Arabic (ARABIC)

**Courses**

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**ARABIC 1A Elementary Arabic 5 Units**
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
Terms offered: Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017
This course emphasizes the functional usage of Arabic in the four language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Authentic audio, video, and reading materials are presented from the beginning, and students are encouraged to be creative with the language in and out of class.

Elementary Arabic: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**

Prerequisites: 1A is a prerequisite to 1B

**Hours & Format**

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of recitation per week

**Additional Details**

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Elementary Arabic: Read Less [-]**

**ARABIC 1B Elementary Arabic 5 Units**
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
Terms offered: Spring 2019, Spring 2018, Spring 2017
This course emphasizes the functional usage of Arabic in the four language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Authentic audio, video, and reading materials are presented from the beginning, and students are encouraged to be creative with the language in and out of class.

Elementary Arabic: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**

Prerequisites: 1A is a prerequisite to 1B

Credit Restrictions: Formerly Arabic 2AB.

**Hours & Format**

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of recitation per week

**Additional Details**

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Elementary Arabic: Read Less [-]

**ARABIC 10 Intensive Elementary Arabic 10 Units**
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
Terms offered: Summer 2019 8 Week Session, Summer 2018 8 Week Session, Summer 2017 8 Week Session
An eight-week intensive course intended to teach skills in oral comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing Arabic. Using up-to-date language teaching and proficiency-oriented methodologies, the course also covers the basics of Arabic morphology, syntax, and grammar. While the course’s vocabulary is designed to serve the needs of daily conversation in any part of the Arabic speaking world, its simultaneous attention to the rules of morphology, syntax, and grammar serves the needs of the prospective scholar.

Intensive Elementary Arabic: Read More [+]

**Hours & Format**

Summer: 8 weeks - 20 hours of recitation per week

**Additional Details**

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Intensive Elementary Arabic: Read Less [-]

**ARABIC 11 Arabic for Reading Knowledge 4 Units**
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
Terms offered: Summer 2003 10 Week Session
The course is designed to guide students through Arabic grammar with a systematic treatment of the subject and the use of classical Arabic texts.

Arabic for Reading Knowledge: Read More [+]

**Hours & Format**

Summer: 6 weeks - 10 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Bazian

Arabic for Reading Knowledge: Read Less [-]

**ARABIC 15 Spoken Arabic 6 Units**
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
Terms offered: Summer 2003 10 Week Session, Summer 1997 10 Week Session
Practice in speaking an Arabic dialect.

Spoken Arabic: Read More [+]

**Hours & Format**

Summer: 8 weeks - 12 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Spoken Arabic: Read Less [-]
ARABIC 15B Spoken Arabic 3 Units
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
Terms offered: Spring 2009, Spring 2003
Practice in speaking an Arabic dialect.
Spoken Arabic: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 15A
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: 101B
Spoken Arabic: Read Less [-]

ARABIC 20A Intermediate Arabic 5 Units
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
Terms offered: Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017
This course is proficiency oriented. Authentic reading in modern standard and classical Arabic and the understanding and application of grammatical and stylistic rules are emphasized. Students deliver oral presentations and write academic papers in Arabic.
Intermediate Arabic: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 1B or equivalent; 20A is a prerequisite to 20B

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of recitation per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: 101B
Intermediate Arabic: Read Less [-]

ARABIC 20B Intermediate Arabic 5 Units
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
Terms offered: Spring 2019, Spring 2018, Spring 2017
This course is proficiency oriented. Authentic reading in modern standard and classical Arabic and the understanding and application of grammatical and stylistic rules are emphasized. Students deliver oral presentations and write academic papers in Arabic.
Intermediate Arabic: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 20A

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of recitation per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Intermediate Arabic: Read Less [-]

ARABIC 30 Intermediate Arabic 10 Units
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
Terms offered: Summer 2019 8 Week Session, Summer 2017 8 Week Session, Summer 2016 8 Week Session
This course is equivalent to a full year of intermediate level Arabic. It will deepen skills in speaking, comprehending, reading, and writing Modern Standard Arabic.
Intermediate Arabic: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: One year of college level Arabic
Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for Arabic 30 after completing Arabic 20A-20B.

Hours & Format
Summer: 8 weeks - 20 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Intermediate Arabic: Read Less [-]
ARABIC 50 Advanced Arabic 10 Units
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
Terms offered: Summer 1997 10 Week Session, Summer 1995 10 Week Session
This course will include grammatical and stylistic analysis of Arabic texts from both the classical and the modern periods. Class will be conducted entirely in Arabic.
Advanced Arabic: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Two years of college level Arabic
Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for 50 after taking 100A-100B.

