

**University of Georgia, Department of Religion**  
ARAB 1002: (92-061/22-063) II. 4 hours.

**Spring Semester 2009**

<i>Class Schedule &amp; Location</i>	Group A: 92-061 MW 2:30-3:20 & TR 2:00-2:50, 201 Peabody Group B: #22-063 MW 3:35-4:25 & TR 3:30-4:20, 201 Peabody
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**Course Description and Objective:**

Welcome to ARB 1002 class. This is the Spring Semester of the University of Georgia. This course is designed to introduce you to the Modern Standard Arabic (MSA) Language and cultures of the Arabic-speaking world. Language acquisition skills will be taught using a communicative and student-centered approach. The course is a combination of lecture, discussion, exercises and communicative language activities.

**Text Books:**

- 1) *ألف باء: مدخل إلى حروف العربية و أصواتها* [Alif Baa: Introduction to Arabic Letters and Sounds] by Kristen Brustad et al, Second Edition, (Georgetown University Press, Washington D.C., 2004) New Edition;
- 2) *ألكتاب في تعلم العربية الجزء الأول* [Al-Kitaab fii Ta'allum al-<sup>c</sup>Arabiyya: A Textbook for Beginning Arabic, Part One], by Kristen Brustad et al, Part One, Second Edition, (Georgetown University Press, Washington D.C., 2004), New Edition.

**3. Internet Resources:**

The Arabic Press – Daily News: Al-Jazeera Arabic Satellite: [www.aljazeera.net/](http://www.aljazeera.net/) and <http://www.arabia.com/>; The Countries and Peoples of Arabia: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/arabic/news/>; <http://www.arabicclass.com/> <http://verlaine.byu.edu/nmelrc/arab101/ArabicMaterialIndex.html> (password: cedar)

**4. Dictionaries**

- 1) *A Dictionary of Modern Written Arabic.* (Arabic-English) Hans Wehr. Ithaca, NY: Spoken Language Services, Inc., 1994.
- 2) *The Concise Oxford English-Arabic Dictionary.* (English-Arabic) Ed. N.S. Doniach, New York: Oxford University Press, Inc. 1982.

**Class format & activities**

The motto of the class is 'students first' for knowledge, skills, and performance. That means students will earn a grade that they deserve not by mere attending but by active participation in the class. The ultimate goal of this course is to enable you to apply Arabic to the many purposes for which you have decided to learn the language. Remember, to learn a language is to acquire and develop a skill, like swimming or riding a bicycle. **The more you practice, the faster you learn and the more proficient you become.**

We will use the "teaching for proficiency" model, learn a language by actively practicing and using it repeatedly, in order to master the four language skills mentioned above and infuse it all with cultural content. That means the class will be **interactive**, with many (small and simple at first) conversations, reading, writing, and listening. Class communication and exchanges of ideas will be in both Arabic and English, with emphasis on the first option. This is not a translation type of class,

but an everyday useful language class in which the role of the instructor is to guide and facilitate the learning process of the class. As such, homework and class work receives heavy emphasis in this course.

**Goals of the class:** Continue towards fluency in Arabic using all structures such as vocabulary, sentence construction, comprehension, reading, writing, and grammar. Through the five basic skills of listening, speaking, reading, writing, and cultural knowledge, students will acquire **basic knowledge and understanding** of the language and culture.

**Method:** In-class reading and recitation from texts including vocabulary and verb conjugations will be part of class activities. Emphasis will be given in Arabic in the class conversation, while English will continue to be means of explanation of topics and definitions.

**Assignments, Homework, and tests:**

**CD work:** It is required that students use the CDs that come with the textbooks at least an hour a day!!!

**Homework:** All homework will be on a *done/not done* basis and must be submitted on Thursday. Late homework will not be accepted. Students are responsible to do homework during the weekend which we will go over in class the following days, and review the homework to prepare for tests and quizzes.

**Students are responsible to:**

- Prepare thoroughly for class at home, and then participate actively in the class.
- There will be very little lecturing in the class.
- As the class begins, form groups of 2 or more and start focusing on the lessons that you studied at home.
- You don't need to stick to the same group every day, switch around for change.

(Often during the semester, I will ask you about yourself and your family as a way to practice listening and speaking in Arabic to ensure that you try to answer these questions accurately. Talking about your real life, expressing your thoughts, and listening to your classmates will make class far more interesting. If at some point you would prefer not to answer a question based on your own experiences, you should feel free to give a fictional answer. The goal is to use the target language as much as possible.)

**Please note, experience suggest that:**

- Everyone can produce Arabic sounds accurately, but that has to be sought at all times;
- All language skills are important and they reinforce each other;
- Arabic language is rich in verities, both formal and spoken;
- Each verity embraces its part of the culture;
- Students need to learn both formal and spoken verities;
- It takes several repetitions in order to identify the sound and several more to produce the sound.

**Chapter test:** See the class schedule for chapter tests. Chapter tests should take 10-15 min of class time. The test will be on dictation from the text, grammar, vocabulary, homework, and other aspects of lessons. Quizzes/pop-quizzes will be given as needed basis without notice. Students must always be prepared for pop-quizzes on any day of the week.

