



CIEE Amman, Jordan

Course title:	Modern Standard Arabic, Beginning I
Course code:	ARAB 1011 AMJO
Programs offering course:	Middle East Studies
Language of instruction:	Arabic
U.S. semester credits:	6.00
Contact hours:	90.00
Term:	Fall 2023

Course Description

This course is designed for students with no or minimal knowledge of Modern Standard Arabic. The course begins with an introduction to the sounds and script of the language using the text Alif-Baa. Following the introduction to sounds and script, the course uses Al-Kitaab Part One 3rd Edition up to chapter 5 as its major textbook. Students will be exposed to authentic reading materials, learn to speak at the survival level, give oral presentations, and prepare short written assignments.

Learning Objectives

By completing this course, students will:

- Recall and apply the newly learned vocabulary in useful sentences and in daily life
- Apply new grammatical rules
- Demonstrate the ability to use the newly learned terms and words to talk about different subjects in the target language such as describing family and friends as well as describing hobbies and interests
- Write sentences about different topics and use new vocabulary and grammatical rules correctly
- Repeat and write words, phrases from listening material

Course Prerequisites

None.

Methods of Instruction

This course emphasizes a communication-based method of instruction. Students are expected to be active-learners, coming to class prepared to activate vocabulary and grammar through group activities. Instead of lecturing, instructors primarily facilitate these communication-based activities and guide student learning.

Assessment and Final Grade

1.	Homework	15%
2.	Quizzes and Oral Presentations	20%
3.	Chapter Tests	35%
4.	Final Exam	20%
5.	Class Participation	10%
	TOTAL	100%

Course Requirements

Homework

You are expected to turn your homework in on-time on the day that it is due. If you do not, the instructor can refuse to accept your work or reduce your grade on the assignment.

Quizzes and Oral Presentations

Quizzes: There will be a number of written quizzes throughout the semester to check that students have

adequately prepared for class by learning new vocabulary or grammar lessons.

Oral Presentations: students will be asked to prepare and present various types of graded oral presentations, such as skits, dialogues, and formal presentations. The instructor will provide the students with clear guidelines and expectations for these oral presentations so that the students can prepare accordingly. Students may prepare scripts or outlines for these presentations, but they should be prepared to deliver the presentations without reading from them verbatim.

Chapter Tests

There will be a test after every unit to test student's knowledge of vocabulary and grammar from that particular unit. While unit tests focus on particular units they will build upon previous material covered in the course.

Final Exam

The final exam is comprehensive, testing student's mastery of all vocabulary and grammar covered in the course. It also includes sections that test all language skills: writing, reading comprehension, listening comprehension, and oral production.

Class Participation

In order to get the most out of each class, it is very important that you are prepared, alert, and engaged during class activities. In-class activities are designed with the assumption that you already studied the vocabulary and grammar explanations at home and are prepared to activate that knowledge in class.

Attendance

To encourage engaged learning, regular class attendance is required throughout the program. This includes any required co-curricular class excursion or event, as well as internship, service-learning, or other required field placement.

An excused absence in a CIEE course will only be considered if approved by a CIEE Center Director/Academic Director (not the Instructor), and:

- it is a self-certified absence for illness (only once per course, requires formal request before or within 24 hours, cannot miss assessment worth more than 5% of final course grade)
- a doctor's note from a local medical professional is provided
- evidence of a family emergency is provided
- it is a pre-approved observance of religious holiday

Unexcused absences include personal travel and/or travel delays, as well as missing more than 25% of a single class period (including tardiness and early departure). Assessments missed due to unexcused absences will be marked as zero. Students with over 10% unexcused absences will be contacted by CIEE staff. Students with over 20% unexcused absences will be contacted by CIEE staff, receive a formal warning letter (shared with their home institution) and lose 10% of the final course point total (e.g., a final A grade of 93% will be lowered to a B grade of 83%).

For more detail, please consult your CIEE Academic Manual.

Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is essential to a positive and inclusive teaching and learning environment. All students are expected to complete coursework responsibilities with fairness, respect, and honesty. Failure to do so by seeking unfair advantage over others or misrepresenting someone else's work as your own can result in grade penalties or disciplinary action. See the CIEE Student Academic Manual for further information on academic integrity.

N.B. Course schedule and co-curriculars are subject to change. The final duration and distribution of content and assignments will be determined and presented to students at the onset of the course.

Weekly Schedule

Week 1

Class: 1.1 .

- Unit 1: Alif
- Unit 2: Baa- Taa- Thaa
- Long vowels and short vowels
- work sheet

Homework:

- Get your books and get ready for al-3Arabi!
- Register for the online companion to Alif Baa (see instructions on the back of the front cover of your book).
- Read (Preface to the student) & Acknowledgments

Class: 1.2 .

