

Syllabus for
ARA 101 Elementary Arabic I
4 Credit hours
Fall 2021

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I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

A beginning course in Arabic with emphasis on the culture of the Arabic-speaking world. Covers intensive introductory oral work, grammar, including reading and writing. Reading of simple dialogues and short stories and writing simple sentences using beginning basic vocabularies and the present tense. Covers most activities listed in the ACTFL novice mid-level competencies. Lab fee: \$40.

II. COURSE GOALS

- A. This introductory language course is designed to help students develop communicative competence and oral proficiency in spoken Levantine Arabic, with proficiency defined as the ability to communicate specific messages in particular situations for a given purpose. This course provides the student opportunities for practical use of Arabic in real life situations and the vocabulary and grammar necessary to accomplish this goal.
- B. The specific contribution of elementary and intermediate foreign language courses to the general education of ORU students is to give them the practical tool for entering into foreign cultures for Christian service or career purposes. By acquiring another language, ORU students can become "a part of the answer" and not "part of the problem" as they face the ever-increasing globalization and interdependency of cultures everywhere and go "into every person's world," not just go to every person's world.
- C. Language and culture are intertwined, and in learning a foreign language, students also learn from and about the foreign culture by studying how the people view themselves and their society in terms of history, politics, religion, and economic and social structures. One goal of the language courses is to develop an attitude of hearing a society's questions rather than assuming Americans have all the answers.

III. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES FOR THIS COURSE

Terminal Objectives—Upon successful completion of this course through class instruction, class participation, and laboratory exercises, the student will be able to do the following:

- A. Read and write the Arabic alphabet.
- B. Produce Arabic sounds, letters, words, and simple phrases.
- C. Demonstrate a limited ability to understand, speak, read and write words, phrases, and simple sentences in Arabic.
- D. Recognize the Arabic period, comma, question mark, and other essential punctuation.
- E. Express common verbal and non-verbal greetings.
- F. Ask simple questions within the limits of vocabulary and grammar structures of the course.
- G. Demonstrate the ability to understand the meaning of words and simple statements.

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- H. Demonstrate target cultural understandings and compare cultures through the perspectives, products, and practices of those cultures.
- I. Perform most activities listed in the NCSSFL-ACTFL novice mid-level competencies as follow:
 - 1. Communicate on very familiar topics using a variety of words and phrases that he or she has practiced and memorized.
 - 2. Present information about him or herself and some other very familiar topics using a variety of words, phrases, and memorized expressions.
 - 3. Write lists and memorized phrases on familiar topics.
 - 4. Recognize some familiar words and phrases when hearing them spoken.
 - 5. Recognize letters or characters and understand some learned or memorized words and phrases when read.

IV. TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER LEARNING RESOURCES

Required Materials:

Brustad, Kristen, et al., *Alif Baa Introduction to Arabic Letters*, 3rd edition. (Book + DVD + Website Access Card). Georgetown University Press. 2014. ISBN: 9781589016323.

Haddad-Fadel, *Lebanese dialect and Literal Arabic*, Antoine online, ISBN: 978095288246.

V. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- A. University Policies and Procedures
 - 1. Students taking a late exam because of an unauthorized absence are charged a late exam fee.
 - 2. Students and faculty at Oral Roberts University must adhere to all laws addressing the ethical use of others' materials, whether it is in the form of print, electronic, video, multimedia, or computer software. Plagiarism and other forms of cheating involve both lying and stealing and are violations of ORU's Honor Code: "I will not cheat or plagiarize; I will do my own academic work and will not inappropriately collaborate with other students on assignments." Plagiarism is usually defined as copying someone else's ideas, words, or sentence structure and submitting them as one's own. Other forms of academic dishonesty include (but are not limited to) the following:
 - a. Submitting another's work as one's own or colluding with someone else and submitting that work as though it were his or hers;
 - b. Failing to meet group assignment or project requirements while claiming to have done so;
 - c. Failing to cite sources used in a paper;
 - d. Creating results for experiments, observations, interviews, or projects that were not done;
 - e. Receiving or giving unauthorized help on assignments.By submitting an assignment in any form, the student gives permission for the assignment to be checked for plagiarism, either by submitting the work for electronic verification or by other means. Penalties for any of the above infractions may result in disciplinary action including failing the assignment or failing the course or expulsion from the University, as determined by department and University guidelines.

