

American University of Kuwait

ARAB. 101 – 01 Elementary Arabic Course
Liberal Arts Bldg. Room: 208
Day& Time: UTR: 9:00-9:50
Office Hours: UTR: 8:00-9:00, UTR 11:00-12:00

Spring 2018
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Office: Liberal Arts 418

Syllabus

Course Description

This course is designed to develop the students' skill in reading and writing basic Arabic texts using Modern Standard Arabic. The course is also intended to provide the students with the essential vocabulary of the Arabic classes, which will enable them to carry out a simple, short conversation in Arabic. To increase the effectiveness of learning the Arabic language, students will gain insight and awareness about Arabic culture that will help them avoid common mistakes arise due to the lack of cultural awareness.

Student Learning Outcomes

Students will:

- Be able to use basic grammar and elementary vocabulary of MSA to carry out beginner level conversations in the Arabic language;
- Write short paragraphs;
- Be able to discuss topics orally and in written form in the Arabic language on basic level;
- Be able to read short texts and summarize the presented material;
- Become familiar with the aspects of the Arabic culture and values.

Method:

The methods to be used in this course are based on the interactive techniques. The most effective method incorporates the communicative techniques in which the students are using and practicing the language as they learn it. Practicing and involvement in the discussion is crucial element of the course necessary to achieve the desired results. Doing the homework is essential for success in the class. Visual aids: (related documentary films), will be introduced .

Textbooks:

Required: Al-Kitaab fi Ta'allum al'Arabiyyah: a textbook for beginning Arabic, Part 1 & Alif Ba' Book

Al-Kitaab & Alif Ba' are available in the AUK Bookstore.

Course Segments:

- a- Mastering the alphabet + conversational activities.
- b- Working on the word level + conversational activities.
- c- Working on the sentence level + conversational activities.

- d- Achieving the short, simple paragraph level + equivalent conversational activity.

Grading

Attendance:

The American University of Kuwait recognizes that class attendance is an important element of students' classroom success. Students are expected to attend all classes, laboratories, and/or required fieldwork. Because excessive absences prevent students from receiving full course benefit, and disrupt orderly course progress, AUK has established the following policy on class attendance:

Any student who misses MORE THAN 15% of the class sessions of any course during a semester should expect to fail, unless s/he submits documented evidence to the course instructor of inpatient medical care, death of an immediate family member, academic instructional activities, or national athletic activities. If excused, students are required to satisfy all coursework due or assigned during their absences, as determined by the course instructor. If a student does not submit documented evidence for her/his absences exceeding the limit, it is the student's responsibility to withdraw from the course by the specified deadline, as indicated on the Academic Calendar. Students who withdraw from a course receive a grade of "W." Students who do not withdraw from a course nor submit supporting documents for excessive absences will receive a grade of "FN" (failure for non-attendance).

“ • Students are required to attend classes. If students miss more than 15% of the course (or the equivalent in the summer semester), the instructor will send an e-mail to the student requesting him/her to withdraw from the course before the official withdrawal deadline. A non- withdrawal from the course means the student will be assigned a grade of "F" by the instructor. Students with a grade of "F" will have to repeat the course at the same level in subsequent semesters. ”

It is essential that students are in class **on time**. If a student comes to class late (after the attendance is taken), he/she will not be allowed to class. Please do not disturb the class. If you leave the class without permission, you will be marked absent and you may not return to the class.

Disability Accommodations:

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If you believe that you need accommodations for a disability, you are requested to contact the Disability Coordinator, Dr. Huda Shaaban, in Career Services and Wellness (Located in next to the Hangout and Registration) to arrange an appointment to discuss your needs. You are

also welcome to contact me to discuss your academic needs. However, since all disability-related accommodations require registration with CSW and are not applied retroactively, you should contact Dr. Huda Shaaban as soon as possible.

Participation: 10%
All students are required to take part in the discussion during the class activities.

Homework: 10%
Students are required to do the homework whether it is a written assignment, or reading preparation for discussion. Late homework papers are not accepted.

Chapter quizzes: 30%

Midterm: 20% (10% Written & 10% Oral)
Covers material studied to that date.

Final: 30% (20% Written & 10% Oral)
Covers all material studied throughout the semester.

Academic Integrity

Plagiarism on any of the writing assignments will result automatically in an F for the course. In addition, an incident report about the student's plagiarism will be sent to Student Affairs and to the Arts and Humanities Division.

Cheating on a quiz/exam will result in a 0. If you help someone during a quiz/exam, both you and that person will receive a 0 for the quiz/exam.

Miscellaneous

Cell phones **must be shut off** before entering the class.

Chatting in the class is not allowed. Any student causes a disturbance in the class will be asked to leave the class.

GradeScale:

A 94-100
A- 90-93
B+ 87-89
B 84-86
B- 80-83
C+ 77-79
C 74-76

C- 70-73
D+ 67-69
D 64-66
D- 60-63
F 0-59
FN 0-59 (Failure for non-attendance)