



**Basic Course Information:**

**Course Prefix/Number:** ARAB 114-01  
**Course Title:** Basic Arabic Language Skills  
**Class Meeting Times:** UTR 11:00 – 11:50  
**Instructional Modality:** Onsite  
**Class Location:** B308

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**AUK Mission Statement:**

The American University of Kuwait is a liberal arts institution dedicated to teaching, learning, and scholarship. The University offers programs that provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary for lifelong learning and professional success. AUK enriches society by fostering an environment that encourages critical thinking, effective communication, personal growth, service, and leadership.

**Department/College Mission Statement:** The Department of Arabic and Foreign Languages aims to develop the skills of students in Arabic, French, and Spanish. It seeks to introduce students to the extraordinarily rich Arabic literary heritage and to develop skills of close reading, critical thinking, and creative writing. It furthermore strives to encourage creativity, analytical skills, and research capacity, as well as to motivate students to become active members of their larger communities.

**Catalog Course Description:** This is a lower-level Arabic language course designed to improve proficiency in the basic Arabic language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The language of instruction is Modern Standard Arabic. The course material deals with various historical, literary, and cultural issues pertinent to contemporary Arab society.

**Course Learning Outcomes:** Upon successful completion of the course, students will reach an intermediate-advanced level of proficiency. Specifically, they will be able to:

1. Listen to Modern Standard Arabic and understand the gist of what is being said as well as most of the details.
2. Speak in Modern Standard Arabic in paragraph-length discourse with few or no errors.
3. Read and understand intermediate-advanced texts of various kinds, including newspaper and magazine articles, short stories, and poetry.
4. Write coherent short essays on various topics, including personal experiences and social issues affecting students.

**Course Delivery/Methodology:**

For this course we will be meeting in-person three days per week. All course material will be posted on Moodle, which can be accessed at [lms.auk.edu.kw](http://lms.auk.edu.kw). All written assignments must also be submitted through Moodle.

**Required Textbook/Required Readings:**

Al-Kitaab fi Ta'allum al-'Arabiyya, Part Two

Other course materials will also be made available periodically during the semester.

**Evaluations and Grading:**

<b>Evaluation Type</b>	<b>Weight</b>	
Participation (including presentation)	20%	
Quizzes	20%	
Papers	30%	
Midterm Exam	10%	
Final Exam	20%	Week of 19 – 23 Jan.
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	

### **AUK Official Grading Scale:**

<b>Letter Grade</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>University Points</b>
A	94-100	4.0
A-	90-93	3.7
B+	87-89	3.3
B	84-86	3.0
B-	80-83	2.7
C+	77-79	2.3
C	74-76	2.0
C-	70-73	1.7
D+	67-69	1.3
D	64-66	1.0
D-	60-63	0.7
F	0-59	0.0

### **AUK Attendance Policy:**

Any student who misses more than 15% of class sessions of any course during a semester should expect to fail, unless she/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 absence as determined by the course instructor. If a student does not submit documented evidence for her/his absence 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).

### **Code of Academic Honesty and Integrity:**

Upon admission to the American University of Kuwait, students agree to act responsibly in all areas of academic, personal and social conduct and to take full responsibility for their individual and collective action. Such regulations are found in the American University of Kuwait Catalogue, Student Handbook, and the AUK website at [www.auk.edu.kw](http://www.auk.edu.kw). Any question of interpretation regarding the code of academic honesty and Integrity shall be reported to the appropriate academic dean. The Code shall be reviewed annually at the discretion of the academic deans. Any student or student organization found to have committed the cited violations or misconduct, either on or off campus, is subject to the disciplinary sanctions outlined in adjudication procedures.

