

**CMES**CENTRE FOR ADVANCED
MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES

Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic (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 (Intermediate User, level B1) is offered during the 2023 spring semester with classes on Wednesdays (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 be able to use the language in everyday situations. In addition 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 the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters encountered in everyday situations in work, school, leisure, etc.
- interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers possible

Entry Requirements

To be eligible for the course, participants must either be employed at Lund University or enrolled as students at Lund University. Previous knowledge of Arabic is required: participants should have completed the course Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic 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 no later than Friday 13 January, 2023. Please write “B1 Arabic Course Part 2” in the subject line and include the following information:

- full name;
- reason for applying (e.g., fieldwork, research, internship); and
- previous knowledge of the Arabic language.
- 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

Course Literature

Bader, Fawzieh Ahmad (2010) *Al-Asas for Teaching Arabic for Non-Native Speakers: Part 3, Intermediate Level*. Richardson: Noorart. ISBN: 978-1933269115

Brosh, Hezi and Luṭfī Maṣṣūr (2013) *Arabic stories for language learners: traditional Middle Eastern tales in Arabic and English*. Tokyo: Tuttle Publishing. ISBN: 780–804843003

Elgibali, Alaa and Nevenka Korica (2014) *Media Arabic: a coursebook for reading Arabic news*. Revised and updated edition. Cairo: American University in Cairo Press. ISBN: 978–9774166525

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

Schedule

Date	Class Content
Wed. 25 January	<i>Class 1: Grammar review – verb conjugation. Topic – talking about yesterday and the past through telling what we did in the holidays.</i>
Wed. 1 February	<i>Class 2: Grammar review – Arabic question words and negation. Topic – food and at the restaurant.</i>
Wed. 8 February	<i>Class 3: Grammar review – singular, dual, and plural. Topic – the weather.</i>
Wed. 15 February	<i>Class 4: Arabic Demonstrative Pronouns أسماء الإشارة Topics – the time and everyday routine.</i>
Wed. 22 February	<i>Class 5: Comparative and superlative adjectives in Arabic صفات المقارنة والتفضيل في العربية Topic – life in the countryside and in the city.</i>

- Wed. 1 March *Class 6:* Grammar – genitive construction known as Idafah
الإضافة Topic – education.
- Wed. 8 March *Class 7:* Grammar review – the plurals and adjectives.
Topic – a look at an Arab country.
- Wed. 15 March *Class 8:* Grammar – verbal noun the 'maSdar' المَصْدَر
Topic – sports, hobbies, and leisure.
- Wed. 22 March *Class 9:* Grammar – forms of verbs. Topic – technology and
its impact on our lives.
- Wed. 29 March *Class 10:* Grammar – forms of verbs. Topic – health and
happiness.