
INTERMEDIATE ARABIC I in Fall 2020 (AB5030)

Course Code	AB5030	Professor(s)	Fouad Mlih
Prerequisites	None	Office Number	SD - 09
Class Schedule	M: 09:00-10:35 in SD-2 R: 09:00-10:35 in SD-2	Office Hours	by appointment on Teams
Credits	4	Email	fmlih@aup.edu
Semester	Fall 2020	Office Tel. Ext.	638

Course Description

This course is designed to allow students to develop the skills acquired previously in spoken and written standard Arabic, with an addition of some examples of other levels (local dialect : Egyptian, Middle-eastern, North-African...; classical Arabic; press Arabic...).

The material used in class, besides the textbook, is made of varied types of genuine documents (cards, newspapers, maps, etc.).

Course Learning Outcomes

Practice current conversations on learning and everyday life topics
Deal with details of Arabic grammar (both syntax and morphology / derivation system)
Produce detailed narrated or argumentative texts which re-use the grammar and lexicon material seen during sessions

General Education

- **You will be able to learn a new alphabetical system along with a new language and build your own comparisons with your mother tongue**
- **You will be able to interact with Arabic speakers (more than 300 millions people) in writing, reading, and speaking**
- **You will be able to develop a better understanding of a culture that is massively ignored in the Academic field so you can develop appreciated and rare skills at the University**

Course Outline

Remark: The material used in class, besides the recommended textbook, is based upon oral registered dialogs, short texts and varied types of genuine documents (cards, newspapers, maps, etc.) that would be available through Teams sessions, by email and on Blackboard. Also, the course will very much often practice the internet research in Arabic so you can get a better idea of the contemporary Arab world and the way topics are discussed in social or institutional medias, which will help you in acquiring more and more language material.

Please be advised that the schedule is subject to change and will be revisited as the course progresses.

September

Week I – 23rd – 25th

Al-Kitab unit 5 - Reviewing the principles of the sentence structure - Past and present tense conjugation - verb stems and patterns: introduction - Reviewing the location and possession sentence

Week II – 28th – 2nd

Al-Kitab unit 5- The weather topic - how to express what you prefer, what are your hobbies, how to express your own perspective - Social media: the opinion pages

September 30th – last day to drop/add courses online

October

Week III – 5th – 9th

Al-Kitab unit 5- Fairuz song *habbeidak*, an introduction to Arabic metaphorical system - Vocabulary: the family and the relatives - Morphology: the derivation system (1)

Week IV – 12th – 16th

Al-Kitab unit 6 - The Academic life and institutions - the different research and scientific realms - how to express the repetition (to re-do sth)

Week V – 19th – 23rd

al-Kitab unit 6- Expression of the dual - Expression of wishes, desires, intention through complex sentences: details and syntax structures - Morphology: the derivation system (2) - The negation in the present tense and in nominal sentences

Week VI – 26th – 30th

The house, its sections, and the different kinds of residences and locations - Vocabulary: the different ages in life, the age, and the topic of death and how it expressed in Arabic, what are the main rituals in the Arab world

October 28th, Mid-semester

November

Week VII – 2nd – 6th

al-Kitab unit 7 Tourism in the Arab world, different landscapes and experiences - *Kullo tamam* unit 4 - Complex sentence: expressing the cause, the consequence, the reason of a fact

Week VIII – 9th- 13th

al-Kitab unit 7 - Morphology: the derivation system (3) - Expression of the superlative and the comparative

November 11th to 13t, fall break (no classes)

Week VIII – 16th- 20th

al-Kitab unit 8- Young people in the Arab world: their ambitions, their desires, the way they deal with family life, their hobbies, how they socialize...

November 16th, Mid-semester grades due

Week IX – 23rd – 27th

al-Kitab unit 8- The negation in the past tense - The derivation system (4) - The educational and Academic life and differences between countries: courses, lectures and exams

November 27th, last day to withdraw from a course

last day to choose credit/no credit option

Week X - 30th – 4th

al-Kitab unit 9: expression of the timetable and description with numbers of the everyday life - The television and media programs

December

Week XI – 7th – 11th

Reviewing the whole language material and producing personal texts (both oral and written) dealing with a contemporary social topic.

December 11th, last day of classes,

December 12th - 15th, reading days

December 16th – 22th, Final Exam

January 4nd, all grades due

Textbooks

This course doesn't have any textbook.

Attendance Policy

Students studying at The American University of Paris are expected to attend ALL scheduled classes, and in case of absence, should contact their professors to explain the situation. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of any specific attendance policy that a faculty member might have set in the course syllabus. The French Department, for example, has its own attendance policy, and students are responsible for compliance. Academic Affairs will excuse an absence for students' participation in study trips related to their courses.

Covid-19 temporary amendments

Students studying at The American University of Paris are **STILL EXPECTED TO ATTEND ALL** scheduled classes. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, students will have the option of attending classes remotely when special circumstances apply. For example when students are placed under quarantine by the French authorities or by their doctor, or when students present symptoms of Covid-19 and are directed, by their doctor or the AUP Health Office, to remain home. It is still the student's responsibility to be aware of any specific attendance policy that their professor might have set in the course syllabus. In particular, Students attending remotely from distant Time Zones should check with their professors about the specific attendance policy for remote learners.

Attendance at all exams is mandatory.

IN ALL CASES OF MISSED COURSE MEETINGS, THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMMUNICATION WITH THE PROFESSOR, AND FOR ARRANGING TO MAKE UP MISSED WORK, RESTS SOLELY WITH THE STUDENT.

Whether an absence is excused or not is ALWAYS up to the discretion of the professor or the department. Unexcused absences can result in a low or failing participation grade. In the case of excessive absences, it is up to the professor or the department to decide if the student will receive an “F” for the course. An instructor may recommend that a student withdraw, if absences have made it impossible to continue in the course at a satisfactory level.

Students must be mindful of this policy when making their travel arrangements, and especially during the Drop/Add and Exam Periods.

Grading Policy

GRADING: Assignments throughout the semester + final exam

Other