**Midterm:** Midterm test is scheduled for March 5, 2009 (See the class schedule).

**Final:** The date and time for the Final exam is scheduled by the Registrar's Office and coordinated by the Department. (See the class schedule).

**Note:** No other arrangements can be made. The material covered in this course builds upon everything in Arabic that has been covered previously, both in the previous class/es and earlier in the semester. Hence it necessitates and presupposes an active knowledge of previously covered material. As a result students should be reviewing material covered previously throughout the course. Similarly, the final exam will be comprehensive and cumulative. In other words, although the focus of the final exam will be on material covered since the midterm, it will also cover everything taught since the beginning of the semester and may even include material taught in the previous class/es.

**Composition of grade:**

Your final grade points will be determined as shown in the charts below:

(a) System of Evaluation:

Midterm	20%	Homework	10%
Final	20%	Class Attendance	10%
Chapter Test & Quizzes	40%	Total	100%

(b) Letter-to-Number Grade Scale:

Letter	Number	Letter	Number	Letter	Number
A	93-100	A-	90-92	-	-
B+	87-89	B	83-86	B-	80-82
C+	77-79	C	73-76	C-	70-72
D	60-69	F	< 60		

**Make-up tests:**

Make-up tests are only possible with a “reasonable” excuse. *NOTE: the professor will have the final word whether the excuse is “reasonable” or not.* The course syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations announced to the class by the professor may be necessary.

**Academic Honesty:**

This course will abide strictly by the standards of academic honesty set forth in the University of Georgia publication “a culture of honesty” Policy on academic honesty.

**Calendar**

The attached calendar is tentative, but serves as guideline. Necessary changes may be made in course of the Semester and will be communicated to you on weekly basis. You are expected to follow it unless instructed otherwise.

**Disclaimer**

Any material in any format, whether written, audio or video and which we will be exposed to in the class **do not** necessarily reflect the instructor’s opinion or belief. The materials that will be used are SOLELY for educational purposes.

**The Americans with Disabilities Act**

Students with disabilities needing accommodations such as special test arrangements, note taking, taped textbooks, tutoring; equipment, etc. please contact your instructor and/or the Disability Resource Center in the College Center room 230, phone No. 957-4646.

ARAB 1002: Academic calendar, Class schedule and activities: Spring, January – May 2009.  
(Tentative schedule) from الكتاب، الجزء الأول

<i>Weeks &amp; Dates</i>	<i>Days</i>	<i>Chapter and Class Activities</i>	<i>Assignments</i>
(1) Jan. 8, 2009 Thursday	M	<b>Class begins 1/8/09; syllabus &amp; HW</b>	HW, assigned on Thursdays.
	T		
	W		
	Th		
(2) Jan. 12-15/09	M	<b>6- أنا خالد</b> القصة و المفردات و الجمل	
	T		
	W		
	Th		
(3) Jan. 19-22	M	M. L. King Jr. Day, 1/19, no class	
	T	القواعد: المصدر و لماذا؟ القراءة و الثقافة	
	W		
	Th		
(4) Jan. 26-29	M	<b>7 - أنا أكبرهم</b> القصة و المفردات و الجمل	
	T		
	W		
	Th		
(5) Feb. 2-5	M	القواعد: ل و عند و مع + الضمائر الجملة الإسمية و كان و كم؟ 10-1	
	T		
	W		
	Th		
(6) Feb. 9-12	M	القراءة و الإستماع و الثقافة	
	T		
	W		
	Th		
(7) Feb. 16-19	M	<b>8- المستقبل للتجارة</b> القصة و المفردات و الجمل	
	T		
	W		
	Th		
(8) Feb. 23-26	M	القواعد: الفعل الماضي، نفي الماضي، دراسة الفعل و الجذر و الوزن و القاموس و الأعداد 100-11	
	T		
	W		
	Th		
(9) Mar. 2-5	M	القراءة و الإستماع المراجعة: للإمتحان	
	T		
	W		
	Th		

(10) Mar. 9-12	M	Spring Break, March 9-13 No class 😊	
	T		
	W		
	Th		
(11) Mar. 16-19	M	9- جد تي توقظني في السادسة و النصف القصة و المفردات و الجمل	
	T		
	W		
	Th	Chapter Test	
(12) Mar. 23-26	M	القواعد: ليس + الجملة الاسمية ، الأعداد الترتيبية و كم الساعة ؟	
	T		
	W		
	Th		
(13) Mar. 30-Apr. 2	M	القراءة و الإستماع	
	T		
	W		
	Th		
(14) Apr. 6-9	M	10- بيت العائلة القصة و المفردات و الجمل	
	T		
	W		
	Th	Chapter Test	
(15) Apr. 13-16	M	القواعد: المضارع المنصوت ، إلى/على+الضمائر، ضمائر النصب	
	T		
	W		
	Th		
(16) Apr. 20-23	M	القراءة و الإستماع و المراجعة	
	T		
	W		
	Th	Chapter Test	
(17) Apr. 27-30	M	11- أشعر بالخجل أحيانا القصة و المفردات و الجمل	
	T		
	W		
	Th	Monday class schedule	
(18) May 4-8	M	Final exam: (#92061) May 4, Monday, 3:30-6:30	
	T		
	W	Final exam: (#22063). May 6, Wed., 3:30-6:30	