

FA 101
Basic Arabic I
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Section 2001
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I. Textbooks:

- A. Brustad, Batal and Al-Tonsi, Alif Baa: Introduction to Arabic Sounds and Letters. 2nd edition. Georgetown University Press, 2004.
- B. Brustad, Batal, and Al-Tonsi, al-Kitaab fii Ta'allum al-'Arabiyya: A Textbook for Beginning Arabic. Part One, 2nd edition. Georgetown University Press, 2004.

II. Prerequisites: None.

III. Objectives:

- A. To learn to articulate and discern the sounds of Arabic.
- B. To learn to read and write the Arabic script.
- C. To learn basic conversational skills, dealing with personal information, introductions, family structures, places of residence, jobs, fields of study, daily schedules and tasks.
- D. To acquire the necessary vocabulary base for above semantic fields.
- E. To learn personal pronouns, the most basic verbal conjugations, and noun morphology in Arabic.
- F. To appreciate the issues and difficulties related to Arabic diglossia.

IV. Course content

Week 1: Introductions – Who? Where from? Names, Greetings, Pronouns.
Alif Baa: Units One and Two.

August 22: Ahlan wa-Sahlan! Welcome to Arabic. HW: Read Alif Baa (Intro and Unit One) pp. 1-26. Do all drills. View DVD scenes one.

August 24: Turn in Unit 1 drills 5, 6, 12, 14. HW: Read Unit 2, pp. 27-39; do all drills. View DVD scene 2.

August 26: Turn in Unit 2 drills 5, 10, 11. HW: Read Unit 3, pp.40-50; do all drills. View DVD scenes 3 and 4.

Week 2: More Greetings, Time expressions, Place expressions,
Alif Baa: Units Three and Four

August 29: Turn in Unit 3 drills 2, 6, 7, 8. HW: Read. Unit 4 pp. 51-66; do all drills. View scene 5 and 6.

August 31st: Turn in Unit 4 drills 3, 5, 6, 10, 15, 16. HW: Review.

September 2: QUIZ! HW: Read Unit 5, pp. 67-85; do all drills. View DVD Scene 7.

Week 3: Titles, More Greetings, Invitation to coffee, Family members,
Alif Baa: Units Five and Six

September 6: Turn in Unit 5 drills 6, 11, 16, 20, 22, 24. HW: Read Unit 6, pp. 86-102; do all drills. View DVD scene 8.

September 7: Turn in Unit 6 drills 3, 7, 8, 11, 12. HW: Review.

September 9: Quiz! HW: Read Unit 7, pp. 103-120. Do all drills. View DVD scene 9.

Week 4: Directions, adjectival expressions, basic demonstratives, numbers 1-10
Alif Baa: Units Seven and Eight

September 12: Turn in Unit 7 drills 1, 3, 8, 9, 11. HW: Read Unit 8, Pp. 121-130; do all drills. View DVD scenes 10 and 11.

September 14: Turn in Unit 8 drills 1, 7, 9, 12. HW: STUDY!

September 16: Review, QUIZ! HW: Read. Unit 9, pp. 131-140; do all drills. View DVD scenes 12.

Week 5: Basic Telephone etiquette, the Arab States, Useful classroom phrases, Arabic Diglossia, and Dialects. Alif Baa: Units Nine and Ten

September 19: Turn in Unit 9 drills 3, 7. HW: Read Unit 10, pp. 141-151; do all drills.

September 21: Turn in Unit 10 drills 3, 5. HW: Review, Study!

September 23: EXAM#1 HW: View DVD clip 1, read al-Kitaab pp. 1-4.

Week 6: Introducing Maha, Gender, definite article, question words, Arabic names.

September 26: Review exam#1. In class practice new vocab. (p. 2) HW: Drills 1 and 2.

September 28: In class drills 5 and 6. HW: Read pp. 5-10. Write out drill 6.

September 30: Turn in drill 6. In class do drills 7, 8, 9. HW: Write out drill 8 in Full; learn vocab. completely. Do drill 10.

Week 7: Nisba adjectives, visa applications, pronouns
Al-Kitaab: Chapter 1

October 3: Turn in drill 8. In class do drill 11 and 13. HW: Read pp. 11-17; Write out drills 12 and 14.

October 5: Turn in drill 12, 14. In class, Drill 15, 17. HW: drill 17; view DVD clip 2, read pp. 18-21; Study for QUIZ!

October 7: Turn in drill (1)17. QUIZ! Activate vocab. p. 19. In class, drills (2)1-3. HW: Write out drills 1, and 3; study vocab. p. 19. Read pp. 22-29, do drills 4-5.

Week 8: Plural nouns, adverbs, nominal sentences, Housework, introductions.
Al-Kitaab: Chapter 2

October 10: Columbus Day – no school

October 12: Turn in (2)1. In class drills 4/5 exchange/correct; drills 7,8,9. HW: Read pp. 29-34; do drill 10.

