# LARA 107-002 Second Semester Arabic

# Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures

Spring 2014

## Class: LARA 107-Sec. 002, CRN: 14861, M-F 11:00-11:50 p.m.

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## **Textbooks:**

* Brustad, et al. Al-Kitaab fii Ta‘allum al-‘Arabiyya with DVDs: A Textbook for Beginning Arabic, Part 1, 3rd Edition
* Brustad, et al. Alif Baa with DVD: Introduction to Arabic Letters and Sounds, 3d Edition
* Barchart. Arabic Grammar/Arabic Vocabulary ***Optional Study Aides***

# Course Description

The course will be proficiency based, covering all four-language skills (speaking, listening, reading, and writing). I will place considerable emphasis on active use of the language both in class and in daily homework assignments. By the end of the semester, students can expect to be able to read simple texts using a good range of vocabulary and structures, to deliver an address about oneself in Arabic, and to engage in limited conversations with classmates, instructor and sympathetic native speakers. Students will also develop an acquaintance with some aspects of Arab culture through the exploration of Arabic-language media and Arabic-related web sites.

**Course Policy**

You are required to attend class on time every day. You get points every day for coming to class on time and for participating. Excellent participation is characterized by evidence of thorough preparation and an eagerness to volunteer often. Coming to class late or failing to participate will cause you to lose some or all of those points. Homework is due the day it is assigned, the next day if you missed class on that day. Late homework may be considered with only 50% of the grade. There will be no make-ups for missed quizzes or exams unless an extension is arranged in advance or if the absence is excused due to a **documented** injury, illness, or emergency.

### Arabic Club

Students are required to attend at least 2 club activities or cultural events during the semester. These activities are intended to expose students to various aspects of Arab culture. Events will be announced as soon as information becomes available. Additional involvement or contribution may be considered for extra credit at the instructor discretion.

**Grading System:**

* **Preparation, attendance, and class participation 20%**
* **Quizzes 25%**
* **Homework 25%**
* **Oral exam 5%**
* **Midterm 10%**
* **Final 15%**

**Departmental plus/minus grading:**

A 100-93 B 86-83 C 76-73

A- 92-90 B- 82-80 D 72-60

B+ 89-87 C+ 79-77 F below 60

**Academic Integrity**

Academic integrity is conceptualized as doing and taking credit for one’s own work.Any student found responsible for having engaged in academic dishonesty will be subject to academic penalty and/or University disciplinary action.Examples of academic dishonesty include (but are not limited to): providing or receiving unauthorized assistance on any form of academic work. Examples include copying the work of another student, completing homework for another student**, copying homework from an answer key, and having another student or tutor edit your homework.**

**RamCT:**

**All materials shared in class are posted in RAMCT account for the course. Access the RamCT course page for copies of the syllabus, homework list, handouts, and to track your grade. You will also find a list of useful weblinks.**

**Tentative Class Schedule:**

* Jan. 21-Jan. 24: Intro., Review
* Jan. 27-Jan. 31: Lesson 6
* Feb. 3-Feb. 7: Lesson 7
* Feb. 10-Feb.14: Lesson 7

**Friday Feb. 14: Quiz 1**

* Feb. 17-Feb. 21: Lesson 8
* Feb. 24-Feb. 28: Lesson 8

**Friday Feb. 28: Quiz 2**

* Mar. 3-Mar. 7: Lesson 9
* Mar. 10-Mar. 14: Lesson 9 and Review Exercise

**Midterm Exam: Friday March 14**

* **No Classes: Mar. 17-Mar.21: Spring Break**
* Mar. 24-Mar. 28: Lesson 10
* Mar. 31-Apr 4: Lesson 10

**Friday Apr 4: Quiz 3**

* Apr. 7-Apr. 11: Lesson 11
* Apr. 14-Apr.18: Lesson 11

**Friday Apr. 18: Quiz 4**

* Apr. 21-Apr. 25: Lesson 12
* Apr. 28-May 2: Lesson 12
* May. 5-May 9: Oral Exam and Final review

## FINAL EXAM: Hosam: WEDNESDAY MAY 14, 9:40 a.m.-11:40 a.m. in the CLASSROOM

Bashayer: WEDNESDAY MAY 14, 4:10-6:10 p.m. in the CLASSROOM