- Review
- Unit 3: ح, ح, خ
- ي And و as consonants
- Worksheet

Homework:

- Listening Exercise 1,2, online and listen to pronunciation of the sounds many times while you study the chart on p. 2
- Read Unit One pp. 9-15, and 17.
- Drill 1,3 online.
- Study the transliteration charts on pp. 11-12 and practice producing the Arabic sounds.
- Study pages 20-29 and Listening Exercises 1-5 online.
- Watch the videos on writing the letters ا, ب, ت, ث and practice writing the letters in your book.
- Drills 1 and 3 online.
- Hand in Drill 2.4,5
- Listen to New Vocabulary online, study the new words pp. 41-42, and come to class prepared to use them.
- Watch the video in Drill 17 p. 441

Class: 1.3 .

- Dictation Practice
- Further Vocab
- Practice of Vocabulary in Units 1, 2 & 3
- Drill 9

Homework:

- Study pages 46-55 (till waaw).
- Listening Exercises 1-4 and Drills 3 online; watch the videos on writing the letters, practice writing the letters in your book.
- Hand in Drills 1, 2, & 4
- Study pages 55-64.
- Listening Exercises 5-8 online.
- Hand in Drill 7, 8, 10 and 11.
- Listen to New Vocabulary online, study the new words pp. 61-62, and come to class prepared to use them.

Reading:

- Textbook: Alif Baa

Week 2

Class: 2.1 .

- Unit 4: ج, د, ذ, ر, ز
- Numbers
- Drill 15 in Unit 3
- Practice using Arabic Numerals in Unit 4

Homework:

- Drill 12 (Unit 3) online; do Drill 14 (Unit 3) and submit to your teacher online.
- Watch the video in Drill 15 in Unit 3.
- Study pages 66-76 in Unit 4, do Listening Exercises 1-4 and Drills 1 and 3 online. Watch the videos on writing the letters and numerals, and practice writing in your book

Class: 2.2 .

- Vocabulary practice: Drill 5 in Unit 4
- Drill 4 (Discuss scenes 4A & 4B)
- Dictation practice
- Drill 11

Homework:

- Listen to New Vocabulary 1 online, study the numerals p. 71 and the new words pp. 74-75, and come to class prepared to use them.
- Watch the videos in Drill 4 (scenes 4A and 4B).
- Hand in Drill 2,9 and10.
- Study pages 77-83, do Listening Exercises 5-8 and Drills 6, 7, and 8 online, watch the videos on writing the letters, and practice writing the letters in your book.

Class: 2.3 .

- Vocab quiz
- Vocabulary practice: Drill 5 in Unit 4
- Drill 4 (Discuss scenes 4A & 4B)
- Dictation practice
- Drill 11

Homework:

- Listen to New Vocabulary 1 online, study the numerals p. 71 and the new words pp. 74-75, and come to class prepared to use them.
- Watch the videos in Drill 4 (scenes 4A and 4B).
- Hand in Drill 2,9 and10.
- Study pages 77-83, do Listening Exercises 5-8 and Drills 6, 7, and 8 online, watch the videos on writing the letters, and practice writing the letters in your book.

Reading:

- Textbook: Alif Baa

Week 3

Class: 3.1 .

- Vocab quiz: Unit 5 and 6
- Drill 26,28

Homework:

- Study pages 133-144
- Listening Exercises 9-13 and Drills 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20,24,27 online) unit six)
- Watch the videos on writing the letters, practice writing the letters in your book
- Hand in Drills 17, 21, 23(unit 6)
- Listen to New Vocabulary 2 online, study the new words p. 148

Class: 3.2 .

- Unit 7
- Reading practice: Drill 17
- Vocabulary activation: Drill 14 & 15. # 19n

Homework:

- Study pages 146-151, do Listening Exercises 1-6 and
- Drill 2, 4, 5, 6,10,12 and 18 online (unit 7); watch the videos on writing the letters, practice writing the letters in your book.
- Hand in Drills 1, 3, 7,8 and 11 (Unit 7).
- Study pages 151-167
- Listen to New Vocabulary online and study the new words on pp. 163-167.

Class: 3.3 .

- Dictation practice.
- Reading: Drill 7
- Reading practice Drill17 in unit 7
- Unit 8
- Drill 4

Homework:

- Study pages 170-180, do Listening Exercises 1-7
- Do Drills 3, 4, 5, 8,13 and 14 online (unit 7), watch the videos on writing the letters, and practice writing the letters in your book
- Hand in Drills 1, 2, 6 and 9 (Unit 8). Study pages 183-191, do Listening
- Listen to New Vocabulary online; study the new words on p. 189-190.

Week 4

Class: 4.1 .

