

Arabic (ARABIC)

Courses

ARABIC 1A Elementary Arabic 5 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

This course is an elementary course designed for students with no or little knowledge of the Arabic language, letters and sounds. This course is also appropriate for students with some exposure to Arabic colloquial but with no or little training in Modern Standard Arabic. The course teaches skills in speaking, reading, listening and writing Arabic and builds vocabulary and idiomatic expressions that allow students to discuss topics related to self, family and surroundings. The course also exposes students to Arabic cultures and provides opportunity to explore and discuss the various cultures and communities. Using task-based and proficiency-oriented approaches to foreign language instruction, the course also covers basic syntax and grammar

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ARABIC 1A is a prerequisite to ARABIC 1B

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for ARABIC 1A after completing ARABIC 10. A deficient grade in ARABIC 1A may be removed by taking ARABIC 10.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of recitation and 2 hours of workshop per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate

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

ARABIC 1B Elementary Arabic 5 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

This course is the second semester of the elementary level of Modern Standard Arabic. The course further teaches skills in speaking, reading, listening, and writing Arabic and builds vocabulary and idiomatic expressions that allow students to discuss topics related to self, family, and surroundings. Using task-based and proficiency-oriented approaches to foreign language instruction, the course includes regular discussion in Arabic and prepares students to communicate in a variety of contexts. The course also provides an opportunity for exploration and discussion of Arab cultures. The course covers basic syntax and grammar and introduces students to the Arabic morphological system.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ARABIC 1A with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for ARABIC 1B after completing ARABIC 10. A deficient grade in ARABIC 1B may be removed by taking ARABIC 10.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of recitation and 2 hours of workshop per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate

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

ARABIC 10 Intensive Elementary Arabic 10 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2021 8 Week Session, Summer 2020 8 Week Session, Summer 2019 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.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for ARABIC 10 after completing ARABIC 1B.

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.

ARABIC 11 Arabic for Reading Knowledge 4 Units

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.

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 15 Spoken Arabic 6 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2003 10 Week Session, Summer 1997 10 Week Session

Practice in speaking an Arabic dialect.

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.

ARABIC 15B Spoken Arabic 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2009, Spring 2003

Practice in speaking an Arabic dialect.

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

ARABIC 20A Intermediate Arabic 5 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

The course teaches skills in speaking, reading, listening, and writing in Modern Standard Arabic and builds vocabulary, idiomatic expressions, and grammar that allows students to further discuss topics related to self and family, community, and environment, offer opinions and speak about a number of topics in detail. Using task-based and proficiency-oriented approaches to foreign language instruction, the course includes regular discussion in Arabic and prepares students to communicate in a variety of contexts. The course engages students with authentic materials and features of Arab cultures and deepens students' knowledge of Arabic syntax and its rich morphological system.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ARABIC 1B or ARABIC 10 with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor

Credit Restrictions: A deficient grade in ARABIC 20A may be removed by taking ARABIC 30.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of recitation and 2 hours of workshop per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate

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

ARABIC 20B Intermediate Arabic 5 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

This course is the second semester of the intermediate level of Modern Standard Arabic. The course further teaches skills in speaking, reading, listening and writing in Arabic and builds vocabulary, expressions and grammar that allow students to discuss topics in detail and develop and support opinions. Using task-based and proficiency-oriented approaches to foreign language instruction, the course includes regular discussion in Arabic and prepares students to communicate in a variety of contexts and for various purposes. The course engages students with authentic materials and features of Arab cultures and deepens students' knowledge of Arabic syntax and its rich morphological system.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ARABIC 20A with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for ARABIC 20B after completing ARABIC 30. A deficient grade in ARABIC 20B may be removed by taking ARABIC 30.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of recitation and 2 hours of workshop per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate

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

ARABIC 30 Intermediate Arabic 10 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2021 8 Week Session, Summer 2020 8 Week Session, Summer 2019 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.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ARABIC 1B or ARABIC 10 with a minimum grade of C- or with the consent of the instructor

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for ARABIC 30 after completing ARABIC 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.

ARABIC 50 Advanced Arabic 10 Units

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.

