



College of Arts, Humanities,  
and Social Sciences

Literature and Modern Languages

*ARAB 1210 - Elementary Arabic I*

## I. Course Information

**Course:** ARAB 1210 - Elementary Arabic I

**Semester Credit Hours:** 3.0

**Course CRN and Section:** 20671 - DA1

**Semester and Year:** Fall 2017

**Course Start and End Dates:** 08/21/2017 - 12/10/2017

**Building and Room:** Parker Building - 255

## II. Instructor Information

**Professor:** Dr. Kem K Hussain

**Email:** kh350@nova.edu

**Office Hours:** Based on appointment(s) or one hour after classes.

## III. Class Schedule and Location

Day	Date	Time	Location	Building/Room
TR	08/22/2017 - 10/05/2017	4:00 PM - 5:15 PM	Ft Lauderdale/Davie Campus	Parker Building- 255
T	10/10/2017 - 10/10/2017	3:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Ft Lauderdale/Davie Campus	Parker Building- 255
TR	10/17/2017 - 11/30/2017	4:00 PM - 5:15 PM	Ft Lauderdale/Davie Campus	Parker Building- 255
T	12/05/2017 - 12/05/2017	3:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Ft Lauderdale/Davie Campus	Parker Building- 255

## IV. Course Description

Essentials of Arabic language with emphasis on grammar, vocabulary, writing, and oral skills. Introduction to Arab culture. Not open to native speakers. Frequency: Every Fall and Winter.

## V. Course Objectives / Learning Outcomes

- 1) Speak and comprehend the meaning of simple questions, sentences and commands on topics related to the chapters presented in class, using appropriate Arabic grammar and vocabulary.
- 2) Write short compositions and analyze written material for content using the vocabulary from the chapters of the textbook.
- 3) Pronounce all Arabic sounds and demonstrate proficiency with the Arabic alphabet.
- 4) Identify and explain important cultural practices of the Arab world.

## VI. Materials and Resources

**Book Url:** [NSU Book Store](#)

**Section Required Texts and Material:**

**Al-Kitaabfi Ta callum al-cArabiyya: A Textbook for Beginning Arabic: Part One**

Author: Kristen Brustad , Mahmoud Al-Batal , Abbas Al-Tonsi

Publisher: Georgetown University Press

Year: 2011

Edition: 3rd

ISBN-13: [9781589017368](#)

**Alif Baa with Multimedia: Introduction to Arabic Letters and Sounds**

Kristen Brustad, Mahmoud Al-Batal and Abbas Al-Tonsi

Georgetown University Press

2010 Edition: 3<sup>rd</sup> (paperback)

ISBN: 9781589016323

**Section Supplemental Material:**

**The Hans Wehr Dictionary of Modern Written Arabic** (recommended)

Hans Wehr and edited by J.M. Cowan

Spoken Language Services

1994 Edition: 4th ISBN: 9780879500030

Arabicquizlet

## VII. Course Requirements

**Writing Project (15%):** There will be one writing project throughout the semester. Students have the choice of selecting from various topics already covered. The writing project is designated for students to demonstrate their ability to write complete sentences in Arabic script, comprehend the meaning of the vocabulary presented in the previous lessons, and express their understanding of the Arabic culture. Late work will not be accepted.

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**Attendance/participation (15%):** Attendance at classes is mandatory. Students in evening classes are permitted no more than 2 "free" absences. Students in evening classes missing 3-4 classes over the course of the semester will receive a one-letter grade deduction from their final course grade; missing more than 4 classes will result in failure of the course regardless of grade average. Students may miss class for a religious holiday, but no sessions beyond the holiday itself. Student athletes, and students involved in other official University organizations should choose their schedules carefully, so as not to let their extra-curricular activity interfere with the work of this class. Students should establish practice, game, and event schedules in advance of the semester before choosing classes.

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any kind should make a sound during class.

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## VIII. Course Schedule and Topic Outline

