

# ARABIC LANGUAGE (ARABL-UH)

## ARABL-UH 1110 Elementary Arabic 1 (4 Credits)

*Typically offered Fall*

This course is designed for learners with no prior knowledge of Arabic. Students who have studied Arabic before or who have prior knowledge of Arabic are required to take a placement test. This is a full semester (or equivalent session) course during which students first learn the Arabic alphabet, then move on to work on the sentence and paragraph levels. It is an interactive course designed to build the student's abilities in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. At the end of the semester students should be able to carry on a short conversation; ask and answer questions; introduce themselves and others; provide simple biographical information; interact in simple daily life situations; ask for assistance; express likes and dislikes; read short texts; and gain a basic understanding of Arab culture. Types of tasks and assignments required for this course include daily homework assignments, periodic quizzes, brief presentations, short essay writing, and a final exam.

**Grading:** Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded

**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Arabic Language
- Bulletin Categories: Arabic Minor: Electives

## ARABL-UH 1120 Elementary Arabic 2 (4 Credits)

*Typically offered Spring*

This course builds on the knowledge and skills that students acquire in Elementary Arabic 1 (ARABL-UH 1110) which is a prerequisite course for this class. This is a full semester (or equivalent session) course during which students continue learning formal Arabic (MSA), expand their knowledge of the grammar, build on previously learnt vocabulary, and be exposed to a variety of cultural and daily life themes and situations. It is an interactive course designed to build the student's abilities in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. At the end of the semester students should be able to read texts on familiar topics and understand the main ideas; speak about themselves and their environment; carry out basic daily life transactions; and initiate and sustain conversations on a variety of topics. Types of tasks and assignments required for this course include daily homework assignments, periodic quizzes, brief presentations, short essay writing, and a final exam. Students joining the course from outside NYU Abu Dhabi are required to take a placement test.

**Grading:** Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded

**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

**Prerequisites:** ARABL-UH 1110 or satisfactory result in Arabic language proficiency assessment.

- Bulletin Categories: Arabic Language
- Bulletin Categories: Arabic Minor: Electives

## ARABL-UH 1130 Arabic Language and Heritage 1 (4 Credits)

*Typically offered Fall*

This course is the first in a series of courses meant for students who come from Arabic-speaking families and who grew up in an Arabic-speaking environment but have not had sufficient training in Arabic. These courses are designed to help those students master formal Arabic language skills and empower them, as citizens, to become more engaged in their society, culture, and heritage. The series achieves this goal by reactivating the students' acquired but dormant knowledge of their native tongue even as it provides new accessible and relevant instruction in the language.

**Grading:** Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded

**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Arabic Language
- Bulletin Categories: Arabic Minor: Electives

## ARABL-UH 1132X Elementary Qur'anic Arabic (4 Credits)

This Introductory course is designed for students who are interested in the language of Qur'an and other cultural aspects related to it. Students will be learning the language through progressive study of the Arabic alphabet, vocabulary, syntax, and interactive conversation. They will learn to speak, read and write basic words and phrases that are commonly used in the Quran and throughout the Arab world in common everyday interaction. Furthermore, they will also be able to enhance their knowledge of the Arab and Muslim peoples and their rich religious, social and cultural life. Verses of chapters will be presented and analyzed; vocabulary and grammatical structures will be discussed, explained, and practiced systematically; and cultural aspects of the Qur'an (i.e. Texts, basic Tajweed, Recitation Styles, etc.) will be introduced through simple and short Arabic readings, audios and videos. This is a content-driven course that integrates language and culture. It is a proficiency-based course, where the four language skills, speaking, listening, reading and writing, are integrated and practiced to simulate real life situations. No prerequisite for this class is required. By the end of this course, students are expected to reach at least the Novice High level of ACTFL proficiency in Arabic.

