

جامعة براون - السنة الثالثة \ صفء العربية 500 - خريف 2014

## Third Year Arabic (ARAB 0500) - Fall 2013

Meeting Time & Location ARAB 0500-S01: MTWRF 12:00- 12:50 pm – Sayles Hall 305

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### **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 first five chapters of *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.

In the Fall semester, we will continue to use the *al-Kitaab* series as a textual basis for the study of grammar, and to expand your vocabulary. However, additional materials will also be provided in order to broaden our perspective on modern Arab societies and their cultures in view of an effective and functional acquisition of the language.

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:**

1. *Al-Kitaab fii Ta'allum al-'Arabiyya*, Part two, by Brustad, et al.
2. *The Hans Wehr Dictionary of Modern Written Arabic*, edited by J.M. Cowan
3. *The Concise Oxford English-Arabic Dictionary of Current Usage*

## **Tests and Grading:**

In ARAB0500, there is no mid-term exam; rather, your learning progress is assessed throughout the semester. The ARAB 0500 grade will be formed as follows:

**Homework (20%):** Homework is assigned and graded on a daily basis. Please observe the following **guidelines:**

- Hand in the homework assignment **on time**, on a separate piece of paper (do not rip sheets out of the book; you may, however, photocopy pages). Write your name in Arabic. Write neatly and skip lines leaving **enough room for comments and corrections**.
- **Always copy the entire sentence 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 you chose to put in the blank.

**Class attendance and participation (20%):** Regular attendance is crucial for keeping up with the pace of the class and for your overall success. Therefore, it is expected that you will exert every effort to attend all class sessions on time. Please inform your instructor **in advance** of any absence. You will still be responsible for material covered in class while you are away and for turning in any missed homework following your return. This means that you should get notes from your classmates, study the material on your own first, then, if necessary, seek the instructor's assistance, as well, during office hours. Assessing the validity of any medical, legal, or other personal excuse for missing class is at the discretion of the instructor.

Participation will be graded weekly throughout the semester based on preparation for class; contribution to a cooperative classroom atmosphere; willingness to take part in class activities and interact in Arabic; effective communication in the language; and making use of the instructor's office hours.

**Four Comprehensive Exams (40%):** Each periodic exam is designed to assess your lexical and grammatical competence, listening, reading, and writing skills. They are scheduled in advance and taken in class. Details about the course material and chapters covered on each exam will be offered in class.

**Arabic Presentation (10%):** In the course of the semester, each student will be asked to speak in class for about 12-15 minutes on a topic of his/her choice. Oral presentations is an excellent opportunity to practice everything you have been studying, to show how much you have learned and how creative you can be in the language. As you prepare your oral presentations, please keep in mind that the purpose of this exercise is to make the best of what you already know.

**Final Writing Project: (10%):** Every student is required to submit a final written essay (1000 words) before Friday 12/05. The topic of this essay has to be approved by the instructor and the draft will be submitted in week 8. Your essay will need to include a minimum of **THREE** Arabic scholarly sources (on-line sources are acceptable).

Grades range from A= 90 - 100, to B= 80 - 89, to C= 70 - 79. If your grade option is S/NC, in order to receive S, your cumulative letter grade in ARAB 0300 must be C, or higher.

A detailed day-to-day schedule will be posted on the course website at the beginning of each week.

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