### **Plagiarism:**

The term "plagiarism" includes, but is not limited to, an attempt of an individual to claim the work of another as the product of his or her own thoughts regardless of whether that work has been published. Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to, quoting improperly or paraphrasing text or other written materials without proper citation on an exam, term paper, homework, or other written material submitted to an instructor as one's own work. Plagiarism also includes handing in a paper to an instructor that was purchased from a term paper service or downloaded from the Internet and presenting another person's academic work as one's own. **Plagiarism will result in a 0 on the assignment.**

## **Cheating:**

The term “cheating” includes but is not limited to, copying homework assignments from another student; working together with another individual on a take-home test or homework when not approved by the instructor, looking at and/or copying text, notes or another person’s paper during an examination when not permitted to do so. Cheating also includes the giving of work information to another student to be copied and/or used as his or her own. This includes but is not limited to giving someone answers to exam questions either when the exam is being given or after having taken an exam; informing another student of specific questions that appear or have appeared on an exam in the same academic semester; giving or selling a term paper, report, project or other restricted written materials to another student. **Cheating will result in a 0 on the exam.**

## **Academic Support:**

Learning Support Services focuses on empowering students to become independent and successful learners by developing their literacy skills, enhancing their understanding, and helping them improve their academic and study skills. Learning Support Services is comprised of two centers: the Tutoring Center and the Writing Center. The Tutoring Center provides free academic support in various subjects to AUK student. Email: [tutoringcenter@auk.edu.kw](mailto:tutoringcenter@auk.edu.kw).

The Writing Center provides multilingual support (English, Arabic, French, and Spanish) through individual or small-group consultations. Email: [writingcenter@auk.edu.kw](mailto:writingcenter@auk.edu.kw)

## **Disability Accommodations:**

AUK provides equal and inclusive educational environment in order to enable all students to meet and perform requisite academic standards and to participate in the opportunities and activities of its community. If you believe you can benefit from accommodations for a learning, physical, or mental health disability, [click here to book a session through the Counseling Center/Disability Services Booking Page](#), to ask about disability services at AUK, initiate an accommodation plan, or receive disability services. You can also email [counseling@auk.edu.kw](mailto:counseling@auk.edu.kw) if you need assistance in booking a session.

**Course Policies/Student Responsibilities:** All submitted work should be individual. However, collaborative work is encouraged for the presentations.

**Late and Missing Work Policy:** Not accepted.

**Make-Up Work Policy:** None.

## **Communication Policy:**

Please be sure to use your official AUK email account, write your full name, and indicate which class and section you are taking when you send me an email. If you have a question, please check the syllabus first and if your question is not answered there, then please feel free to send an email and I will be happy to clarify. I respond to questions via email within 24 hours of receiving them; if I do not respond within 24 hours, please re-send the email. Please note I normally respond by 6 pm Sunday – Thursday. Emails sent on weekends will be responded to on Sunday.

### Technology Issues:

All assignments must be submitted through Moodle. However, you may experience trouble submitting an assignment due to technology or internet issues. If such a situation does arise and you are unable to submit your assignment through Moodle, please send me an email at [rfarrin@auk.edu.kw](mailto:rfarrin@auk.edu.kw) and include the **completed** assignment. Please make sure that you email me the assignment **before** the deadline as this documents that you did finish everything by the due date and time, but that you just had a technology issue. This will ensure that your assignment will be accepted, and you will not get a 0. Once the technology or internet issue is resolved, please upload the assignment to Moodle. In general, always be sure to frequently save your files and keep backups of your assignments.

### Course Schedule:

Week	Topic	Assignments and Readings
1		
2		Travel; Ibn Battuta
3		
4		Arab media
5		
6		Role of university
7		
8		<b>Midterm</b>
9		Figures in modern Arabic literature
10		
11		Film: "The Message"
12		Women's movement
13		
14		<i>1001 Nights</i> ; Islamic social history
15	<b>Review</b>	
16	<b>Final Exam Week</b>	<b>Final Exam</b>

### Syllabus Changes:

There may be changes to the schedule and syllabus during the semester. When this happens, I will inform you in class and over email.