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Course Description:
An overview of the Arab World helps the student gain information and insight in several areas including history, culture, art, religion and historical development of the Arabic language. This course is an introduction to the phonology, morphology, and syntax of classic and modern standard Arabic.

Textbook:
*Elementary Modern Standard Arabic 1* (REQUIRED)
Peter F. Abboud, Cambridge University Press

Some other Software’s and CD materials, for conversational practices.

Arabic website links for vocabularies, grammar, and translation issues.

Course Objectives:
Learn basic structures of Arabic and expand their active vocabulary in the language. Read and understand basic texts in modern standard Arabic, write simple sentences, and complete basic conversations. Learn aspects of Arabic culture that relate to lesson topics.

HONOR CODE:
The Honor Code, as adapted and approved by the Honor Council, will be strictly upheld in this class. Students who violate it are subject to severe disciplinary action by instructor and / or the Honor Council.

ATTENDANCE:
The cooperation and participation of all students enrolled is essential and attendance is therefore mandatory. The intensive nature of this class demands daily participation and punctuality at all course meetings. The instructor will not excuse an absence that is not brought to his/her attention before the date in question.
Three or more unexcused absences will result in a grade penalty as assessed in the scale below. Late arrival to class on three occasions shall be considered the equivalent of an unexcused absence.

**Up to (20 pts) can be deducted from overall grade points.**

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**SYLLABUS**

Week 1 & 2  Lesson 13, reading dates, imperfect indicative. Sing., broken pl., diptotes

Week 3 & 4  Lesson 14, imperfect. In. pl. negative of imperfect

Week 5 & 6  Lesson 15, ordinal numbers, non-human agreement, telling time  
Lesson 16, verbal nouns, idafa

Week 7 & 8  Lesson 17, there is / there are, demonstratives, adv. / time  
Lesson 18, comparative / superlative, use / dictionary, MID TERM - TBA

Week 9 & 10  Lesson 19, particles إنّ / إنّ / ﻷنّ / ﻷنّ / اﻛﻦّ human collective nouns, particles فَ / و / ﺛﻢّ  
Lesson 20, more verbal nouns, future, subjunctive mood, card. / ord. numbers: 20 - 99

Week 11 & 12  Lesson 21, dual / nouns, verbs, numerals with nouns  
Lesson 22, nominalizers أنْ  / إنّ / أنّ sisters of ﻷنّ, verbs with 2 accusatives

Week 13 & 14  Lesson 23, relative clause, gender / names and titles, nominalizer ﻣﺎ  
Lesson 24, relative pron., ﻷلَّذي, particle more verbal nouns, years / date, FINAL EXAM - TBA

**Grading:**

- Midterm 25%
- Final Exam 25%
- Quiz / Participation 30%
- Oral presentation 15%
- Assignment 5%