3. Final exams cannot be given before their scheduled times. Students need to check the final exam schedule before planning return flights or other events at the end of the semester.
 4. Students are to be in compliance with university, school, and departmental policies regarding Whole Person Assessment requirements.
 - a. The penalty for not submitting electronically or for incorrectly submitting an artifact is a zero for that assignment.
 - b. By submitting an assignment, the student gives permission for the assignment to be assessed electronically.
- B. Department Policies and Procedures
1. **Class Assignments**
 - a. Students need to come to class with the appropriate textbooks, course materials, and other supplies as designated by the professor.
 - b. Professors may refuse to accept an assignment if it has inappropriate content, does not meet the assignment's criteria (e.g., not typed, incorrectly documented), is incomplete, is suspected of plagiarism, or is turned in too late.
 2. **Tardies**—Tardies are an inconvenience to the other class members and the professor, and they prevent the late student from obtaining maximum value from the class. Therefore, excessive tardies may adversely affect the semester grade. It is to the student's advantage to make sure that the professor is informed immediately following the close of the class that the student was tardy and not absent. It is not the professor's responsibility to stop the class to mark the tardy; the student is the one responsible for conveying that information immediately following that class, not at a later time.
 3. **Late Work**
 - a. The student is responsible for obtaining class assignments and material covered during an absence, and all work is expected to be completed as scheduled. Late work may result in a lower grade. An absence is not an excuse for turning in late work or for being unprepared with assignments for the class following the absence. Computer or printer malfunction does not constitute an excuse for late work; students should have their work prepared in time to ensure that they can get it proofread, edited, and printed prior to the instructor's due date. These responsibilities assist the student in professional development.
 - b. Any test taken late (except if the absence is administratively excused) incurs the ORU late exam fee (\$15), which must be paid before the late test can be taken.
 - c. Assignments missed because of administratively excused absences are accepted with no penalty. Generally, assignments missed from an excused absence, such as sickness or family crises, can be made up and the instructor should be notified as soon as possible to reach an agreement on due dates and possible penalties. Each instructor has his or her own late-work policy that is given to students at the beginning of a course, so a teacher may decide that work missed because of an unexcused absence cannot be made up. Instructors use their own judgment in accepting late work resulting from all other absences. In cases where absences can be anticipated, such as for non-University

sponsored mission trips, the work should normally be submitted prior to the absence.

4. **Attendance**

- a. **Excused and Unexcused Absences**—Class attendance is mandatory, but because unavoidable circumstances can prevent perfect attendance, each student is allowed to miss class the number of times per week a class meets. This allowance is intended for illness, personal business, and emergency. Work missed because of an excused absence (e.g., illness, family emergency) can be made up; however, it is up to the teacher's discretion whether or not to accept work missed due to an unexcused absence (e.g., oversleeping, skipping class). If a student exceeds this number of absences, the student may lose points due to late work or for excessive absences, which may affect the semester grade. Extended illnesses are handled on an individual basis and require verification from a doctor.
- b. **Administratively Excused Absences**—Only absences that are required by approved University activities are given administrative excuses. Students who must miss class for University-sponsored activities must follow these procedures:
 - (1) Inform the professor before the event and make arrangement for the work to be submitted prior to the absence or at a mutually agreed upon deadline.
 - (2) Present an administrative excuse form with appropriate signatures when he or she returns to class. Doctors' or nurses' notes, or letters from groups sponsoring mission trips or activities do not qualify a student for an administratively excused absence.
 - (3) Obtain information covered during an absence. All work must be completed as scheduled.
 - (4) Not commit to class presentation (oral reports, speeches, group presentations, etc.) on a date that the student will be gone. Makeup work is not permitted if the student voluntarily committed to a performance on the date of an administratively excused absence.

5. **Plagiarism**—Each student attending Oral Roberts University is required to do his or her own academic work and must not inappropriately collaborate with other students on assignments.

- a. Students must document all sources and ideas that are not their own original information by following correct MLA (Modern Language Association) documentation procedures. Failure to do this produces a plagiarized paper, which results in an F for the paper. Flagrant cheating results in an F for the course.
- b. Students may be asked to submit their assignments to the Dropbox in D2L, which incorporates plagiarism detection.

