



**MERCER**  
COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## COURSE OUTLINE

**Course Number**  
**ARB 101**

**Course Title**  
Beginning Arabic I

**Credits**  
**3**

**Hours: 3 Lecture**

**Co- or Pre-requisite:**

**Implementation**  
**Semester & Year**

**Fall 2022**

**Catalog description:** Spoken communication in Arabic is the goal and means of instruction. Initial weeks are dedicated to studying alphabet and writing system. Reading and writing assigned out of class to facilitate effective listening and speaking practice in class. Basic grammar skills and cultural lessons are introduced.

**General Education Category:**  
**Goal 6: Humanities**

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**Required texts & Other materials:**

- *Alif Baa, with DVDs: Introduction to Arabic Letters and Sounds*. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Kristen Brustad and others (Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2004).
- Hans Wehr, *A Dictionary of Modern Written Arabic*, edited by J. Milton Cowan (Ithaca, NY: Spoken Language Services 1976).
- Al-Kitaab fii Ta'allum al-,,Arabiyya: A Textbook for Beginning Arabic. Part One. Kristen Brustad and others. (Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 1995).
- *Extemporeapp.com*

**Course Student Learning Outcomes (SLO):**

***Upon successful completion of this course the student will be able to:***

1. Demonstrate reading comprehension of written Arabic on basic level. (ILG 6, 10: PLO 1)
2. Demonstrate the ability to move a spoken conversation forward, with basic listening comprehension and speaking skills. (ILG 6, 10)
3. Write Arabic on a basic level. (ILG 6, 10)
4. Identify basic grammatical elements of Arabic sentence structure. (ILG 4, 6, 10)
5. Demonstrate knowledge of the daily lives of the Arabic-speaking peoples of the world; and current and past contributions made by Arabic-speaking peoples to world literature, art, music, science, and commerce. (ILG 8, 10)

**Course-specific Institutional Learning Goals (ILG):**

Goal 4. Technology: Students will use computer systems or other appropriate forms of technology to achieve educational and personal goals.

Goal 6. Humanities: Students will analyze works in the fields of art, music, or theater; literature; philosophy and/or religious studies; and/or will gain competence in the use of a foreign language.

Goal 8. Diversity and Global Perspective: Students will understand the importance of a global perspective and culturally diverse peoples.

Goal 10. Information Literacy: Students will recognize when information is needed and have the knowledge and skills to locate, evaluate, and effectively use information for college level work

## **Program Learning Outcomes for Liberal Arts (PLO)**

1. Speak, write, read, and comprehend a world language commensurate with the level of study

### **Units of study in detail – Unit Student Learning Outcomes:**

#### **Preliminary units: Studies of Alphabet and Writing System [SLO 1-5]**

Recognize, list and pronounce the Arabic alphabet

#### **Unit 1: Meeting People [SLO 1-5]**

*Students will demonstrate in Arabic how to:*

1. Greet people in Arabic at different times of the day and say goodbyes.
2. Introduce themselves and others.
3. Talk about the time of day.
4. Recognize, list and pronounce the Arabic alphabet, basic nouns, numbers 1-30, subject pronouns, and conjugate the present tense of frequently used verbs for thematic context
5. Identify social behaviors of a Arabic community.
6. Compare and contrast constructions in the action of greetings and goodbyes in North American and Arabic-speaking cultures.

#### **Unit 2: University Life [SLO 1-5]**

*Students will demonstrate in Arabic how to:*

1. Discuss their college classes, physical spaces, and campus building locations.
2. Discuss everyday activities related to their academic and daily schedules, and/or extracurricular activities.
3. Ask questions in Arabic.
4. Describe the location of people and things.
5. Form and answer questions, employing the frequently used lexicon and grammar for the thematic context
6. Identify features of higher learning in Arabic-speaking countries.
7. Compare and contrast differences in the customs of higher education between the U.S. and Arabic-speaking countries.

#### **Unit 3: Family [SLO 1-5]**

*Students will demonstrate in Arabic how to:*

1. Describe people and things
2. Express ownership and possession of things
3. Discuss activities at home and at school
4. Form and answer questions, employing the frequently used lexicon and grammar for the thematic context
5. Identify facts about the origins of modern Arabic-speaking regions.
6. Identify cultural constructions in the institution of family and in surnames of Arabic-speaking cultures and compare and contrast these constructions with those of North Americans.

#### **Unit 4: Leisure [SLO 1-5]**

*Students will demonstrate in Arabic how to:*

1. Discuss pastimes, leisure activities, and sports
2. Discuss plans for the future including proposals and invitations
3. Form and answer questions, employing the frequently used lexicon and grammar for the thematic context
4. Discuss popular games and sports in Arabic-speaking communities

5. Compare and contrast cultural differences in pastimes between those practiced in Arabic-speaking communities and other cultures.

**Unit 5: Tourism [SLO 1-5]**

*Students will demonstrate in Arabic how to:*

1. Discuss vacation plans, describe a hotel, the seasons and weather
2. Discuss physical and emotional states
3. Form and answer questions, employing the frequently used lexicon and grammar for the thematic context
4. Discuss tourism and travel in Arabic-speaking destinations
5. Compare and contrast vacations and tourist destinations where Arabic is spoken with other destinations familiar to students.

**Evaluation of student learning:**

Homework(flipped class design): reading/written practice activities/ recorded voice activities (20% of final grade)

Required work in preparation for each class includes the reading and practice of vocabulary lists and grammar explanations. Activities that contextualize these points will be completed on a daily basis. These assignments can be done individually by students and are not necessarily communicative in nature.

Participation during class meetings in small and large group discussion; guided dialogue (20% of final grade)

In-class course work will be comprised of communicative activities which develop precisely those skills that the student cannot perform alone at home: that is, speaking with others in Arabic. The language of instruction and classroom business is in the target language.

Short spoken presentations (prerecorded or during class) (15% of final grade)

Spoken communication (speaking and listening) will be assessed by at least two oral presentations in the form of spontaneous dialogue.

Short essays (15% of final grade)

Assessment of writing skills will be evaluated by at least three in-class short essay writing.

Written unit tests (20% of final grade)

Students will complete a written test after each unit. These written assessments will measure skill levels in reading comprehension, writing, grammar constructions and listening comprehension.

Final exam or project (10%)