



Arabic for Beginners

2012-2013

Course Description:

The Arabic language lays the foundation for students to use Arabic effectively as a means of practical communication. There is a strong emphasis on Arabic as a foreign language of choice in diplomacy, finance, travel, politics and law. Students will have good understanding of the geographic location of Arabic speaking countries throughout the Middle East and an overview of their culture and history. Arabic puts emphasis on the student in the world that surrounds him. The study of Arabic will encourage the students to develop good ideas about the culture of the Middle East and will provide skills needed to facilitate studies of more than language.

Course Content:

Unit 1. Greeting and Expressions of courtesy

Formal and Informal

Morning and afternoon

Boys and Girls Names

Unit 2. Classroom objects and commands

Supplies and Resources

Actions

Computers and Peripherals

Unit 3. Numbers

Currency and prices

Numbers from 1 to 100

Number operations

Shapes

Time

Dates and days

Unit 4. Geography

Places and location

Weather

Maps

Cities, States, Countries

Regions and characteristics

Unit 5 The house

Rooms

Objects

Actions

Unit 6 Family

Family members

Body Parts

Relationships

Communications

Weddings, Family celebrations and holidays

- Unit 7 Animals
 - Domestic animals
 - Farm animals
 - Animal habitats
- Unit 8 Occupations
 - Jobs
 - Work places
 - Tools
- Unit 9 Food
 - Shopping
 - Arab cuisine
 - Tableware

Required Textbooks and/or Other Reading/Research Materials

Exploring Arabic by Hisham Abdel Khalek and Joan G. Sheeran, 2009, EMC Publishing
Internet sites for current information

Course Requirements:

Students are expected to communicate in real life situations. They will experience Arabic culture to develop a better understanding and appreciation of the relationship between the language and the culture. They will be encouraged to compare and contrast languages and cultures. At the end students will extend learning experiences from the world language classroom to the home and the multilingual and multicultural community emphasizing living in a global society

Grade Components/Assessments:

Each marking period is worth 40% of a student's overall grade. The final exam is worth 20% of a student's overall average:

Quarter 1	20%
Quarter 2	20%
Final	20%

Required Summer Reading/Assignments:

No summer Reading Assignments