Week One 8/22-8/24	<b>Tues – Alif Baa:</b> Introduction. The Arabic Alphabet pgs. 1 – 7 & Introduction to the Arabic Language <b>Thurs--</b> Introduction to Arabic Script & Arabic Characters: <i>Alif, Ba</i>
Week Two 8/29-8/31	<b>Tues– Alif Baa:</b> Unit 1 pgs. 8 – 26; Arabic Characters: <i>aa; baa, taa, thaa</i> <b>Thurs–</b> <i>uu, ii</i> ; vowels: <i>a, u, i</i> & Vocabulary; Greetings
Week Three 9/5-9/7	<b>Tues– Alif Baa:</b> Unit 2 pgs. 27 – 40; <i>Jiim, Haa, Khaa; sukunum, wa and yaa</i> <b>Thurs--</b> Vocabulary; address/titles; Conversations
Week Four 9/12-9/14	<b>Tues– Alif Baa:</b> Unit 3 pgs. 41 -54; Arabic characters: <i>Hamza, da dhal, raa, zaay</i> <b>Thurs--</b> Meeting and greeting people; vocabulary; <i>More Arabic Characters: shaddah, siin, shin, saad, daad</i>
Week Five 9/19-9/21	<b>Tues– Alif Baa:</b> Unit 4 pgs. 55 – 73; Vocabulary; gender; <i>taa marbuuta</i> <b>Thurs-- Arabic Characters: <i>taa, dhaa, ‘ayn, ghayn</i>; Vocabulary*** Composition #1 due: Myself</b>
Week Six 9/26-9/28	<b>Tues– Alif Baa:</b> Unit 5 pgs. 74 – 94; <i>Faa, qaaf, kaaf, laam</i> ; Forms address <b>Thurs--</b> Culture- Expressions with Allah; Review
Week Seven 10/3-10/5	<b>Tues– Alif Baa:</b> Unit 6 pgs. 95 - 119 <i>Miim, nuun, haa</i> ; Alphabet Chart <b>Thurs--</b> Arabic numerals (1-10) vocabulary; culture- Coffee Time
<b>Week Eight 10/10</b>	<b>MID TERM EXAM</b>
Week Nine 10/17-10/19	<b>Tues– Alif Baa:</b> Units 7 & 8 pgs. 120 - 155 Various forms of Alif <b>Thurs--</b> Vocabulary Culture - visiting people
Week Ten 10/24-10/26	<b>Tues– Alif Baa:</b> Units 9 & 10 pgs. 156 - 179 <i>tanween: fath, dham, kasr</i> <b>Thurs–</b> vocabulary; writing and culture
Week Eleven 10/31-11/2	<b>Tues– Al-Kitaab fii Ta<sup>c</sup>allum al-<sup>c</sup>Arabiyya</b> Unit 1 Arabic names <b>Thurs--</b> Gender The Definite Article

Week Twelve 11/7-/11/9	<b><i>Tues– Al-Kitaab fii Ta'allum al-ʿArabiyya</i></b> Unit 1 cont. <i>al-nisba</i> Thurs-- Asking Sentences/questions/General Reading
Week thirteen 11/14-11/16	<b><i>Tues – Al-Kitaab fii Ta'allum al-ʿArabiyya</i></b> Unit 1 Subject pronouns Plurals: human and non-human Reading <b>Thurs--</b> Types of sentences; Nominal sentences
Week Fourteen 11/21-11/23	<b><i>Tues– Al-Kitaab fii Ta'allum al-ʿArabiyya</i></b> Unit 2. Vocabulary, possessive case, possessive pronouns <b>Thurs -</b> Thanksgiving Closure
Week Fifteen 11/28-11/30	<b><i>Tues – Al-Kitaab fii Ta'allum al-ʿArabiyya</i></b> Unit 2 cont. Vocabulary/Reading; Oral Presentation <b>Thurs–</b> Oral Presentation; Review/Composition #2 My Family
Week Sixteen 12/5	<b>FINAL EXAM</b>

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## IX. Grading Criteria

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Your final grade is determined by your performance on a number of different tasks:

Two exams	40%
Quizzes	15%
Writing Project	15%
Oral Presentation	15%
Participation, Homework and Attendance	15%
TOTAL	100%

**Grading Scale:**

**Letter grades translate to percentages as follows:**

Percentage	Final Grade
93 and above	A

90-92	<b>A-</b>
87-89	<b>B+</b>
83-86	<b>B</b>
80-82	<b>B-</b>
77-79	<b>C+</b>
73-76	<b>C</b>
70-72	<b>C-</b>
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Below 63	<b>F</b>

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### Academic Integrity:

### Attendance Policy:

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The following policies are described on this website:

- Academic misconduct
- Last day to withdraw
- Email policy
- Student course evaluations
- Student responsibility to register
- Student responsibility for course prerequisites

### Academic Resources

Nova Southeastern University offers a variety of resources that may aid in student success. Among these resources are:

**Accommodations for students with documented disabilities:** For more information about ADA policy, services, and procedures, students may call the Office of Student Disability Services at 954-262-7189 or visit <http://www.nova.edu/disabilityservices>.

### Tutoring and testing center:

Students are encouraged to use the free, individualized tutoring services offered by the Tutoring and Testing Center (TTC). TTC provides a supportive atmosphere in which tutors and students work collaboratively on improving students' writing, math and/or science skills. <http://www.nova.edu/tutoring-testing/index.html>