

ARA2221 - INTERMEDIATE ARABIC 2
Spring 2016

Section	Room	Days
4650 / 3 rd period	MAT 011	M-TH
4667 4 th period	MAT 118	M-TH

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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.

Course Description

This course continues the study of Arabic language at the intermediate level, building on ARA 2220. It is designed to review and reinforce the use of vocabulary and grammar rules in order for the students to be able to understand and to express themselves orally and in written Standard Arabic with confidence and ease. Emphasis will also be made on developing reading comprehension as well as the listening skills.

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 Objective

The main objective in this class is to enhance students speaking and reading fluency and to advance their skills in dealing with a variety of subjects of intermediate complexity.

Students should be able initiate and sustain conversations; ask and answer questions related to personal needs; read, comprehend, compose, and discuss short Arabic texts on familiar topics and daily life personal and family events.

Classroom policy

Canvas: All assignments, announcements, exercises, study guides, grades and other materials will be posted on the course page on Canvas. It is your responsibility to check the page regularly and keep up with all materials and announcements that will be posted.

Attendance: Student who misses 4 sessions or more without a documented excuse will receive a failing grade. For more details, please refer to the following website:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx#absences>

Late and Make-Up Work: No late work will be accepted or make-ups will be offered unless the student offers a legitimate documented excuse. See **Attendance** above.

Cell phones and other electronic devices must be turned off in the classroom and during quizzes and exams.

Academic Integrity: Academic honesty and integrity are fundamental values of the University community. An academic honesty offense is defined as the act of lying, cheating, or stealing academic information so that one gains academic advantage. Any individual who becomes aware of a violation of the Honor Code is bound by honor to take corrective action. Violations of the honor code include, but are not limited to: plagiarism, cheating, bribery, misrepresentation, fabrication, and conspiracy. Such violations may result in the following: lowering of grades, mandatory 0 on assignments, redoing assignments, a final failing grade in the course, expulsion from the course, referral to the student-run Honor Court. The Honor Code states: “We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.” On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: *On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.* For more information, refer to:

http://www.dso.ufl.edu/Academic_Honesty.html

<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/honorcodes/conductcode.php>

Students with Special Needs: Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office (Disability Resources in Reid Hall). The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation.

Homework

In addition to the book drills, other supplementary homework assignments on the topics taught in class will be given in class. The date each one of these assignment is due will be clearly marked on the paper. I recommend that every student to have a small notebook for the book drills. This notebook will be collected periodically (see below) for checking and grading.

Audio-recording homework assignments

There will be 5 assignments where you will be required to create an audio file of reading passages that will be given to you and send email them to me. After submitting each one of these files, you will be required to come to my office during my office hours to go through your recording and discuss any pronunciation problem that you may have.

Grades

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

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

Grading Scale

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

Weekly Course plan (Subject to change)

Week1 Jan 4 th -8 th	Unit 17 review Unit 18
Week2 Jan 11 th -15 th	Unit 18 Quiz 1
Week3 Jan 18 th -22 nd	Unit 18 Notebook due for collection
Week4 Jan 25 th -29 th	Unit 19 1st Test
Week5 Feb 1 st -5 th	Unit 19 Quiz 2 (Oral)
Week6 Feb 8 th -12 th	Unit 20 Notebook due for collection
Week7 Feb 15 th -19 th	Unit 20 Quiz 3
Week8 Feb 22 nd -26 th	Unit 21 Mid-term
Week9 Feb 29 th - March 4 th	SPRING BREAK
Week10 March 7 th -11 th	Unit 21 Cultural presentations Notebook due for collection
Week11 March 14 th -18 th	Unit 22 Quiz 4 (oral)
Week12 March 21 st - 25 th	Unit 22 Cultural Presentations
Week13 March 28 th -April 1 st	Unit 23 Notebook due for collection
Week14 April 4 th -8 th	Unit 23 Quiz 5
Week15 April 11 th -15 th	Unit 24 Cultural Presentations
Week16 April 18 th - 20 th	Unit 24 Notebook due for collection Final Test

Holidays (No classes)

January 18: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 27 - March 5: Spring Break