- Finish Unit 8
- Unit 9
- Reading: Drill 10.
- Arabic Signs: Drill 14.
- Drill 16 in Unit 9

Homework:

- Study pages 194-201, do Listening Exercises 1-3 and Drills 1-4 ,11,13 and 14 online, watch the videos on writing the letters, practice writing the letters in your book
- Hand in Drills 6 & 7&9. Study pp. 204-209
- Listen to New Vocabulary online; study the new words on p. 20
- Hand in a description of the picture in Drill 12 (produce as much Arabic as you can
- Watch the video in Drill 15. Study pp. 212-220 and do Listening Exercises 1-5. Study pp. 221- 225, and do Listening Exercises 7& 8

Class: 4.2 .

- Unit 10
- Worksheet (Hamza & tanween)

Homework:

- Do the worksheets
- Write 10 sentences in English and translate about yourself & family (use the adjectives we learn)
- Study well for your exam

Class: 4.3 .

- Exam from unit 1 to 8
- worksheet

- Useful verbs & vocab
- Reading aloud

Homework:

- Do the work sheet
- Study well for unit 9 and 10 exa

Reading:

- Textbook: Alif Baa

Week 5

Class: 5.1 .

- worksheet
- Useful verbs
- Reading aloud
- Review

Homework:

- Prepare questions for review
- study well for Alif Baa exam

Class: 5.2 .

- review

Homework:

- Do the worksheets
- Write 10 sentences in English and translate about yourself
- Prepare Unit 1 from Alkitaab

Class: 5.3 .

- Speaking
- Worksheet
- Subject pronouns

Homework:

- Drill 1: Write out (to hand in) the sentences for the 8 words from الأدب to. تَسْكُنْ For each word, write out the sentence illustrating its meaning in Arabic الفصحى and a translation in English immediately below or above the Arabic sentence. You might want to write the English translation first so that you have the meaning in mind before you start writing the Arabic. Knowing the meaning will help you "hear" the Arabic better.
- Hand in the sentences for another 8 words of Drill 1, from يسكن to مصريّ
- Learn the verb conjugations for "to work" and "to not work" given in the charts on p.3 and 4 – listen online and repeat to help you learn them well.
- كتابة جُمَل المفردات بالفصحى من كَلِمَة مَن إلى كَلِمَة والذّي
- Write out (to hand in) the remaining 7 sentences of Drill 1,
- Study grammar: Feminine and Masculine p. 6 & 7
- Study for your mid term

Reading:

- Textbook: Alif Baa

Week 6

Class: 6.1 .

- Midterm Exam (Alif Baa)
- Chapter 1: Vocab

Homework:

- Hand in the sentences for another 8 words of Drill 1, from مصريّ to يسكن
- Learn the verb conjugations for "to work" and "to not work" given in the charts on p.3 and 4
- Listen online and repeat to help you learn them well.
- كِتَابَةٌ جُمَلُ الْمَفْرَدَاتِ بِالْفَصْحَى مِنْ كَلِمَةٍ مَنْ إِلَى كَلِمَةٍ وَالِدَتِي

Class: 6.2 .

- Grammar: Present Tense Conjugation
- Worksheet

Homework:

- Conjugate the present tense and do the work sheet about the present tense and the Nesbah

Class: 6.3 .

- Exercise 1: Ask a peer
- Exercise 4
- Grammar: Male and Female

Homework:

- Read page 13 & 14
- Interrogatives page 9-11
- Study from Web question A & B
- Exercise 8, p. 14 & 15 Grammar: The Definite Article exercise 2 and 12
- Study well for chapter 1 vocab quiz

Reading:

- Textbook: Alif Baa
- Textbook: Al-Kitaab fii Ta'allum al-Arabiyya, Part 1, 3rd Ed

Week 7

Class: 7.1 .

- Interrogatives
- Asking questions
- The definite article
- Exercise 13

Homework:

- web Exercise 5 and 6)
- You need to be able to type in Arabic in order to do drill 5 and 6 online. If you are not able to do so, write out your answers and submit them on paper. For full credit, write out the entire sentence, not just the word in the blank.
- Worksheet to hand in

Class: 7.2 .

- The definite article exercise 13 and 16

Homework:

- Reading page 16-17
- Writing drill 14

Class: 7.3 .

- Reading
- Grammar: verb conjugation

Homework:

- Prepare Chapter 2
- Listen to DVD vocab
- Do drill 1
- Hand in drill 2

Reading:

- Textbook: Al-Kitaab fii Ta'allum al-Arabiyya, Part 1, 3rd Ed

Week 8

Class: 8.1 .

- Chapter 1 exam
- Chapter 2: vocab
- Drill 2

Homework

- Listen to the vocabulary
- Do drill 1
- Hand in drill 2
- Worksheet

Class: 8.2 .

