Welcome to Arabic

Schedule and Location:
MTWRF 8:30–12:45
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Course Description:
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.
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.