

# 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 5628:

Classical Prose

Meeting Time/

Location:

Instructor:

Email:

Office:

Office hour:

This course is designed to serve as a bridge between intermediate Arabic language learning and the advanced study of Arabic literature. It offers a sequence of targeted readings from classical prose, and a collaborative environment for going through them with methodical attention to grammatical principles. There is a critical component to the course (to be engaged in a short final paper), but its main goals are practical. If you leave the course with a more nuanced appreciation for the forms and conventions of classical Arabic prose, and are better equipped for future research, our learning goals will have been met.

There are no books required for purchase. All materials will be supplied from online sources and made available via Carmen Courses. These include Wright's *Grammar of the Arabic Language* (Content > Reference materials), which will be our arbiter in all matters of grammar.

Tu Jan 12	Day One
Th Jan 14	<u>al-Zamakhsharī, <i>al-Kashshāf</i> (re: <i>Sūrat ʿAbasa</i> 80:1-10)</u>
	↓
Tu Jan 19	<u>Ḥadīth Umm Zarʿ (from <i>Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim, Kitāb Faḍāʾil al-saḥāba</i>)</u>
Th Jan 21	
	↓
Tu Jan 26	<u>Ibn Ishāq and Ibn Hishām, <i>al-Sīrat al-nabawiyya</i></u>
Th Jan 28	
	↓
Tu Feb 2	<u>Ibn Kathīr, <i>al-Sīrat al-nabawiyya</i></u>
Th Feb 4	
	↓
Tu Feb 9	<u>al-Ṭabarī, <i>Jāmiʿ al-bayān</i> (re: <i>Sūrat al-Baqara</i> 2:187)</u>
Th Feb 11	
	↓
Tu Feb 16	<u>Reports of Juḥā and Abū ʿAlqama in al-Jāḥiẓ</u>
Th Feb 18	
	↓
Tu Feb 23	<u>TAKE-HOME MIDTERM DUE IN CLASS</u>
Th Feb 25	<u>Reports of Juḥā in <i>al-Baṣāʾir wa-ʿl-dhakhāʾir</i> of Abū Ḥayyān al-Tawḥīdī</u>
	↓
Tu Mar 1	<u></u>
Th Mar 3	<u></u>
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Tu Mar 8	<u></u>
Th Mar 10	<u></u>

Tu Mar 15	SPRING
Th Mar 17	BREAK
Tu Mar 22	Reports of Rābiʿa al-ʿAdawiyya
Th Mar 24	in <i>al-Bayān wa-ʿl-tabyīn</i> of al-Jāḥiẓ
Tu Mar 29	and <i>Iḥyāʾ ʿulūm al-dīn</i> of al-Ghazālī
Th Mar 31	↓
Tu Apr 5	al-Muḥāsibī, <i>Kitāb al-ʿAql</i>
Th Apr 7	↓
Tu Apr 12	↓
Th Apr 14	Readings from <i>Ḥayāt al-ḥayawān</i> TBD by class vote
Tu Apr 19	↓
Th Apr 21	↓

**Due date of final paper (~6-8 pages):** Thursday, April 29

<b>Grade assessment</b>	<u>Percentage of Final Grade</u>
Take-home midterm exam	20%
Final paper	30%
Attendance/participation	50%

(There is no final exam in this class.)

### **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 policy**

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