and Reading drills 12, 13 & الثقافة
2. الواجب: الـواجب personalize القصة (drill 19), and prepare it for presentation

1. L 7: Conversation and Presentation & reading تمرين 15 & تمرين 16
2. الواجب: الـواجب 18 with translation

Tenth Week 4-10

1. Conversation and Presentation & and general review
2. الواجب: الـواجب prepare for Quiz L 7+

1. Quiz L 7+ . الواجب: الـواجب listen and learn the new مفردات of L 8, and write them in ten sentences

Eleventh Week 4-17

1. L 8: Conversation & discussing the new مفردات & تمرين 2 and 3
2. الواجب: الـواجب 1 تمرين with English translation, and as much as you can of تمرين 4 (القصة)
1. L 8: Conversation & الفعل الماضي & تمرين 4
2. الواجب: الـواجب 6 تمرين with translation & Re-memorize the Verbs' chart pp. 130-131

Twelfth Week 4-24

1. L 8: Listening and Discussing القصة, Review المصدر والمضارع والمضارع, drill 7
2. الواجب: الـواجب 8 تمرين & 21 تمرين
1. Discussing the Story & وزن ووزن drill 11 and numbers
2. الواجب: الـواجب 9, 10, 12, 13.
1. Conversation (expressing numbers) & Using of Arabic Dictionary
2. الواجب: الـواجب 12, 13 & prepare to orally present the numbers from 1 to 100.

Thirteenth Week 5-01

1. L8: Listening and discussing story of تمرين 16 & Using Dictionary & presentation
2. الواجب: الـواجب 17 تمارين
1. L8: Conversation & Reading and Writing, تمارين 15 and 20 & using Arabic Dictionary
2. الواجب: الـواجب 19 تمرين with translation
1. L 8: Discussing القصة & reading drill 19 & using Arabic dictionary
2. الواجب: الـواجب Personalize القصة (drill 19) and prepare it for presentation

Fourteenth Week 5-8

COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW

1. L 9: Listening to القصة and discuss its content & Grammar: ليس + جملة اسمية
2. الواجب: الـواجب 7 تمرين with translation & as much of drill 4
1. L 9: Discussing القصة & Ordinal Numbers and Time
2. الواجب: الـواجب 8 تمرين with translation and تمرين 9

Final