Hours & Format

Summer: 8 weeks - 20 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Advanced Arabic: Read Less [-]

ARABIC 100A Advanced Arabic 3 Units
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
Terms offered: Spring 2019, Spring 2018, Spring 2017
Intensive reading and analysis of texts of different genres. Guest lectures, films, documentaries, oral presentations, research papers. Formal and informal styles of writing and correspondence. Extensive vocabulary building.
Advanced Arabic: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ARABIC 20B (http://guide.berkeley.edu/search/?P=ARABIC%2020B) or ARABIC 30 (http://guide.berkeley.edu/search/?P=ARABIC%2030) with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Advanced Arabic: Read Less [-]

ARABIC 100B Advanced Arabic 3 Units
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
Terms offered: Spring 2019, Spring 2018, Spring 2017
Intensive reading and analysis of texts of different genres. Guest lectures, films, documentaries, oral presentations, research papers. Formal and informal styles of writing and correspondence. Extensive vocabulary building.
Advanced Arabic: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ARABIC 100A (http://guide.berkeley.edu/search/?P=ARABIC%20100A) with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Advanced Arabic: Read Less [-]
ARABIC 104B Classical Arabic Prose 3 Units
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
Terms offered: Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Spring 2018
This course is designed for students who wish to concentrate on Arabic of the classical periods of Arab and Islamic civilization. Reading and analysis of literary texts of various genres, including essays, biography, and travel literature.
Classical Arabic Prose: Read More [+]  
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: ARABIC 20B (http://guide.berkeley.edu/search/?P=ARABIC%2020B) or ARABIC 30 (http://guide.berkeley.edu/search/?P=ARABIC%2030) with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Classical Arabic Prose: Read Less [-]

ARABIC 105A Modern Arabic Poetry 3 Units
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
Terms offered: Not yet offered
Readings and analysis of 20th-century Arabic poetry.
Modern Arabic Poetry: Read More [+]  
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: ARABIC 20B (http://guide.berkeley.edu/search/?P=ARABIC%2020B) or ARABIC 30 (http://guide.berkeley.edu/search/?P=ARABIC%2030) with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Modern Arabic Poetry: Read Less [-]

ARABIC 105B Classical Arabic Poetry 3 Units
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2008, Fall 2006
Readings and analysis of poetry from the pre-Islamic through the classical periods.
Classical Arabic Poetry: Read More [+]  
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: ARABIC 20B (http://guide.berkeley.edu/search/?P=ARABIC%2020B) or ARABIC 30 (http://guide.berkeley.edu/search/?P=ARABIC%2030) with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Classical Arabic Poetry: Read Less [-]

ARABIC 107 Arabic Historical and Geographical Texts 3 Units
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
Readings from the classical historians and geographers and from contemporary scholarship. Development of historiography.
Arabic Historical and Geographical Texts: Read More [+]  
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: ARABIC 20B (http://guide.berkeley.edu/search/?P=ARABIC%2020B) or ARABIC 30 (http://guide.berkeley.edu/search/?P=ARABIC%2030) with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Arabic Historical and Geographical Texts: Read Less [-]
ARABIC 108 Islamic Religious and Philosophical Texts in Arabic 3 Units  
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies  
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015  
Readings in the basic texts of Islam (Qur'an, Hara, Hadith, Sira, commentary) and in theological, mystical, and philosophical texts.  
Islamic Religious and Philosophical Texts in Arabic: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements  
Prerequisites: ARABIC 20B (http://guide.berkeley.edu/search/?P=ARABIC%2020B) or ARABIC 30 (http://guide.berkeley.edu/search/?P=ARABIC%2030) with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format  
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details  
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate  
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ARABIC 111B Survey of Arabic Literature (in Arabic) 3 Units  
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies  
Terms offered: Spring 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017  
This course is designed primarily for majors and prospective majors in Arabic studies. The Post-Abbasid and Modern Periods: A literary-historical survey of Arabic literature from the middle of the thirteenth century to the present.  
Survey of Arabic Literature (in Arabic): Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements  
Prerequisites: ARABIC 20B (http://guide.berkeley.edu/search/?P=ARABIC%2020B) or ARABIC 30 (http://guide.berkeley.edu/search/?P=ARABIC%2030) with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format  
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details  
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate  
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Survey of Arabic Literature (in Arabic): Read Less [-]
ARABIC 115A Colloquial Arabic 4 Units
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
Terms offered: Fall 2019, Fall 2017
This course introduces students to a standard colloquial Arabic and the cultures of the region in which it is spoken. The colloquial will change based on availability. The focus of the course is on speaking and listening, but also includes readings from printed materials. The course draws on various media including advertisements, theater, and film composed in colloquial style. This course will also expose students to literature composed in colloquial. Moreover, students will study the social stratification in the society along with an analysis of the speech of each social level. Students use their knowledge of Modern Standard Arabic as a platform for learning to communicate in colloquial.