**Grading:** Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded

**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Arabic Language
- Bulletin Categories: Arabic Minor: Electives
- Bulletin Categories: Islamic Studies
- Crosslisted with: Arabic Language

**ARABL-UH 2110 Intermediate Arabic 1 (4 Credits)***Typically offered Fall*

This course builds on the knowledge and skills that students acquire in Elementary Arabic 2. This course builds on the knowledge and skills that students acquire in Elementary Arabic 2 (ARABL-UH 1120) which is a prerequisite course for this class. Students joining the course from outside NYU Abu Dhabi are required to take a placement test. This is a full semester (or equivalent session) course during which students continue learning the modern standard form of the language, with limited exposure to phrases and expressions in colloquial. It is a student-centered course where the four language skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking) are integrated along with culture to simulate real life situations. By the end of this course, students should be able to narrate in all verb tenses, describe their daily life, personal relations, and report information. Types of tasks and assignments required include daily homework assignments, periodic quizzes, presentations, essays, and a final exam.

**Grading:** Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No**Prerequisites:** ARABL-UH 1120.

- Bulletin Categories: Arabic Language
- Bulletin Categories: Arabic Minor: Electives

**ARABL-UH 2120 Intermediate Arabic 2 (4 Credits)***Typically offered Spring*

This course builds on the knowledge and skills that students acquire in Intermediate Arabic 1 which is a prerequisite course for this class. Students joining the course from outside NYU Abu Dhabi are required to take a placement test. This is a full semester (or equivalent session) course during which students continue learning the modern standard form of the language, with limited exposure to phrases and expressions in colloquial. It is a student-centered course where the four language skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking) are integrated along with culture to simulate real life situations. At the end of the semester students should be able to read and understand the main ideas of authentic texts written for the general public. They will be able to employ analytical reading and critical thinking skills to understand different types of text. Types of tasks and assignments required for this course include daily homework assignments, periodic quizzes, presentations, short essay writing, and a final exam.

**Grading:** Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No**Prerequisites:** ARABL-UH 2110.

- Bulletin Categories: African Studies Minor: Arts Humanities Electives
- Bulletin Categories: Arab Crossroads Studies: Language Proficiency
- Bulletin Categories: Arabic Language
- Bulletin Categories: Arabic Minor: Electives
- Crosslisted with: African Studies
- Crosslisted with: Arab Crossroads Studies Major: Required
- Crosslisted with: Arab Crossroads Studies
- Crosslisted with: Arabic Language

**ARABL-UH 2130 Arabic Language and Heritage 2 (4 Credits)***Typically offered Spring*

This course is the second in the Arabic Language and Heritage series designed for native learners of Arabic. A prerequisite for this course is Arabic Language and Heritage 1 (ARABL-UH 1130) or an equivalent proficiency level as determined through a placement test. This is a full semester course (or equivalent session) during which students work on mastering formal Arabic language skills to empower them to become more engaged in their society, culture, and heritage. In ALH 2, students build on their previously acquired listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills to perfect their knowledge of Arabic vocabulary and syntax. By the end of this course, students should be able to produce longer argumentative pieces; will begin to access, assess and taste some of Arabic's key modern literary and cultural products; and will continue to debate and explore various aspects of Arab culture. Types of tasks and assignments required for this course include daily homework assignments, presentations, and essay writing.

**Grading:** Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No**Prerequisites:** ARABL-UH 1130.

- Bulletin Categories: Arabic Language
- Bulletin Categories: Arabic Minor: Electives

**ARABL-UH 2211 Colloquial Arabic: Levantine Dialect 1 (4 Credits)***Typically offered Fall*

This course complements the student's knowledge of Standard Arabic to include proficiency in Levantine Arabic, one of the major Arabic dialects, with emphasis on daily life tasks, conversational fluency, and cultural sensibility. A prerequisite for this class is Intermediate Arabic 201 (ARABL-UH 2110) or an equivalent proficiency level determined through a placement test. This is a full semester conversation-based course during which students focus on the communicative skills, and develop automated production skills necessary to function in an Arabic speaking environment. It is designed to build student's abilities in listening and speaking. At the end of the semester students should be able to use the Shami dialect to participate actively in conversations by using linguistic and cultural expressions to make requests, express, and describe preferences. Tasks and assignments required for this course include daily homework, periodic quizzes, weekly oral entries, presentation skits, oral film summary, oral interviews, a homestay, and an oral final exam.

