

Attention!

This is a representative syllabus. The syllabus for the course you are enrolled in will likely be different.

Please refer to your instructor's syllabus for more information on specific requirements for a given semester.

Arabic 2101
Arabic Grammar I
Spring 2015
Meeting Time/Location

Instructor:

Office:

Office Hours:

Email:

Phone:

Course Description:

This course is an accelerated introduction to the morphology and syntax of Modern Standard and Classical Arabic with an emphasis on the development of reading comprehension skills. This will include an overview of all the basic grammatical structures of Arabic. Students will learn essential noun declensions (i'raab) as well as the various conjugations of both regular and irregular verbs. This will include completing chapters 11-38 of *Arabic: An Essential Grammar* by Faruq Abu-Chacra. Also, this course will be doubling as an intensive review of core vocabulary. Therefore, in addition to a grammatical overview, students will be responsible for learning and retaining the 1000 most commonly used words in Arabic as they are found in *A Frequency Dictionary of Arabic: Core Vocabulary for Learners* by Tim Buckwalter. Of these 1000 vocabulary items you are not responsible for learning the words that are considered spoken Arabic (*'ammiya*). Many of the grammatical concepts and vocabulary will have been theoretically learned during previous study. Nevertheless, this will be an opportunity to solidify the essential grammar and core vocabulary required in order to succeed in advanced Arabic courses.

Course Requirements:

(1) Attendance / Homework / Participation -

Attendance, homework, and participation are mandatory. Actively attending and participating in class with completed homework in hand will account for 25% of your final grade. Please contact me as soon as possible in case of an excused absence or emergency so we can discuss rescheduling and reviewing missed material.

(2) Tests -

We will be completing 29 chapters from *Arabic: An Essential Grammar* during the semester. This will include 4 take-home tests throughout the semester. Test 1 will cover chapters 11-18. Test 2 will cover chapters 19-25, Test 3 will cover chapters 26-32. Test 4 will cover chapters 33-39. These 4 tests will account for 50% of your final grade.

(3) Final Exams -

There will be a cumulative in-class final examination. This will cover all the grammatical material covered in chapters 11-39 as well as all of the vocabulary learned throughout the semester. The final exam will account for 25% of your final grade.

Grading:

Attendance / HW / Part.	20%
Vocab Quizzes	20%
Test 1	10%
Test 2	10%
Test 3	10%
Test 4	10%
Final Exam	20%

Grading Scale:

A (93-100)	A- (90-92)	B+ (87-89)	B (83-86)	B- (80-82)	C+ (77-79)
C (73-76)	C- (70-72)	D+ (67-69)	D (63-66)	D- (60-62)	E (0-59)

Academic Misconduct:

“It is the responsibility of the Committee on Academic Misconduct to investigate or establish procedures for the investigation of all reported cases of student academic misconduct. The term “academic misconduct” includes all forms of student academic misconduct wherever committed; illustrated by, but not limited to, cases of plagiarism and dishonest practices in connection with examinations. Instructors shall report all instances of alleged academic misconduct to the committee (Faculty Rule 3335-5-487). For additional information, see the Code of Student Conduct” <http://studentlife.osu.edu/csc/>

Disability Services:

“Students with disabilities that have been certified by the Office of Disability Services will be appropriately accommodated, and should inform the instructor as soon as possible of their needs. The Office of Disability Services is located in 150 Pomerene Hall, 1760 Neil Avenue; telephone 292-3307, TDD 292-0901; <http://www.ods.ohio-state.edu>”

Textbooks:

There are two required books for this course:

- (1) *Arabic: An Essential Grammar* by Faruq Abu-Chacra, London: Routledge, 2007.
- (2) *A Frequency Dictionary of Arabic: Core Vocabulary for Learners*, by Tim Buckwalter, London: Routledge, 2011.

Additional Material will be provided from *A Reference Grammar of Modern Standard Arabic* by Karin C. Ryding, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 2005.

Tentative Course Schedule

Week 1 - Syllabus and Introductions

January 12th - Introductions and Course Objectives

January 14th - Conjunctions and Prepositions - Chacra pages 51-60.

January 16th - 'Idāfa Construction - Chacra pages 61-69

Vocabulary Assignment for the Week 1-75 - Buckwalter pages 9-15 (ال - رأى).

Week 2 -

January 19th - MLK DAY - NO CLASS - Duals and Plural - Chacra pages 70-77. This chapter will not be covered in class.

January 21st - Perfect Tense - Chacra pages 78-86.

January 23rd - Personal and Suffix Pronouns - Chacra pages 87-97.

Vocabulary Assignment for the Week 76-150 - Buckwalter pages 15-22 (أب - مشروع).

