



GEO

Study Abroad

SYLLABUS

MODERN STANDARD ARABIC (MSA) 300 (Lower Intermediate Level)

Instructor Name: AFIL faculty

Contact Hrs: 120

UO Quarter Credits: 12

Language of Instruction: Arabic

FES, MOROCCO

Course Prerequisite:

MSA 200, placement test, or Program/Language Coordinator approval

Course Description:

MSA 300 is a lower intermediate course in Modern Standard Arabic (MSA). In this course, the students will be able to study the last four chapters of *Al-Kitaab Part I*. They will develop their lexical competence by learning new vocabulary and learning more about the Arabic morphological system. Thus, they will be introduced to the meanings of some verb forms in Arabic. They will also use their vocabulary knowledge to process difficult reading and listening passage and to guess the meaning of never-seen-before words from context or using morphological rules. They will learn topic-based vocabulary, such as months, colors, parts of the body, and religious celebrations.

The students will also deepen their grammar competence by learning how to identify some complex structures in reading and listening passages and also by using them in speaking and writing. The grammar structures will include the following: relative pronouns, conditionals, comparatives, case endings, the dual, the feminine plural, two of the “six nouns”, subject-verb agreement, some verb patterns, the future and its negation, etc.

Regarding communication and culture, the students will learn how to talk about dates in Arabic. They will be exposed to some interesting parts of Arab history. They will also learn how to talk about both hypothetical and possible situations in the past, present, and future. This course will enable the students to learn about some celebrations in the Arab world, and talk about their own.

Last, but not least, this course will serve as a preparation for the intermediate level. The students will be able to do a solid review of all the previously learnt structure points and lexical items. This review will, hopefully, enable them to have a smooth transition when they start book 2 of *Al-Kitaab* in MSA 400.

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:

- Understand and use basic grammatical rules
- Develop their reading skills through mid-size texts
- Use conversational Arabic in various situations
- Produce short writings about different daily activities
- Give short and concise oral presentations on topics of interest
- Acquire more knowledge about major issues in contemporary Arab cultures

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 Alkitab 1: Lesson 10 Additional materials Quiz # 1
Week 2:	Alkitab 1: Lessons 11 Additional materials Quiz # 2
Week 3:	Review 10-11 Alkitab 1: Lesson 12 Additional materials Quiz # 3
Week 4:	Alkitab 1: Lesson 13 Additional materials Quiz # 4

Week 5: Review Lessons 12-13
Extra material Lesson 1
Quiz # 5

Week 6: Extra material Lesson 2
General review
Final exam

Course Readings

1. *Al-Kitaab fii Ta^callum al-^cArabiyya 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 300 will cover lessons 10-13 from *Al-Kitaab Part I*.

The textbooks will be supplemented by 2 lessons of extra material.