**جامعة براون - الصف الثالث – العربية 600- ربيع 2014**

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**أهلاً وسهلاً!**

About this class:

The goal of this course is to continue developing advanced understanding, speaking, reading, and writing skills in Modern Standard Arabic (MSA). If you join the Arabic program of Brown University at the advanced level, you should be acquainted with the textbooks *Al-Kitaab fii Ta`allum al-`Arabiyya, Part Two*, or demonstrate equivalent proficiency in MSA.

This is a language course; emphasis will be placed above all on the quality of the students’ linguistic abilities. Students at this level are expected to be able to express themselves in easy-flowing and grammatically-sound Arabic. We will continue to use the *al-Kitaab* series as a textual basis for the study of grammar, and to expand your vocabulary. However, for an effective and functional acquisition of the language, additional materials will also be provided in order to broaden our perspective on modern Arab societies and their cultures.

The practice of intensive reading in the classroom and at home will stimulate your ability to use Arabic within your particular areas of interests. Grammar review will focus on improving your personal style of written and oral expression. Every Friday is reserved for a conversation practice session for further development of your communication skills. These Friday conversation hours are an integral part of this course.

Textbooks and other learning materials:

 ***Al-Kitaab fii Ta`allum al-`Arabiyya*, Part three, by Brustad, et al.**

The dictionaries recommended for this and the following Arabic language courses (i.e., the *Hans Wehr Dictionary of Modern Written Arabic*, edited by J.M. Cowan, and the *Oxford English-Arabic Dictionary*) can be purchased at the Brown bookstore.

Additional learning materials (literary texts, films, music, etc…) will be incorporated in the learning process. The objective is to broaden your perspective of the social and cultural contexts and dynamics in which Arabic functions today.

Tests and grading:

There is no midterm, but short quizzes will be administered upon completion of a specific topic and/or an entire lesson. Course grades will be calculated as follows:

Homework – 20%

Class attendance and participation – 20%

Quizzes – 30%

Oral presentations – 10%

Written assignments – 10%

Final exam -- 10%

Grades range from A (90 - 100), to B (80 - 89), to C (70 - 79). In order to receive a Pass, your letter grade should be equivalent of C, or higher.

Please note that a lot of importance is attached to attendance. Absences will not be tolerated. This includes Friday discussion sessions. If a student has a medical, legal or otherwise valid excuse for missing class (the validity of the excuse is at the discretion of the instructor), then this student is not excused for the homework due during the missed period, and must turn it in when they come back. Students are also responsible for material covered in class while they were away. This means that they should get notes from fellow students, study the material on their own first, and then ask the instructor during office hours about any questions that they may have about it.

Homework

Written homework assignments are an essential part of the language acquisition process, and are worth a substantial part of your final grade (see above). ***Please observe the following guidelines***:

1. Hand in the homework ***on time***, on a separate piece of paper (do not rip sheets out of the book; you may, however, photocopy pages). Write neatly, and skip lines, leaving ***enough room for comments and corrections***.
2. ***Always copy all the sentences on which you are being drilled***. In a fill-in the blanks exercise for example, don’t hand in simply the word(s) that should go in the blank, but write down the entire sentence and underline the word that you put in the blank.

Weekly Schedule

A detailed day-to-day schedule will be posted on the My Courses website on a weekly basis.

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