Colloquial Arabic: Read More [+]

Objectives Outcomes

Course Objectives: By the completion of this course students should be able to:

1. Understand what they hear and what they read in ECA
2. Hold conversation in ECA with native speakers
3. Read and comprehend literature written in ECA
4. Gain an understanding of the Egyptian culture
5. Be aware of cultural references in context
6. Recognize the language level of the speaker to avoid misunderstandings
7. Respond to any speaker according to his/her language level.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ARABIC 1B (http://guide.berkeley.edu/search/?P=ARABIC%201B) or ARABIC 10 (http://guide.berkeley.edu/search/?P=ARABIC%2010) with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Colloquial Arabic: Read Less [-]

ARABIC 115B Colloquial Arabic 4 Units
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
Terms offered: Spring 2018
This course introduces students to Egyptian Colloquial Arabic and the cultures of the region in which it is spoken. The focus of the course is on speaking and listening, but also includes readings from printed materials. The course draws on various media including advertisements, theater, and film composed in colloquial style. This course will also expose students to literature composed in colloquial. Moreover, students will study the social stratification in the Egyptian society along with a analysis of the speech of each social level. Students use their knowledge of Modern Standard Arabic as a platform for learning to communicate in Egyptian colloquial.

Colloquial Arabic: Read More [+]

Objectives Outcomes

Course Objectives: By the completion of ECA course students should be able to:

1. Read and comprehend literature written in ECA
2. Hold longer conversations with native speakers on different topics.
3. Understand the sociolinguistic aspects of Egyptian culture.
4. Understand and engage in the Egyptian humor which forms a big part of the culture.
5. Understand and engage in social occasions such as greetings giving condolences, etc.
6. Recognize the language level of the speaker to avoid misunderstandings.
7. Respond to any speaker according to his/her language level.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ARABIC 115A (http://guide.berkeley.edu/search/?P=ARABIC%20115A) with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Colloquial Arabic: Read Less [-]
ARABIC H195 Senior Honors 2 - 4 Units
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
Terms offered: Fall 2003
Directed study centered upon preparation of an honors thesis.
Senior Honors: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Limited to senior honors candidates
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 4 units.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.
Senior Honors: Read Less [-]

ARABIC 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
Terms offered: Fall 1998
Enrollment restrictions apply; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section of this catalog.
Supervised Independent Study and Research: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Enrollment is restricted; see the section on Academic Policies-Course Number Guide in the Berkeley Bulletin.
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week
Summer:
6 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week
8 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.
Supervised Independent Study and Research: Read Less [-]

ARABIC 200 Arabic Grammatical Tradition 3 Units
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
Terms offered: Spring 2014, Spring 2011, Spring 2007
Study of selected grammatical phenomena of Arabic based on readings from the classical Arabic grammarians, on the modern study of linguistics in the Arab world, and on the Western grammatical tradition.
Arabic Grammatical Tradition: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 105 or the equivalent
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Arabic Grammatical Tradition: Read Less [-]
ARABIC 202 History of Arabic 3 Units
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
Terms offered: Spring 2017, Spring 2015, Spring 2013
The history of Arabic from its Semitic antecedents through the formation of the modern dialects.
History of Arabic: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 20B or its equivalent with consent of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.

ARABIC 212 Topics in Modern Arabic Literature: Poetry 3 Units
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
Terms offered: Fall 2011, Fall 2010, Spring 2009
Intensive study of modern poetry in relation to the cultural tradition.
Topics in Modern Arabic Literature: Poetry: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 109
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Topics in Modern Arabic Literature: Poetry: Read Less [-]

ARABIC 220 Seminar in Classical Arabic Literature 3 Units
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
Terms offered: Fall 2019, Spring 2019, Fall 2018
A close reading and careful literary analysis of significant authors and specific topics in Classical Arabic prose or poetry or both.
Seminar in Classical Arabic Literature: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 20B or its equivalent and consent of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.

ARABIC 245 Seminar: Modernist Arabic Poetics 3 Units
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
Terms offered: Fall 2009, Spring 2006, Spring 2004
This course examines the origins, status, and function of literary theory in the making of modern Arabic literature. Questions of cultural influence, literary genres, forms, modes, and techniques of representation are all central to the interests of this course.
Seminar: Modernist Arabic Poetics: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Seminar: Modernist Arabic Poetics: Read Less [-]
ARABIC 298 Seminar 1 - 4 Units
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
Terms offered: Fall 2019, Spring 2017, Fall 2016
Special topics in Arabic. Topics vary and are announced at the beginning of each semester.
Seminar: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Seminar: Read Less [-]