October 14: Turn in drill 10. QUIZ! Do drill 9 in class. HW: drills 11, 12, 14, 15

Week 9: Maha's relatives, Idaafa constructions, Al-Kitaab: Chapter 3

- October 17: Turn in drill (2)14, 15. In class, drills 11, 15. Activate new vocab. p.36. HW: View DVD clip 3, Read pp. 35-40; study vocab. p. 36; do drills 1 and 3.
- October 19: Turn in drill 3. In class do drills 2, 4 and 5; discuss the Idafa. HW: Read pp. 41-45, do drills 6, 7.
- October 21: Turn in drill 7. In class Idafa practice (drills 6,7, 8, 9) HW: Do drills 10, 11. Study for Idafa Quiz.
- Week 10:** Fields of study, possessive pronouns, extended family
Al-Kitaab: Chapter 3 and 4
- October 24: Idafa Quiz. In class discuss university departments, college divisions, and majors (drills 12, 13). HW: Read pp. 46-50. Do drills 15, 16, 17. Bring pictures of your family to class.
- October 26: Turn in drills 15, 16, 17. Do drill 14. Exchange and discover your colleague. Activate new vocab. p. 52. HW: View DVD clip 4, read pp. 51-55; study new vocabulary (p. 52). Do drills 1 and 2.
- October 28: Turn in drill 1. Discuss DVD clip, do drills 1, 2, 3, 4 HW: Study for EXAM!
- Week 11:** More family, continuative verbs, verbal sentences, the Prophet Muhammad's family - Al-Kitaab: Chapter 4
- October 31: EXAM #2 HW: Read pp. 56-60.
- November 2: In-class verbal practice (drills 7, 8, 10). HW: Read pp. 61-68. Drill 9, 11.
- November 4: Turn in drill 9 and 11. In class, discuss the family of the Prophet (do drill 15). HW: Write out drills 13, 14.
- Week 12:** Verbs and more verbs, Family trees - Al-Kitaab: Chapter 4.
- November 7: Exchange/correct drill 13. Turn in 14. In class, drill 12, 16, 17 HW: 18.
- November 9: Turn in drills 18. In class drill 20. HW: Drill 19. View DVD clip 5, Read pp. 69-72; learn new vocab. p. 70. STUDY FOR QUIZ!
- November 11: Veteran's Day - No class.
- Week 13:** Adjectival noun phrases, demonstratives, weather and seasons
Al-Kitaab: Chapter 5
- November 14: Turn in drill (4) 19. QUIZ! In class discuss DVD clip 5, do drills 2, 3. HW: Write out drill 1. Read pp. 73-78.
- November 16: Turn in drill 1. In class adverbs, and adjectives, drills 5, 6. HW: drills 4 and 7.
- November 18: Turn in drills 4 and 7. In class, drills 8, 10, 12. HW: do drills 15,16 (AS A TAKE-HOME QUIZ!)
- Week 14:** Adverbials, Fairouz, Days of the Week, the Masdar
Al-Kitaab: Chapter 5 and 6
- November 21: Arabic Movie Day. Turn in drills 15, 16 (quiz!). HW: Read pp. 79-83. Prepare drills 9, 11.
- November 23: Early Schedule. Turn in drill 9. In class groups, write up 13, perform 14. HW: View DVD clip 6, study vocab. p. 85, Read. Pp. 84-88.

Do drill 1, 4.

Week 15: Subordinate clauses – Ways to give reasons - “because”, schedules, food, restaurants. Al-Kitaab: Chapter 6

November 28: Turn in drill 1; discuss DVD clip, drills 2, 4, 5.

HW: write out drill 3. Read pp. 89-93.

November 30: Turn in drill 3. Masdars in class, drills 6,7. HW: write out drill 7.

December 2: Turn in drill 7. In class, three ways to answer “WHY?” drills 8, 10.

HW: do drill 9. (EC: drill 11) Read. Pp. 93-101.

Week 16: REVIEW

December 5: Turn in drill 9 (11). In class drills 10, 13. HW: drill 17, 18.

December 7: Turn in 17, 18. In class discuss foods, and select from the menu (drills 14, 15). HW: STUDY for exam.

FINAL EXAM: To be announced

Participation in this class is a major component of the grade. This requires that you come to class having made every effort to do the required homework listed for that day, and to actively participate as individuals and in group activities. Successful language learning happens in creating a language community – this means that you and your colleagues will learn from each other. If you do not come prepared for full participation, you may be asked to simply observe without taking part, so you are not a burden to those who have come ready to rumble in Arabic. The drills listed to be turned in should be written out *IN FULL* and handed in on a separate sheet of paper for correction and credit. You may **not** Xerox your homework from the book. Homework should be turned in the day it is due. Acceptance of late homework for credit is at the discretion of the teacher. I expect that we will cover many (though not all) of the other drills in class. Audio and video files for this course are contained in the DVDs which accompany your textbooks. When the homework assignment is to view the DVD, you should view the clip several times, to hear and understand the selection as best you can. Try to answer the questions about the clip before coming to class to discuss it. I expect that you will make every effort to read, and complete everything in the book, whether it is to be handed in or not. Slight adjustments to the schedule will be made as needed.

Make every effort to be here consistently. Any absence, even for good reason, will cause you to fall behind. If you miss a quiz for any reason, make-up quizzes are at the discretion of the teacher.

The Course Grade will be based on the following:

Class participation:	15%
Homework:	20%
Quizzes	15%
Exam #1	15%
Exam #2	15%
Final Exam	15%
Oral Interview/performance	5%