Short Syllabus

Course Title

Arabic for Beginners (4 credits)

Lecturer

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Semester

Year-long course

Short Description

The course will introduce the student to Modern Standard Arabic (MSA) which is used by Arabic speakers around the world as a formal language for reading, writing and formal circumstances (for example: the news or varied formal settings).

The course aims to teach the basic grammatical rules while providing vocabulary which will allow students to comprehend short texts dealing with daily life, media, literature, poetry, Quraan and more.

The course includes oral expression in MSA as well as listening skills.

A variety of learning tools will be used including news sites, online encyclopedias, songs, films, speeches as well as a variety of written sources. In addition, the students will lead active conversation in the language.

Final grade components

Minor assignments:
Written and Oral Quizzes - 18%
Midterm:
In-class exam - 15% (end of fall semester)
Final requirement:
In-class exam - 55% (end of spring semester)
Participation:
Participation and attendance - 12%

Attendance

Attendance is mandatory. Students are permitted a maximum of three absences without penalty. Any additional absences will affect the final grade and may result in failure of the course.

Academic Conduct

Plagiarism is taken extremely seriously. Any instance of academic misconduct which includes: submitting someone else's work as your own; failure to accurately cite sources; taking words from another source without using quotation marks; submission of work for which you have previously received credit; working in a group for individual assignments; using unauthorized materials in an

exam and sharing your work with other students, will result in failure of the assignment and will likely lead to further disciplinary measures.

Additional requirements

Keep phones turned off while in class.