

Arabic 011, Summer 2015

Department of Arabic & Islamic Studies
Intensive First Level Modern Standard Arabic (MSA)

Georgetown University

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Welcome to Arabic

Schedule and Location:

MTWRF 8:30– 12:45

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011-Course Description (from the Course Catalog):

This intensive video-based course focuses on developing proficiency in the standard written Arabic language, as well as formal spoken Arabic. It begins with learning of script and phonology, and works rapidly into a wide range of situation-based texts and topics that build vocabulary, grammar, and general communicative competence.

Course Materials:

- 1) Alif Baa: Introduction to Arabic Letters and Sounds,(Third Edition) by Kristen Brustad, Al-Batal&Al- Tonsi. Georgetown University Press. This book comes with DVDS and web companion and we will be using it We use this text for first couple of weeks of class.
- 2) Al-Kitaab fii Ta'alum al-Arabiyya: Part 1(second Edition), by Kristen Brustad, Al-Batal&Al- Tonsi. Georgetown University Press.
- 3) A Dictionary of Modern Written Arabic, by Hans Wehr, edited by J. Cowan.
- 4) Blackboard: to post Announcements, assignments and Emails, so check frequently.
- 5) Handouts.

Course Objective:

By the end of the course you will, in-shaa'a-llaah:

- 1) Have mastered the Arabic alphabet and Sound System, be able to distinguish and pronounce all Arabic sound, and write accurately from dictation.
- 2) Initiate social interactions, ask for basic information, and be aware of basic cultural aspects of social interactions in the Arab World.
- 3) Be able to talk about yourself, your education, your family, weather, student plans, and friends. and to interact with native speakers of Arabic accustomed to interacting with learners.
- 4) Comprehend simple written texts on familiar topics.
- 5) Comprehend simple audio/video texts of familiar topics.
- 6) Be able to compose simple paragraphs about yourself and your family and friends.
- 7) Know about differences between formal and spoken Arabic, recognize both registers.
- 8) Have an active vocabulary of about 300 Arabic words.