6. **Incompletes**—As stated in the University catalog, incompletes are granted only for "good cause," such as extended hospitalization, long-term illness, or a death in the family. Students must petition for an incomplete using the form available in the English and Modern Languages Department. Very few incompletes are granted.

7. **Whole Person Assessment**—If this course requires a WPA assignment, it is listed in the next section ("Course Policies and Procedures"). Students need to comply as indicated in this syllabus and/or by the instructor.
- C. Course Policies and Procedures
1. **Grades.**
The final grade is based on the following requirements:
 - a. Assignments, quizzes, exams, attendance and participation in class and other assigned activities.
 - b. Students should not expect extra credit to help raise a grade.
 2. **Evaluation Procedures**
 - a. The semester grade is composed of the following:

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| Quizzes, workbook | 20% |
| Cultural Center Activities/Presentations | 10% |
| Unit exams | 40% |
| Oral comprehension Final | 10% |
| Final exam (comprehensive) | 20% |
 - b. Quizzes over chapter readings, grammar points, and vocabulary can be given at any time with or without notice, but a chapter test is administered after the completion of each chapter.
 - c. A mid-term exam will be given as well as a comprehensive final exam at the end of the course.
 - d. The final grade is given according to the following scale:
A=90-100%; B=80-89%; C=70-79%; D=60-69%; F=59% and below
 - e. Students must earn a minimum grade of "C" in this course before taking the next level.
 - f. Students are required to participate in at least two events (on or off campus) related to the culture of the Arabic-speaking world. These may include an event approved by the instructor.
 3. **Extra Credit**
 - a. Extra credit cannot raise a grade from a "D" to a "C" if the cumulative score is lower than a 68% before extra credit points are added.
 - b. Students may earn up to 2% extra credit in the course by participating in activities or events related to the Arabic language or Arab culture beyond the cultural requirement as state in 2f above.
 4. **The Language Lab and Cultural Center (LLCC).**
 - a. The LLCC, located in LRC 232B & C, is a valuable resource for developing foreign language proficiency and provides media resources as well as knowledgeable peer tutors for conversing in the target language.
 - b. The student needs to spend an extra 3 hours outside of class time in target language conversation and other activities as directed by the instructor. The LLCC deadlines are posted in the LLCC and on D2L.

| | Language 101/102/203 courses |
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| 2 hours | Target Language conversation |
| 1 hour | Activities based on teacher's instructions. |
| 3 hours | TOTAL |

- c. The student must log in his or her LLCC hours and activities on VISION before the deadline.
4. **Whole Person Assessment Requirements**

- a. This course addresses various criteria under ORU student learning outcome 4B, **Intercultural Knowledge and Engagement**.
 - b. For the WPA assignment, students write a composition in English according to directions given by the instructor. Students upload the composition to the dropbox folder on D2L labeled *WPA-GEN-Cultural Essay*.
 - c. Artifacts not submitted electronically or incorrectly submitted receive a zero for that assignment.
5. **Intercultural Experience Assignment** (GO Course Requirement)
- a. This course addresses the criteria under the GO Designation Rubric at the end of this syllabus.
 - b. Following instructor guidelines, students write an essay comparing and contrasting their culture with the culture of the Arab world.

VI. CALENDAR

Week 1 - Unit 1

Read the chapter before coming to class. Memorize Page 15. Workbook is due by August 24

Weeks 2 and 3 - Unit 2

Read the chapter before coming to class. Bring any questions you may have. Workbook filled and due by September 6 memorize letters, sounds and as many vocabulary from exercises and pages 41, 42

Weeks 4 and 5 - Unit 3

Read the chapter before coming to class. Workbook is due September 20th. Memorize letters, sounds, vocabulary P 61, 62 and as many words from exercises

Weeks 5 and 6 - Unit 4

Read the chapter before coming to class. Workbook is due October 4th. Memorize letters, sounds, Pages 71, 74, 75 and as many words from exercises

Week 7 - Unit 5

Read the chapter before coming to class. Workbook is due October 11. Memorize letters, sounds and as many new words plus pages 112, 113

Week 8 - Unit 6

Read the chapter before coming to class. Workbook is due October 18. Memorize letters, sounds and as many words from the exercises and Pages 130, 143

Weeks 9 and 10 - Unit 7

Read the chapter before coming to class. Workbook is due October 31st. Memorize letters, sounds and as many new vocabulary from the exercises and pages 163, 164

Week 11 -Unit 8

Read the chapter before coming to class. Workbook is due Nov 8 memorize letters, sounds and vocabulary from the exercises and pages 189, 190

Week 12 -Unit 9

Read the chapter before class. Memorize letters, sounds and as many vocabulary from exercises, page 195 sun letters moon letters, page 204. Workbook is due November 15

Weeks 13 and 14 - Unit 10

Read the chapter before class. Memorize letters and sounds, vocabulary from exercises workbook is due November 27

Course Inventory for ORU's Student Learning Outcomes

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This course contributes to the ORU student learning outcomes as indicated below:

Significant Contribution – Addresses the outcome directly and includes targeted assessment.

