

ARA1131 - BEGINNING ARABIC 2

Spring 2016

Section	Room	Days
4845/ 2 nd period	MAT 103	M-F

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If you are unable to come during my office hours, you may call my office or send an email to arrange for another meeting time. Email is the quickest and most reliable way to reach me.

Textbooks and teaching materials

- Mahdi Alish, **Ahlan Wa Sahlan**, Functional Modern Standard Arabic for beginners, Yale University Press, Second edition, 2010.
- Additional materials (Handouts, practical activities related to the main subjects) will be added in class when needed.
- Materials related to Arabic culture and movies will be added and displayed during the course.

Course Description

This is the second part of a two-semester course designed to provide a solid foundation of beginning standard Arabic. This part of the course will stress on the active use of the language where you will be expected to continue developing proficiency in the four language skills (speaking, listening, reading, and writing).

Class Attendance

Students are required to be physically present in the class. Auditing, recording and video-taping will not substitute your presence. You are allowed a total of **FIVE** excused and unexcused absences. Students are also required to prepare for class and participate. Homework should be submitted on time. **Late submission of homework assignments will not be accepted.** Students are required to take scheduled quizzes, tests and exams on the specified dates. Exams and tests' excused absences must be supported by official medical reports and certificates. Unexcused absences during scheduled tests and exams will result in the loss of 5% of the grade. If, for any reason, you miss a class, please arrange with one of your colleagues to give you his/ her notes and also to collect for you any assignments and handouts that you may miss that day.

Preparation, participation and in-class assignments

Please come fully prepared for class. Learning a language is a process that requires the effort of the student more than anything else. Preparing for class includes knowing the vocabulary of the lesson being studied, listening to the tapes outside of class, reading the explanation of grammar and doing homework on time.

Please notice that in-class assignments are always due in class on the day and session they are given. These are timed assignments and you will not, under any circumstance, be allowed to take them and do them at home. **If you miss any one of these in-class assignments, then you miss it for good.** You need to take in mind that these in-class assignments in addition to physically being present in class and actively engaged in class discussion and activities will, together, make your grades in the attendance column.

Quizzes and Exams

There will be a first-term, mid-term, oral and final exams. In addition, there will be a weekly short quiz. Friday class of every week is reserved for, revision, practice, quizzes and exams. Exams will be cumulative and quizzes are subject(s)-specific.

Grades

The final course grade will be based on the following percentages:

1st Exam	15%
Mid-Term	20%
Final exam	25%
Homework:	15%
In-class assignments, activities and attendance	10%
Quizzes	15%

The course grading and grade points will be as follows:

A	93-100	4.0
A-	90-92.99	3.67
B+	87-89.99	3.33
B	83-86.99	3.0
B-	80-82.99	2.67
C+	77-79.99	2.33
C	73-76.99	2.0
C-	70-72.99	1.67
D+	67-69.99	1.33
D	63-66.99	1.0
D-	60-62.99	0.67
E	less than 60%	0
WF, I, NG, S-U		0

Course Plan (Subject to change)

Week1 Jan 5 th -8 th	Unit 5
Week2 Jan 11 th -15 th	Unit 5 Cont. Weekly quiz 1
Week3 Jan 18 th -22 nd	Unit 6 Weekly quiz 2
Week4 Jan 25 th -29 th	Unit 6 Cont. 1st Test
Week5 Feb 1 st -5 th	Unit 7 Weekly quiz 3
Week6 Feb 8 th -12 th	Unit 7 Cont. Weekly quiz 4
Week7 Feb 15 th -19 th	Unit 8 Weekly quiz 5
Week8 Feb 22 nd -26 th	Unit 8 Cont. Mid-term
Week9 Feb 29 th - March 4 th	SPRING BREAK
Week10 March 7 th -11 th	Unit 9 Weekly quiz 6 Cultural Presentations
Week11 March 14 th -18 th	Unit 9 Cont. Weekly quiz 7
Week12 March 21 st - 25 th	Unit 10 Weekly quiz 8 Cultural Presentations
Week13 March 28 th -April 1 st	Unit 10 Cont. Weekly quiz 9
Week14 April 4 th -8 th	Unit 11 Weekly quiz 10 Cultural Presentations
Week15 April 11 th -15 th	Unit 11 Cont. Weekly quiz 11
Week16 April 18 th - 20 th	Final Test

Holidays (No classes)

January 18: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 27 - March 5: Spring Break