



CMES

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MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES

Advanced Modern Standard Arabic C1 (Part II)

This course syllabus and description applies to the 2024 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. This 12-week course in Modern Standard Arabic (Advanced User, level C1) will be offered during the spring semester of 2024.

- *Language of instruction:* English
- *Credits:* no credits will be awarded
- *Course fee:* the course is free of charge for participants

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:

- comprehend a variety of challenging longer texts, and perceive implicit meaning
- speak clearly and naturally without constantly seeking the right words
- utilize language flexibly and successfully for social, intellectual, and professional objectives.

Entry Requirements

To be eligible for the course, participants must either be employed at Lund University or enrolled as a student at Lund University. Previous knowledge of Arabic is required, such as successfully completing the CMES course Advanced Modern Standard Arabic C1 (Part I). 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 19 January, 2024. Please write “C1 Arabic Course” 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

Authentic materials, articles, media, listening to news from different Arabic channels and websites.

Class Schedule

- *Class 1:* Tuesday 6 February, 13:00 to 15:00 (CMES meeting room 101)
- *Class 2:* Tuesday 13 February, 13:00 to 15:00 (CMES seminar room 104)
- *Class 3:* Thursday 29 February, 10:00 to 12:00 (CMES seminar room 104)
- *Class 4:* Tuesday 5 March, 13:00 to 15:00 (CMES seminar room 104)
- *Class 5:* Monday 11 March, 10:00 to 12:00 (CMES seminar room 104)
- *Class 6:* Monday 18 March, 13:00 to 15:00 (CMES seminar room 104)
- *Class 7:* Tuesday 26 March, 10:00 to 12:00 (CMES seminar room 104)
- *Class 8:* April, week 14, date and time TBD
- *Class 9:* April, week 15, date and time TBD
- *Class 10:* April, week 16, date and time TBD
- *Class 11:* April, week 17, date and time TBD
- *Class 12:* April/May, week 18, date and time TBD