

Huron University College
Faculty of Theology

Arabic 1070a – Quranic Arabic for Beginners

Course Outline – Fall 2018



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Course Description and Goals:

This course is designed to introduce Quranic Arabic to beginners who have no previous knowledge of the Arabic language. Students will learn the script of the Qur'an, acquire core vocabulary necessary to understand short Quranic chapters, and dive into basic grammar of classical Arabic. Students finishing this course successfully will be ready to pursue a higher level of Arabic in subsequent courses.

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to read with confidence short chapters of the Quran, starting with al-Fatiha and ending with various surahs of Juzu Amma, and identify their main ideas.

INSTRUCTOR:

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Class Time: Thursday, 3:30 - 6:20

Prerequisites:

This course is intended for students with no previous knowledge of Arabic. Students who have some little Arabic background have to take the Arabic Placement Test administered by the instructor to determine their eligibility for this class.

Textbook:

1. **Required Text:**

- Yahya Kharrat, *Introductory Arabic and its Application to Quranic Texts*. Western University; First Edition, 2018.

2. **Recommended Text:**

- Dictionary of Modern Written Arabic, Hans Wehr

STUDENT EVALUATION:

Tests	30%
Assignments	10%
Dictations	10%
Quizzes	05%
Participation & attendance	10%
Final exam	35%

ATTENDANCE, PARTICIPATION, AND STUDENT'S EXPECTATIONS

Attendance is mandatory; there will be sign-up sheets for each class to record attendance. If you come to class later than five minutes after it starts, you will be marked tardy, and three tardies will be counted as one absence.

Punctual attendance, active participation during class activities and discussions and, most importantly, proper and respectful behavior during class are all part of participation mark. In short, it measures your overall perceived commitment to the course.

Because attendance is so important in language courses, any student who, in the opinion of the course instructor, is absent too frequently from class periods in any course, will be reported to the Dean (after due warning has been given). On the recommendation of the Dean concerned, and with the permission of the Dean, the student will be debarred from taking the regular examination in the course (see Western University Academic Calendar).

Please read the following link carefully:

<http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/operations/sessionaldates/2017.pdf>

Students are responsible for any material they miss. They are equally responsible for handing in assignments on time. Late assignments will be subject to a penalty of deduction of 50% per day. Students must read the course outline to know the date of every test and assignment.

Students must put their full potential to succeed in this course. They must do their best to read the lessons and complete the textbook exercises. In addition, they must consistently prepare well and memorize vocabulary in order to be able to develop the skills required for using Arabic efficiently.

Remember, learning a language is attained through exerting diligent effort and working on it daily. Therefore, in order to become proficient in Arabic, obtain maximum benefit from class time and score a good mark in this course, students should make every effort to avoid unnecessary absences or tardiness. Being excessively absent or tardy from the class will negatively affect your progress and grades. It is also important to read the assigned lessons ahead of class time in order to familiarize yourself with the specific content of the lesson and thus be able to follow class discussions and rehearse your acquired vocabulary.

Tentative Schedule

Month	Week	Topic	Notes
September 2018	1	Introduction to the course <i>Unit #1: Arabic Script: One-Way Connectors, Arabic Vowels</i>	
	2	<i>Unit #2: Arabic Script: Two-Way Connectors</i>	<i>Dictation #1</i>
	3	<i>Unit #3: Arabic Script: Two-Way Connectors (Cont.)</i>	Quiz #1
	4	<i>Review of all Arabic Script Along with Quranic Words</i>	<i>Test#1</i>
October	5	<i>Unit #4: Surat Al-Fatiha (The Opening Surah)</i>	<i>Assignment #1 due</i>
	6	<i>Unit #5: Surat Al-Hujurat Chapter 49</i>	

	7	Unit #6: Surat Al-Nazi'at Chapter 79	Dictation #2
	8	Fall Break	
November	9	Unit #7 Surat Al-A'la Chapter 87	Quiz #2
	10	Unit #8: Surat Al'Alaq Chapter 96	
	11	Unit #9: Surat Al-A'ser Chapter 103	
	12	Unit #10: Surat Al-Fil Chapter 105	Test #2
	13	Unit #11: Al-Ikhlās Chapter 112	Assignment #2 due
December	14	Review for Final Exam	

POLICIES AND PROCEDURE

Please Note that it is the student's responsibility to ensure that all prerequisite and co-requisite Conditions are met or that special permission to waive these requirements has been granted by the Faculty. It is also the student's responsibility to ensure that they have not taken a course listed as an Antirequisite. If you are not eligible for the course, you may be removed from it at any time, and it will be deleted from your record. In

addition, you will receive no adjustment to your fees. These decisions cannot be appealed.

Plagiarism: Plagiarism will not be tolerated in this course. Plagiarism is a major academic offense (see Scholastic Offense Policy in the Western Academic Calendar). Plagiarism is the inclusion of someone else's verbatim or paraphrased text in one's own written work without immediate reference. Verbatim text must be surrounded by quotation marks or indented if it is longer than four lines. A reference must follow right after borrowed material (usually the author's name and page number). Without immediate reference to borrowed material, a list of sources at the end of a written assignment does not protect a writer against the possible charge of plagiarism. The University of Western Ontario uses a plagiarism-checking site called Turnitin.com. The penalty for plagiarism is a mark of zero on the assignment or tests. The commission of a scholastic offence is attended by academic penalties which might include expulsion from the program. If a student is caught cheating, there will be no second warning.

Absenteeism: In case of illness and other problems, Students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds for any missed tests, exams, participation components and/or assignments must apply to the Academic Counselling office of their home Faculty and provide documentation. Academic accommodation cannot be granted by the instructor or department. Failure to notify the home faculty immediately (or as soon as possible thereafter) will have a negative effect on any appeal.

"The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures Policies which govern the conduct, standards, and expectations for student participation in Modern Languages and Literatures courses is available in the Undergraduate section of the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures website at <http://www.uwo.ca/modlang/undergraduate/policies.html>. It is your responsibility to understand the policies set out by the Senate and the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, and thus ignorance of these policies cannot be used as grounds of appeal."

UWO's Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness
(<https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/index.cfm>)

Downloadable Student Medical Certificate (SMC): <https://studentservices.uwo.ca> under the Medical Documentation heading