**Grading:** Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No**Prerequisites:** ARABL-UH 2110.

- Bulletin Categories: Arab Crossroads Studies: Language Proficiency
- Bulletin Categories: Arabic Language
- Bulletin Categories: Arabic Minor: Electives
- Crosslisted with: Arab Crossroads Studies Major: Required
- Crosslisted with: Arab Crossroads Studies

**ARABL-UH 2212 Colloquial Arabic: Egyptian Dialect (4 Credits)***Typically offered Spring*

This course complements the student's knowledge of Standard Arabic to include proficiency in Egyptian Arabic, one of the major Arabic dialects, with emphasis on daily life tasks, conversational fluency, and cultural sensibility. A prerequisite for this class is Intermediate Arabic 2 or an equivalent proficiency level as determined through a placement test.

This is a full semester (or equivalent session) conversation-based course during which students focus on the communicative skills, and develop automated production skills necessary to function in an Arabic speaking environment. It is designed to build student's abilities in listening and speaking. At the end of the semester students should be able to use the Egyptian dialect to participate actively in informal conversations by using language and cultural expressions to make requests, express, and describe preferences. Types of tasks and assignments required for this course include daily homework assignments, periodic quizzes, weekly brief presentations and a final exam.

**Grading:** Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No**Prerequisites:** ARABL-UH 2110.

- Bulletin Categories: Arab Crossroads Studies: Language Proficiency
- Bulletin Categories: Arabic Language
- Bulletin Categories: Arabic Minor: Electives
- Crosslisted with: Arab Crossroads Studies Major: Required
- Crosslisted with: Arab Crossroads Studies

**ARABL-UH 2213 Colloquial Arabic: Emirati Dialect and Culture (4 Credits)***Typically offered Fall*

This is an introductory course in Emirati dialect and culture designed for students who have completed Intermediate Arabic I. In contrast with the MSA sequence, which focuses on traditional literacy, this course adheres to the communicative method and focuses on fluency in conversation, accuracy in pronunciation, and the stimulation of intercultural competence. Through extensive and intensive listening, at-home recording, and in-class role play and interaction, the course creates an immersive environment to help students develop the production skills necessary to function among Emirati speakers in a variety of settings. Students will have the opportunity to interact with guest lecturers from a variety of fields, to work with language partners, and to visit a number of cultural sites in the UAE.

**Grading:** Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No**Prerequisites:** ARABL-UH 2110.

- Bulletin Categories: Arab Crossroads Studies: Language Proficiency
- Bulletin Categories: Arabic Language
- Bulletin Categories: Arabic Minor: Electives
- Crosslisted with: Arab Crossroads Studies Major: Required
- Crosslisted with: Arab Crossroads Studies

**ARABL-UH 3110 Advanced Arabic 1 (4 Credits)***Typically offered Fall*

The course is designed to help students reach an advanced level of proficiency through analysis of authentic Arabic texts addressing a wide range of political, social, religious, and literary themes. A prerequisite for this course is Intermediate Arabic 2 or, for students joining from outside NYU Abu Dhabi, an equivalent proficiency level as determined through a placement test. The course emphasizes integrating the four language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. At the end of the course students should be able to understand the main ideas and supporting arguments of authentic oral and written texts; draw conclusions about the author's attitude; employ analytical reading and critical thinking; analyze various linguistic aspects in a text; and evaluate the content and organizational aspects of a specialized article. Types of tasks and assignments required for this course include daily homework assignments, periodic quizzes, presentations, essay writing, and a final exam.

