



GEO

Study Abroad

SYLLABUS

MODERN STANDARD ARABIC (MSA) 200 (Upper Beginner Level)

Instructor Name: AFIL faculty

Contact Hrs: 120

UO Quarter Credits: 12

Language of Instruction: Arabic

FES, MOROCCO

Course Prerequisite:

MSA 100, Placement test, or Program/Language Coordinator approval

Course Description:

MSA 200 aims at expanding vocabulary and introducing some complex grammatical structures. This course will allow the students to further develop the four skills: Listening, reading, writing and speaking. More focus will be placed on reading comprehension and structure recognition. In this course, the students will learn the next five chapters of *Al-Kitaab Part I*. They will learn vocabulary related to the weather, hobbies, studies, jobs, telling the time, daily schedules, and so on. They will expand their grammar by learning the definite and indefinite, adverbs, fronted predicate, cardinal and ordinal numbers, negations, quantifiers, object pronouns, the superlative, relative clauses type 1, expressions of location, etc. The students will learn how to use the Arabic dictionary. This skill will enable them not only to expand their morphological competence, but to be independent learners as well.

By the end of this course, students are expected to construct grammatically correct sentences. They are also expected to be able to talk about their daily activities, what they did or did not yesterday, last weekend, and so on, what they will or won't do the future. They will also be able to talk about food, hobbies, friendships, places, etc.

Since this course emphasizes authentic reading skills, students will learn how to develop their guessing skills. They will learn how to guess the meaning of words from context and how to understand implied information in a passage. They are expected to do the reading tasks at home and come to class prepared to check their understanding and share their information with their classmates.

The students are expected to come to class prepared. They have to watch the DVD component and do the listening exercises at home. They also have to do the vocabulary and reading exercises beforehand, so that they will be able to practice and communicate in class. They are expected to spend a minimum of ten hours a week outside of class on homework and review. The students will also be required to carry out some written and visual projects.

The students will take a quiz at the end of each of the first five weeks. They will take a final (accumulative) exam by the end of the course.

Course Objectives:

Students who successfully complete this course will:

- Activate the learned vocabulary through a number of interactive activities
- Grasp basic grammatical structures in Arabic
- Read simple, short passages and understand their content with the help of a dictionary
- Read and understand the main ideas of any non-technical text
- Recognize and use formal and informal register in appropriate situations
- Understand how to use and exploit skimming techniques in both reading and listening comprehension
- Research and discuss easy topics pertaining to Arab cultures and history

Method of Evaluation (Grading)

Grading is broken down as follows:

1. Quizzes: 30 %
2. Final exam (written): 30 %
3. Final exam (oral): 20 %
4. Homework: 10 %
5. Attendance & class participation: 10 %

Course Schedule

- Week 1: Placement test
General review
Al-kitaab 1: Lesson: 5
Additional materials
Quiz # 1
- Week 2: Alkitab 1: Lesson: 6
Additional materials
Quiz # 2
- Week 3: Alkitab 1: Lesson: 7
Additional materials
Review Lessons 5-7
Quiz # 3
- Week 4: Alkitab 1: Lesson 8
Additional materials
Quiz # 4
- Week 5: Alkitab 1: Lesson 9
Additional materials
Quiz # 5
- Week 6: Alkitab 1:
Additional materials
General review
Exam

Course Readings

1. *Al-Kitaab fii Ta' allum al-'Arabiyya with DVD 3rd edition: A Textbook for Beginning Arabic: Part One*, Kristen Brustad, Mahmoud Al-Batal, Abbas Al-Tonsi
2. *A Dictionary of Modern Written Arabic*, Hans Wehr

MSA 200 will cover lessons 5-9 from *Al-Kitaab Part I*.

The textbook will be supplemented by additional materials.