Week 3 -

January 26th - Demonstrative, Reflexive, and Reciprocal Pronouns - Chacra pages 98-105.

January 28th - Imperfect Tense - Chacra pages 106-114.

January 30th - Derived Verb Forms - Chacra pages 115-127.

Vocabulary Assignment for the Week 151-225 - Buckwalter pages 22-28 (ثلاثة - نتيجة).

Week 4 -

February 2nd - Passive Verbs - Chacra pages 128-134.

February 4th - **(SKIP CHAPTERS 20 AND 21)** Triptotes and Diptotes - Chacra pages 151-159.

February 6th - Participles, Verbal Nouns, Nouns of Place/Time/Instrument - Chacra pages 160-168.

Vocabulary Assignment for the Week 226-300 - Buckwalter pages 28-34 (أخت - أجل).

Week 5 -

February 9th - Interrogative and Vocative Particles - Chacra pages 169-180.

February 11th - Adjectives - Chacra pages 181-192.

February 13th - 'Inna and Kāna - Chacra pages 193-200.

Vocabulary Assignment for the Week 301-375 - Buckwalter pages 34-42 (اتحاد - لماذا).

Week 6 -

February 16th - Relative Pronouns and Relative Clauses - Chacra pages 201-208.

February 18th - Verbal Mood - Chacra pages 209-217.

February 20th - Doubled (Muḍā'if) Verbs - Chacra pages 218-223.

Vocabulary Assignment for the Week 376-450 - Buckwalter pages 42-49 (قليل - موجود).

Week 7 -

February 23rd - Verbs with Hamza - Chacra pages 224-230.

February 25th - Initial Weak (Mithāl) Verbs - Chacra pages 231-236.

February 27th - Middle Weak / Hollow (ʿAjwaf) Verbs - Chacra pages 237-245.

Vocabulary Assignment for the Week 451-525 - Buckwalter pages 49-55 (تمتّى - انتهى).

Week 8 -

March 2nd - Final Weak (Nāqis) Verbs - Chacra pages 246-255.

March 4th - Weak Verb Review - Review Chacra pages 231-255.

March 6th - Cardinal Numbers - Chacra pages 256-268.

Vocabulary Assignment for the Week 526-600 - Buckwalter pages 55-63 (غريب - دورة).

Week 9 -

March 9th - Ordinal Numbers - Chacra pages 269-281.

March 11th - Review Numbers - Chacra pages 256-281.

March 13th - Exceptions - Chacra pages 282-288.

Vocabulary Assignment for the Week 601-675 - Buckwalter pages 63-70 (نشاط - أزمة).

Week 10 - SPRING BREAK - NO CLASS

March 16th

March 18th

March 20th

CATCH UP ON VOCABULARY - CATCH UP ON VOCABULARY

Week 11 -

March 23rd - Laysa / Unique Verbs - Chacra pages 289-298.

March 25th - Adverbs and Adverbials - Chacra pages 299-308

March 27th - Conditional Sentences - Chacra pages 309-317.

Vocabulary Assignment for the Week 676-750 - Buckwalter pages 70-76 (بحث - علاج).

Week 12 -

March 30th - Review Unmastered Material (Student Requests)

April 1st - Review Unmastered Material (Student Requests)

April 3rd - Review Unmastered Material (Student Requests)

Vocabulary Assignment for the Week 751-825 - Buckwalter pages 77-83 (يعني - واسع).

Week 13 -

April 6th - Arabic Noun Forms - Ryding pages 74-99.

April 8th - Arabic Noun Forms - Ryding pages 74-99.

April 10th - Arabic Noun Forms - Ryding pages 74-99.

Vocabulary Assignment for the Week 826-900 - Buckwalter pages 83-91 (ده - هلا).

Week 14 -

- April 13th - More Adverbs and Adverbial Expressions - Ryding pages 276-297.
- April 15th - More Adverbs and Adverbial Expressions - Ryding pages 276-297.
- April 17th - More Adverbs and Adverbial Expressions - Ryding pages 276-297.
- Vocabulary Assignment for the Week 901-975 - Buckwalter pages 91-97 (عنف - دمع).

Week 15 -

- April 20th - Miscellaneous Grammar - Chacra and Ryding pages TBD
- April 22nd - Miscellaneous Grammar - Chacra and Ryding pages TBD
- April 24th - Miscellaneous Grammar - Chacra and Ryding pages TBD
- Vocabulary Assignment for the Week 976-1050 - Buckwalter pages 97-104 (كفى - صدر).

Week 16 -

- April 27th - LAST DAY OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED CLASS

Final Exam - TBD