

Learning Outcomes for ARAB 1013

Course Goals

- (1) to develop communication skills in Modern Standard Arabic through learning basic vocabulary and phrase/sentence structures
- (2) to learn about the cultural traditions, belief systems, and social worlds of peoples of Arabic-speaking countries
- (3) to develop reading and writing skills and an aesthetic appreciation of the Arabic writing system. The Arabic alphabet will be introduced.

At the conclusion of the first year of study, students will have achieved language competency in the following skills:

Reading Proficiency:

- (1) Recognize all of the characters of the Modern Standard Arabic alphabet
- (2) Demonstrate ability to read very simple connected written material in a form equivalent to usual printing or typescript
- (3) Demonstrate ability to read either representations of familiar formulaic verbal exchanges or simple language containing only the highest frequency structural patterns and vocabulary
- (4) Demonstrate ability to read and understand known language elements that have been recombined in new ways to achieve different meanings at a similar level of simplicity

Speaking Proficiency:

- (1) Articulate minimum courtesy requirements and maintain very simple face-to-face conversations on familiar topics such as personal and accommodation needs, introduction and identification of self, others, objects; exchange greetings, elicit and provide predictable and skeletal biographical information
- (2) Formulate and respond to simple questions

Writing Proficiency:

- (1) Demonstrate sufficient control of the writing system to meet limited survival needs and limited social demands
- (2) Create sentences and short paragraphs related to most survival needs such as food, lodging, transportation, immediate surroundings, and some situations including limited social demands
- (3) Express fairly accurate present and future time
- (4) Identify and use some past verb forms
- (5) Relate personal history, discuss topics such as daily life, preferences, and very familiar material
- (6) Demonstrate good control of elementary vocabulary and some control of basic syntactic patterns
- (7) Introduce Arabic morphology

Listening Proficiency:

- (1) Demonstrate sufficient comprehension to understand utterances about basic survival needs and minimum courtesy and travel requirements in areas of immediate need or on very familiar topics.
- (2) Understand simple questions and answers, simple statements and very simple face-to-face conversations in a standard dialect.
- (3) Comprehend conversation about basic needs such as: meals, lodging, transportation, time and simple directions.
- (4) Demonstrate comprehension of main ideas.