- Reading
- Drill 3: as a peer
- Grammar: Plural

Homework:

- Do the worksheets
- Study for Chapter 2 vocabulary quiz
- Hand in drill 5
- Study grammar page 25 and 26
- Drill 6
- Web listening page 27-31
- Hand in drill 7
- Drill 2 Choose 6 sentences to write out in Arabic with an English translation for each immediately below or above it

Class: 8.3 .

- Short quiz
- Chapter 2 Vocab
- Grammar:
 - Human Plural
 - Nonhuman plural
- Agreement
- Reading drill 10

Homework:

- Listening drill 9
- Worksheet: name and adjective
- Listening drill 11
- Drill 15

Reading:

- Textbook: Al-Kitaab fii Ta'allum al-Arabiyya, Part 1, 3rd Ed

Week 9

Class: 9.1 .

- Worksheet
- Review drill 14
- Reading Worksheet

Homework:

- Listen several times to Chapter 3 Vocab
- Drill 1
- Study for Chapter 2 exam

Class: 9.2 .

- Chapter 2 Exam
- Vocab: Chapter 3
- Speaking about the family
- Drill 4: ask a peer

Homework:

- Listen to the web
- Hand in drill 2
- Drill 3
- Listening: drill 5
- Culture p. 46

Reading:

- Textbook: Al-Kitaab fii Ta'allum al-Arabiyya, Part 1, 3rd Ed

Class: 9.3 .

- Reading drill 7
- Grammar: female plural
- Drill 9
- Possessive pronouns

Homework:

- Reading aloud and record it
- Listen to the plural nouns and memorize these words p. 49-51
- Drill 8
- Worksheet: pronouns
- Web drill 11

Reading:

- Textbook: Al-Kitaab fii Ta'allum al-Arabiyya, Part 1, 3rd Ed

Week 10

Class: 10.1 .

- Review chapter 1, 2 & 3
- Reading aloud drill 20
- Presentation about yourself and your family

Homework:

- Prepare Chapter 4 vocab
- Study for Chapter 3 exam

Class: 10.2 .

- Chapter 3 exam
- Vocab: Chapter 4
- Drill 4 & 5

Homework:

- List multiple times to the vocab – Web
- Listen to كان in the Web
- Drill 1, 2, & 3

Class: 10.3 .

- Grammar: الفعل والمصدر
- Drill 13
- Objective pronouns
- Drill 14

Homework:

- Drill 7, 10, 11 & 13
- Listening drill 15
- Study well for Chapter 4 vocab quiz

Reading:

- Textbook: Al-Kitaab fii Ta'allum al-Arabiyya, Part 1, 3rd Ed

Week 11

Class: 11.1 .

- Quiz: Chapter 4 vocab
- Grammar: الجملة الاسمية والجملة الفعلية
- Drill 18
- Reading exercise 23
- Worksheet and review

Homework:

- Drill 16 & 17
- Listening exercise 19 & 22
- Reading aloud
- Prepare Chapter 5 Vocab

Class: 11.2 .

- Exam: Chapter 4
- Chapter 5 Vocab
- Drill 4: as your peer
- Grammar: المعرفة والنكرة
- Drill 10

Homework:

- Drill 1 & 2
- Drill 5, 7, 8 & 9

Class: 11.3 .

- Drill 11
- Conjugate verbs
- Grammar: تنوين الفتح
- Drill 18 & 19
- Reading exercise 20

Homework:

- Listening to numbers
- Drill 12, 13, 15 & 19
- Culture: Fayrouz
- Drill 23

Reading:

- Textbook: Al-Kitaab fii Ta'allum al-Arabiyya, Part 1, 3rd Ed

Week 12

Class: 12.1 .

- Review
- Reading exercise 24
- Worksheet

Homework:

- Study for Chapter 5 exam

Class: 12.2 .

- Chapter 5 exam
- Presentations

Homework:

- Prepare your questions for review

Class: 12.3 .

- Review

Homework:

- Good luck in your final exam

Reading:

- Textbook: Al-Kitaab fii Ta'allum al-Arabiyya, Part 1, 3rd Ed

Week 13

Class: 13.1 Review

Class: 13.2 Post Test

Class: 13.3 Final Exam

Course Materials

Readings

Required:

- Brustad, K., Al-Batal, M., & Al-Tonsi, A. "Alif Baa: Introduction to Arabic Letters and Sounds" (3rd Ed) Washington, DC: Georgetown University
- Brustad, K., Al-Batal, M., & Al-Tonsi, A. "Al-kitaab fii ta'allum al-'arabiyya: Part 1 (3rd Ed) Washington, D. C.: Georgetown University Press.
- Cowan, J. M. (Ed.). (1994). Arabic-English dictionary: The Hans Wehr dictionary of modern Written

Recommended:

- Arabic (4th Ed.). Urbana, IL: Spoken Language Services.