Moderate Contribution – Addresses the outcome directly or indirectly and includes some assessment.

Minimal Contribution – Addresses the outcome indirectly and includes little or no assessment.

No Contribution – Does not address the outcome.

For information on the ORU Student Learning Outcomes, please see
<http://www.oru.edu/academics/resources/whole-person-assessment.php>.

| OUTCOMES & Proficiencies/Capacities | | Significant Contribution | Moderate Contribution | Minimal Contribution | No Contribution |
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| 1 | Outcome #1 – Spiritually Alive Proficiencies/Capacities | | | | |
| 1A | Biblical literacy | | | | X |
| 1B | Spiritual Formation | | | X | |
| 2 | Outcome #2 – Intellectually Alert Proficiencies/Capacities | | | | |
| 2A | Critical thinking, creativity, and aesthetics | | X | | |
| 2B | Global & historical perspectives | | | X | |
| 2C | Information literacy | | | X | |
| 2D | Knowledge of the physical and natural world | | | X | |
| 3 | Outcome #3 – Physically Disciplined Proficiencies/Capacities | | | | |
| 3A | Healthy lifestyle | | | | X |
| 3B | Physically disciplined lifestyle | | | | X |
| 4 | Outcome #4 – Socially Adept Proficiencies/Capacities | | | | |
| 4A | Ethical reasoning and behavior | | X | | |
| 4B | Intercultural knowledge and engagement | X | | | |
| 4C | Written and Oral Communication | | | | X |
| 4D | Leadership capacity | | | X | |

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GO Designation Rubric

| | 4.0 Exemplary | 3.0 Competent | 2.0 Acceptable | 1.0 Unacceptable | 0.0 Not Attempted |
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| Intercultural Engagement | Evidence of an intentional interaction with individual(s) from a different cultural background with a comparative analysis of the various and diverse viewpoints experienced. | Evidence of an intentional interaction with individual(s) from a different cultural background with summary of the various and diverse viewpoints experienced. | Evidence of an intentional interaction with individual(s) from a different cultural background with an intent to understand various diverse viewpoints. | Minimal evidence of engagement with individual(s) from a different cultural background resulting in an enhancement of conflicting viewpoints. | No evidence of engagement with individual(s) from a different cultural background with intent to understand various diverse viewpoints. |
| Cross-Cultural Communication | Evidence of cross-cultural communication with a compare and contrast analysis of the two cultures. | Evidence of cross-cultural communication skills with a summary of the novel experience(s). | Evidence of cross-cultural communication. | Evidence of cross-cultural communication resulting in conflict. | No attempt made at cross-cultural communication. |
| Global Perspectives | Evidence of global perspective using clear, accurate and relevant examples in a comparative analysis of a different global perspective on a cultural issue(s). | Evidence of a global perspective based on a compare and contrast analysis of examples from one or more cultural issues. | Evidence of a global perspective describing examples from one or more cultural issues. | Evidence of a lack of global perspective, through nationalistic expression. | No evidence of cultural sensitivity, effective global perspectives, and global citizenship. |
| Transformative Experience | Evidence in a compare and contrast analysis of the student previous paradigm, thinking, belief or feeling toward another culture(s) and the new student experience in alignment with the ORU vision and mission. | Evidence that summarizes the student's paradigm shift or change in thinking, belief or feeling toward another culture(s) in alignment with the ORU vision and mission. | Evidence that the student experienced a paradigm shift or change in thinking, belief or feeling toward another culture(s) in alignment with the ORU vision and mission. | Evidence that the student experienced a paradigm shift or change in thinking, belief or feeling toward another culture(s) away from the ORU vision and mission. | No attempt made to experience a paradigm shift or change in thinking, belief or feeling toward another culture(s). |