**Grading:** Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No**Prerequisites:** ARABL-UH 2120.

- Bulletin Categories: Arab Crossroads Studies: Language Proficiency
- Bulletin Categories: Arabic Language
- Bulletin Categories: Arabic Minor: Electives
- Crosslisted with: Arab Crossroads Studies Major: Required
- Crosslisted with: Arab Crossroads Studies

**ARABL-UH 3120 Advanced Arabic 2 (4 Credits)***Typically offered Spring*

This course builds on previously acquired writing and conversational skills. A prerequisite for this class is Advanced Arabic 1 or, for students joining from outside NYU Abu Dhabi, an equivalent proficiency level as determined through a placement test. This is a full semester (or equivalent session) course during which students are autonomously responsible for their own learning. The course provides students with opportunities to study, analyze and present textual and audiovisual content in class, and engage in extended discussions. It is designed to reinforce the student's abilities in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. At the end of the semester students should be able to function competently, confidently in Arab culture, discuss and write effectively about various topics with precision and detail, enhance their critical thinking skills and interact fluently with Arabs. Types of tasks and assignments required for this course include daily homework assignments, periodic quizzes, weekly presentations and essay writing, and a final writing project.

**Grading:** Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No**Prerequisites:** ARABL-UH 3110.

- Bulletin Categories: Arab Crossroads Studies: Language Proficiency
- Bulletin Categories: Arabic Language
- Bulletin Categories: Arabic Minor: Electives
- Crosslisted with: Arab Crossroads Studies Major: Required
- Crosslisted with: Arab Crossroads Studies

**ARABL-UH 3131X Introduction to Qur'anic Arabic (4 Credits)***Typically offered Spring*

This course is designed for students who are interested in the language of Qur'an and other cultural aspects related to it. Suras (chapters) and verses of chapters will be presented and analyzed; vocabulary and grammatical structures will be discussed, explained, and practiced systematically; and cultural aspects of the Qur'an (i.e. Texts, Maqamat, Tajweed, Recitation Styles, etc.) will be introduced through Arabic readings, audios and videos. This is a content-driven course that integrates language and culture. This course builds on the knowledge that students acquire in Intermediate Arabic 1 and earlier courses. It is a proficiency-based course, where the four language skills, speaking, listening, reading and writing, are integrated and practiced to simulate real life situations.

**Grading:** Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Arabic Language
- Bulletin Categories: Arabic Minor: Electives
- Bulletin Categories: Islamic Studies
- Crosslisted with: Arabic Language

**ARABL-UH 3211 Colloquial Arabic: Levantine Dialect 2 (4 Credits)***Typically offered Spring*

This course complements the student's knowledge gained in Levantine 1. A prerequisite for this class is thus Levantine 1 or an equivalent proficiency level as determined through a placement test. This is a conversation-based course during which students focus on the communicative skills, and develop automated production skills necessary to function in an Arabic speaking environment. Class discussions are relevant to Shami culture, encouraging engagement and exploration of the themes through folklore, song, films, etc. It is designed to build student's abilities in listening and speaking. At the end of the semester students should be able to use the Shami dialect to participate actively in conversations by using linguistic and cultural expressions to make requests, compare, express, narrate and describe preferences. Assignments required for this course include daily homework, periodic quizzes, weekly oral entries, presentation skits, oral film summary. This course includes oral interviews, a homestay, guest speakers, and an oral final exam.

**Grading:** Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No**Prerequisites:** ARABL-UH 2211.

- Bulletin Categories: Arab Crossroads Studies: Language Proficiency
- Bulletin Categories: Arabic Language
- Bulletin Categories: Arabic Minor: Electives
- Crosslisted with: Arab Crossroads Studies Major: Required
- Crosslisted with: Arab Crossroads Studies

**ARABL-UH 3401 Hybrid Identities in the Gulf (4 Credits)***Typically offered occasionally*

This is an advanced-level content course in Arabic designed around the reading of Saud Al Sanousi's novel, *The Bamboo Stalk*. The course conceives of the novel as a lens onto a rich array of social issues in the contemporary Gulf. As students follow the protagonist's attempts to understand his hybrid identity, they explore broader questions of cultural, linguistic, and religious difference in the Gulf's Arab communities. Through a combination of class discussions, collaborative research into historical details, guest lectures, and social media resources, students will have the chance to contextualize the novel's themes and link them to their own experiences. Students are expected to reach advanced-mid proficiency by the end of the term.

**Grading:** Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No**Prerequisites:** ARABL-UH 2120.

- Bulletin Categories: Arabic Language
- Bulletin Categories: Arabic Minor: Electives