

**Department of Modern Language & Literature
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Intermediate Arabic 202
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- Al Sayed Ahmad, Maysoon , *Arabic for Non- Native Speaker* , Arabic 202
- Al Sayed Ahmad, Maysoon, *Arabic for Non- Native Speaker*, workbook Arabic 202

❖ Course Description

This is the fourth semester of Modern Standard Arabic. This course provides continuation of communicative competence in speaking, listening comprehension, reading and writing at an intermediate level with attention to cultural awareness. Emphasis is placed on intermediate skills in speaking, reading, writing, and comprehension of spoken language.

❖ Course Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

Listening:

Able to understand sentence-length utterances which consist of recombination of learned utterances on a variety of topics. Content continues to refer primarily to basic personal background and needs, social conventions and somewhat more complex tasks, such as lodging, transportation, and shopping. Additional content areas include some personal interests and activities, and a greater diversity of instructions and directions. Listening tasks not only pertain to spontaneous face-to-face conversations and some deliberate speech, such as simple announcements and reports over the media. Understanding continues to be uneven.

Speaking:

Able to handle successfully a limited number of interactive task-oriented and social situations. Can ask and answer questions, initiate and respond to simple statements and maintain face-to-face conversation, although in a highly restricted manner and with much linguistic inaccuracy. Within these limitations, can perform such tasks as introducing self, ordering a meal, asking directions, and making purchases. Vocabulary is adequate to express only the most elementary needs. Strong interference from native language may occur. Misunderstandings frequently arise, but with repetition, the Intermediate-Low speaker can generally be understood by sympathetic interlocutors.

Reading:

Able to read consistently with increased understanding simple connected texts dealing with a variety of basic and social needs. Such texts are still linguistically noncomplex and have a clear internal structure. They impart basic information about which the reader has to make minimal suppositions and to which the reader brings personal interest and/or knowledge. Examples may include short, straightforward descriptions of persons, places, and things written for a wide audience.

Writing:

Able to meet limited practical writing needs. Be able to write short, simple letters. Content involves personal preferences, daily routine, everyday events, and other topics grounded in personal experience. Expressing present time or at least one other time frame or aspect consistently, e.g., non past, habitual, imperfective. Evidence of control of the syntax of noncomplex sentences and basic inflectional morphology, such as declensions and conjugation. Writing tends to be a loose collection of sentences or sentence fragments on a given topic and provides little evidence of conscious organization can be understood by natives used to the writing of non natives.



No phone allowed during the class time under any circumstances

❖ **Attendance- 10%:**

➤ **Attendance:** Students are expected to attend all classes. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each class. You can have 3 absences in the semester, but starting the fourth one, each additional absence will cause 1 point to be deducted from your overall grade. Students who miss more than 12 classes will not be allowed to take the final exam.

Bonus: If you attend every class through this semester, you will receive up to 6 points on your final grades.

❖ **Homework Assignment - 50%**

Students are responsible for completing every homework assignment on time. Homework assignments will be POSTED ON CANVAS. All homework will be *due the next class meeting* after it is assigned. Late homework will receive partial credit.

Work book will be collected once or twice a month to be corrected and graded.

Preparation: Preparation before class is extremely important for being able to follow the class.

Please be aware that your reading in the class out loud and answering questions or asking in Arabic will be count as a part of your participation points. You will do assignments and *tasks in class*. *You will either be assessed individually or in groups. These in-class assessments are to make sure that you prepare before class and that you understand the material after lecturing.* Therefore, always be prepared.

The following grading scale will be used to grade homework:

(9-10) points = A

(7-8) points = B

6 points = C

5 and below = F

That is equal if the homework worth 20% or 50%, etc.

❖ **Participation + reading 10% & class project 10%**

Active participation will add points in this section. Students will have opportunity to present dialogues and texts to the class. Students are encouraged to speak Arabic during the class.

Individual Project-5%: You choose any of the subjects you have learned during the semester to be presented through a videotape or PowerPoint or any other way to have your project shown. The project will be graded according to a rubric provided and discussed in class ahead of time. You will provide a written text for your performance to be turned in after your presentation.