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.

ARABIC 100A Advanced Arabic 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

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.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ARABIC 20B or ARABIC 30 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.

ARABIC 100B Advanced Arabic 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

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.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ARABIC 100A 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.

ARABIC 103 Media Arabic 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Fall 2022

This course aims to strengthen the student's skills in aural comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing in Arabic Media. Students will engage with authentic materials like newspapers, magazines, and internet news sites, which will provide them with a deeper understanding of the linguistic properties of Arabic media output, as well as insight into sociolinguistics, critical discourse analysis, and translation issues. The course will include enrichment activities. Moreover, there will be a group of tasks assigned that will open the door for students to practice what they learned in a meaningful context. Students will also learn about vocalicity and the way news anchors and media professionals speak Arabic.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Arabic 20B or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of workshop per week

Summer: 3 weeks - 15 hours of lecture and 5 hours of workshop per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Arabic/Undergraduate

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

ARABIC 104A Modern Arabic Prose 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2021

This course is designed for students who wish to concentrate on contemporary prose. Reading and analysis of modern Arabic fiction, including short stories, drama, the novel, and expository prose.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ARABIC 20B or ARABIC 30 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 104B Classical Arabic Prose 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2020, Fall 2019

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.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ARABIC 20B or ARABIC 30 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.

ARABIC 105A Modern Arabic Poetry 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Readings and analysis of 20th-century Arabic poetry.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ARABIC 20B or ARABIC 30 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 105B Classical Arabic Poetry 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Fall 2017, Fall 2008

Readings and analysis of poetry from the pre-Islamic through the classical periods.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ARABIC 20B or ARABIC 30 with 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 107 Arabic Historical and Geographical Texts 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

Readings from the classical historians and geographers and from contemporary scholarship. Development of historiography.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ARABIC 20B or ARABIC 30 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 108 Islamic Religious and Philosophical Texts in Arabic 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022

Readings in the basic texts of Islam (Qur'an, Huran, Hadith, Sira, commentary) and in theological, mystical, and philosophical texts.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ARABIC 20B or ARABIC 30 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 111A Survey of Arabic Literature (in Arabic) 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2015, Fall 2014, Fall 2013

This course is designed primarily for majors and prospective majors in Arabic studies. The Classical Periods: A literary-historical survey of Arabic literature from pre-Islamic times to the middle of the thirteenth century, with emphasis on the more important achievements of major Arab authors.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ARABIC 20B or ARABIC 30 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.

ARABIC 111B Survey of Arabic Literature (in Arabic) 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021

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.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ARABIC 20B or ARABIC 30 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.

ARABIC 115A Colloquial Arabic 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2021, Fall 2019

This course introduces students to a standard colloquial Arabic and the cultures of the region in which it 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.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ARABIC 1B or ARABIC 10 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.

ARABIC 115B Colloquial Arabic 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2022, Spring 2020

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 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 Egyptian colloquial.

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 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.

ARABIC H195 Senior Honors 2 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2003

Directed study centered upon preparation of an honors thesis.

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.

ARABIC 198 Directed Group Study for Upper Division Students 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2000 10 Week Session

Instruction in areas not covered by regularly scheduled courses.

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 - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 2-8 hours of directed group 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.

ARABIC 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 1998

Enrollment restrictions apply; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section of this catalog.

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.

ARABIC 200 Arabic Grammatical Tradition 3 Units

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.

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 202 History of Arabic 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2017, Spring 2015, Spring 2013

The history of Arabic from its Semitic antecedents through the formation of the modern dialects.

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

Terms offered: Fall 2011, Fall 2010, Spring 2009

Intensive study of modern poetry in relation to the cultural tradition.

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.

ARABIC 220 Seminar in Classical Arabic Literature 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2023

A close reading and careful literary analysis of significant authors and specific topics in Classical Arabic prose or poetry or both.

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

Terms offered: Spring 2021, Fall 2009, Spring 2006

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.

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.

ARABIC 298 Seminar 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Fall 2020, Spring 2020

Special topics in Arabic. Topics vary and are announced at the beginning of each semester.

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.