



American University of Kuwait  
ARAB 215 – Arabic Composition  
Spring Semester 2023  
Building G

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## **Syllabus**

### **AUK Mission Statement**

The American University of Kuwait is a liberal arts institution based on the American model of higher education. It is dedicated to providing students with knowledge, self-awareness, and personal growth experiences that can enhance critical thinking, effective communication, and respect for diversity. AUK seeks to create leaders and lifelong learners who aspire to the highest standards of moral and ethical responsibility in their societies.

### **Course Description and Goals**

This course is designed to develop Arabic reading and writing skills of native Arabic speakers – with English curricula education - Students develop these skills by reading a variety of literary texts (Poetry and Prose) from various ages.

The language of instruction is Modern Standard Arabic.

### **Course Delivery/Methodology:**

For this course Arab 215 we will be meeting in-person two days per week and material will be presented through lectures. All course material Reader 1,2,3 will be posted on Moodle, which can be accessed at website. You will be completing the following evaluations for this course: essays (6), presentation, Comprehension, and two long essays. To successfully complete this course, you must do the presentation due dates and times, and avoid other students subjects they chosen.

### **Textbooks**

Reader 1,2,3 available on Zoom

## **Grading**

Attendance	10%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attendance to class begins from day one.</li><li>• Students are allowed 3 unexcused absences.</li><li>• For each additional absence over 3 absences, 3 point will be deducted up to a total of 10 points.</li><li>• If you leave the class, you are marked absent and may not return to the class.</li><li>• If you are late more than 5 minutes for the course may be marked late. If marked late, three late appearance will equal one absence.</li><li>• If you are late to class 20 minutes, you are marked absent and may not be permitted to enter the class.</li></ul>	
Participation and attending Arabic events	10 %
Class work (5 papers)	25 %
Presentation	20 %
Exam 1	20 %
Exam 2 (long essay)	25 %

### **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:**

From the AUK Academic Catalog, p. 65:

“Any student who misses MORE THAN 15% of the class sessions of any course during a semester should expect to receive an (FN), 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 should expect to 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.

**Cheating:**

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

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.

### **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:**

Disability services include identifying strategies to accommodate the learning requirements of students with disabilities. The Counseling Center at AUK offers services that include personal counseling and disability services. Their mission is to support students as they overcome what inhibits their success and prepare them for lifelong learning and development. For questions regarding accommodation

### **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 (Class ###, DAY / TIME section) 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 or posted on the discussion forum within 24 hours of receiving them; if I do not respond within 24 hours, please re-send the email. Please note I normally respond during these working hours: TRU. 8.00-10.00 am. Emails sent on weekends will be responded to on Sunday.

### **Reading List:**

1. Ghasan Kanafani (Ardh Albortoqal Alhazeen)
2. Yousef Idrees (Qaa Almadeenah)

### **Miscellaneous**

**Cell phones must be turned off** before coming to class.

Bring a pen/pencil to class. Repeated failure to do so will detract from the Participation portion of your grade.

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Student Acknowledgment of Receipt and Understanding of Syllabus

I \_\_\_\_\_, Student ID \_\_\_\_\_, have

Received and understood the syllabus for ARAB 215. I agree to abide by the policies

Stated therein and to accept the consequences if I fail to do so.

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Signature

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Date