



## Modern Standard Arabic for Beginners (Part II)

This course syllabus and description applies to the 2023 spring semester.

### General Information

This is an Arabic language course offered by the Centre for Advanced Middle Eastern Studies (CMES) exclusively for Lund University staff and students interested in working and conducting research in Arabic speaking countries.

*Language of instruction:* English

*Credits:* no credits will be awarded. Participants will receive a certificate upon completion of the course.

*Course fee:* the course is free of charge for participants

This 10-week course in Modern Standard Arabic (Basic User, level A1-A2) is offered during the 2023 spring semester with classes on Tuesdays (13:15-15:00).

### Course Content

The course provides practical linguistic knowledge and cultural background for students and staff who want to study Arabic for work, fieldwork and/or research purposes. Participants will learn to read and write basic Arabic and be able to use the language in everyday situations. In addition to an introduction to Modern Standard Arabic, participants will also get insights into cultures and traditions of the Arabic speaking world. The course is based on a combination of lectures, individual studies and seminars.

### Learning Outcomes

On completion of the course, students shall be able to:

- understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases
- introduce themselves and others
- ask and answer short questions about personal details

## Entry Requirements

To be eligible for the course, participants must either be employed at Lund University or enrolled as students at Lund University. Some previous knowledge of Arabic is required: participants should have completed the course Modern Standard Arabic for Beginners Part I at CMES; *or* have the equivalent knowledge in which case the language level of successful applicants will be assessed before classes commence.

## Application Procedure

Participants should apply to attend the course by sending an email to [info@cme.lu.se](mailto:info@cme.lu.se) no later than Friday 13 January, 2023. Please write “A1 Arabic Course Part II” in the subject line and include the following information:

- full name;
- reason for applying (e.g., fieldwork, research, internship);
- previous knowledge of Arabic; and
- if you are employed at LU, please include your LUCAT id. If you are a student at LU, please include your date of birth.

If your application is successful, you will receive additional information before the course commences.

## Course Coordinator

The course is taught and coordinated by Rafah Barhoum, language training expert at CMES. Rafah has previously taught Modern Standard Arabic at LU’s Centre for Languages and Literature and worked as a supervisor teacher of Modern Standard Arabic at the Higher Language Institute at Damascus University. She is specialized in teaching Arabic as a second language. Her teaching approach builds on using authentic materials, involving culture, providing opportunities for lived experiences outside the classroom and building on the students’ motivation for using the language. Rafah can be contacted at [rafah.barhoum@cme.lu.se](mailto:rafah.barhoum@cme.lu.se)

## Course Literature

Bader, Fawzieh Ahmad (2010) *Al-Asas for Teaching Arabic for Non-Native Speakers: Part 1, Beginner Level*. Richardson: Noorart. ISBN: 978–1933269092

Hassanein, Azza (2006) *Modern standard Arabic grammar: a concise guide*.  
Cairo: American University in Cairo Press. ISBN: 978–9774160127

Wightwick, Jane and Mahmoud Gaafar (2005) *Mastering Arabic grammar*.  
Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan. ISBN: 978–1403941091

## Useful Links

- Al Jazeera – Learning Arabic, Beginner’s Lessons  
<https://learning.aljazeera.net/en/lessons/level/beginner>
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8\\_60iWXI7dw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8_60iWXI7dw)
- Song of numbers (learn to count) with Karazah  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A6qWYMEYRXo>
- Song of colors (learn colors) with Karazah  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1\\_PG7w2CwA4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1_PG7w2CwA4)
- The days of the week song  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a9yuw9\\_vHMg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a9yuw9_vHMg)

## Schedule

Date	Class Content
Tue. 24 January	<i>Class 1:</i> overview, subject pronouns, and possessive pronouns. Practicing through reading and group conversation (course literature pp. 158-159). <i>Homework:</i> reading dialogues (pp. 160-161) and answer the questions (pp. 162-163). Subject pronoun exercises (p. 211). Possessive pronouns exercises (p. 259).
Tue. 31 January	<i>Class 2:</i> overview, verb conjugations. Practicing through reading (course literature pp. 165-168) and group conversations. <i>Homework:</i> chose 5 verbs to conjugate in past and present then write them in your notebook. Verb conjugations exercises (pp. 211-213).

- Tue. 7 February *Class 3:* Arabic question words, reading dialogues (course literature pp. 170-172). *Homework:* exercises (pp. 175-176). Question words exercises (pp. 225-227).
- Tue. 14 February *Class 4:* Negation in Arabic – practicing negation in Arabic by asking questions via group conversations.
- Tue. 21 February *Class 5:* Demonstratives in Arabic, practicing in Al-Asas (pp. 152-154, 206-208). Imperative (pp. 194-195). *Homework:* practice saying (I Have عندِي, with me مَعِي, from me مِنِّي, about me عَنِّي, and to me إِلَيَّ/لِي) with possessive pronouns (pp. 196-197). Demonstratives exercises (p. 210).
- Tue. 28 February *Class 6:* Singular, dual, and plural, practicing in Al-Asas (pp. 238-245). Reading dialogues in Al-Asas (pp. 199-201). *Homework:* practice singular and plural in Al-Asas (p. 208). Answering the questions for the lesson that we read in class (pp. 202-204).
- Tue. 7 March *Class 7:* Adverbs of time and adverbs of place and preposition (pp. 246-247). [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ecnr5\\_Nj5u8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ecnr5_Nj5u8) Reading dialogues in Al-Asas (pp. 215-218). *Homework:* Al-Asas (pp. 222-223).
- Tue. 14 March *Class 8:* Reading in Al-Asas (pp. 215-217) and group conversations (pp. 218-219). *Homework:* practice (at عند in different context, p. 220). Asking for directions exercise (p. 221).
- Tue. 21 March *Class 9:* Reading in Al-Asas (pp. 230-234) and group conversations at the airport. *Homework:* exercises (pp. 235-237). Practice words at the airport from the links below:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NammBZOxHw0>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c2kJTbfVQSY>
- Tue. 28 March *Class 10:* Telling the time in Arabic (pp. 248-250). Reading dialogues in Al-Asas (pp. 251-253).