Intensive Language Study: Beginning Arabic
Arabic 102 (3 credits, 45 class hours)

COURSE OVERVIEW
The Oman Arabic course offers intensive Arabic with daily instruction. It is designed to develop a variety of skills such as reading and listening comprehension, written and oral expression, as well as an insight into Omani dialect. Throughout the beginner course, students are provided with the basics of Arabic language such as the alphabet, pronunciation and general understanding of the language system. They are guided to communicate orally, aurally and in writing on a basic level.

COURSE OBJECTIVES
• Grammar: Be introduced to initial grammar features that are necessary to subsequent language production, including the Alphabet.
• Reading: Practice pronunciation and fluent reading of simple texts; understand the sense of unknown texts through the integration of new vocabulary and grammatical structures.
• Listening: Practice newly learned vocabulary and grammar features by aurally understanding them out of basic texts and simple dialogues.
• Conversation: Learn to talk about oneself in Modern Standard Arabic. Produce simple but correct sentences.

LEARNING OUTCOMES
• Students will be able to read simple texts, with correct pronunciation.
• Students will be able to use basic grammar and vocabulary to construct simple sentences in speaking and in writing on various subjects.
• Students will be able to comprehend and participate in oral conversation on familiar subjects.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS
Assignments
• Participation in class: Attendance is obligatory. Furthermore, each student is expected to participate in class and to be adequately prepared to do so. (20% of the final grade)
• Tests: Throughout the semester you will be randomly presented with a number of smaller tests or quizzes to test different language skills in the classroom. These are collected and graded periodically (15% of the final grade)
• **Homework:** You are expected to accomplish the given homework within the announced time frame. Homework assignments can be either collected, or corrected or presented in class. You will be graded on the extent and regularity of accomplishment, as well as their correctness (15% of the final grade)

• **Midterm exam:** No midterm for 3 week program.

• **Final exam:** The final exam is taken at the very end of the course and examines your development in all skills. It comprises of a written and an oral examination part (50% of final grade).

**Readings**

Novice Beginners' students will use *Al Kitaab fi Ta'allum al-'Arabiyya I*, Chapters 1 and 2 including the Alphabet. Additional material, such as texts and exercises, will be presented in class.

**Content topics:**

- Arabic names
- Talking about themselves
- Greetings
- What and where to study
- Some basic conversations

**Grammar topics**

- The Alphabet
- Grammatical gender
- The definite article
- Asking questions
- Subject pronouns
- Non-human plural agreement
- Possessive pronouns
- The verbal noun
- Composite nouns (genitive composition)
- Adjectives

**EVALUATION AND GRADING CRITERIA**

**Grading**

*See Assignments section for grading breakdown.*

The CIL grading scale is:

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Evaluation

Students receive feedback from instructors throughout the course. Evaluation is a reflection of the student’s proficiency, participation, engagement and progress.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Schedule

Typically Saturdays through Wednesdays from 8:00am to 4:00pm, including breaks.

The schedule accommodates several excursions.

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