Group Project – 5%: in the mid of the semester the students will choose their work group to act out one of topics and design their Costume, poster or any strategy to present their work.

❖ **Monthly Quizzes %60 and vocabulary dictation - 20%**

Monthly quizzes are expected, and the content is accumulative. Quizzes will be given every Month at the beginning of the class. You will be tested on what we have learned in previous classes. The purpose of the quizzes is to keep you current with the course material.

Make-ups for missed exams will be given only when the absence was due to a documented medical (this means you must have a signed note saying you were physically unable to attend class) or documented personal emergency. If possible, consult with the instructor *before* the absence.

Vocabulary dictation: in the end of each reading passage you will be dictated with the verbs list listed in the of the chapter.

❖ **Final Examination—40%**

Final examination will cover all course material.

There is No makeup Final exam.

❖ **Disability or Health Related Issues**

Students with a disability or a health related issue who need a class accommodation should speak with me as soon as possible.

Note: This course syllabus is a general plan for the course. Deviations announced to the class by the instructor may be necessary.

❖ **Grading**

The grades will correspond to the following numerical standard:

200 - 180	A		139- 130	C
179- 160	B+		129- 110	D
159-150	B		109	F
149- 140	C+			

التقويم/الواجب	الموضوع- Subject	اليوم- Day	الأسبوع/Week
Book HW pg. 2-10	مراجعة (2-10) Review	الاثنين 1\12	Week 1
	Review	1\14	
	Review	1\16	
Holiday	Martin Luther King Day	الاثنين 1/19	Week 2
Dictation	قراءة + حل اسئلة	1\21	
BHW	تمارين	1\23	Week 3
Writing	الأشهر الميلادية	1\26	
	الكتابة	1\28	
HW pg 27-28	قواعد العدد	1\30	Week 4
	قواعد العدد	2\2	
	قواعد العدد	2\4	
HW pg 31-32	كان و أخواتها	2\6	Week 5
	كان و اخواتها	2\9	
	أصدقائي و هواياتهم	2\11	
Dictation	القراءة	2\13	Week 6
	Quiz 1	الاثنين 2\16	
BHW 37-40	حل تمارين الكتاب	2\18	
	الهوايات	2\20	Week 7
Writing	المُحادثات و الكتابة	2\23	
	الكتابة	2\25	
	في المَطار	2\27	Week 8
	Spring break		
	القراءة	3/9	Week 9
BHW	حل تمارين الكتاب	3/11	
Dictation	Page 46	3/13	
	Quiz 2	الاثنين 3/16	Week 10
	تمارين و قواعد	3/18	
	إنّ و اخواتها	3/20	
BHW	حل تمارين	3/23	Week 11
	حل تمارين	3/25	
	Arab Culture Night 4rth Annual 26/3		
	شاعر من دمشق	3/27	Week 12
Dictation	القراءة	3/30	
BHW	حل تمارين الكتاب	الأربعاء 4\1	
	الأسماء الموصولة	الجمعة 4\3	Week 12
	حل تمارين	الاثنين 4\6	

	سوق الحميدية القراءة	الاربعاء 4\8 الجمعة 4\10	Week 13
	Quiz 3	الاثنين 4\13	
Dictation	حل تمارين	الاربعاء 4\15	Week 14
BHW	مراجعة القواعد + الجمع	الجمعة 4\17	
	مراجعة	الاثنين 4\20	
	Presentation	الاربعاء 4\22	Week 15
		الجمعة 4/24	

Additional Online Resources :

<http://www.muslimtents.com/learningarabic/home.html>

<http://arabic.speak7.com/>

<http://www.gulfarabic.com/index.php>

<http://www.allahsquran.com/learn>

<http://www.islamopas.com/arabic/elesson1.html>

<http://www.i-cias.com/babel/arabic/05.htm>

<http://arabic.org/>

http://www.arabiccomplete.com/modules_read_learn/read_learn_vowels_2.htm

<http://www.arabacademy.com/en/downloads/arabic-alphabet>