



Modern Standard Arabic for Beginners A2, Part I

This course syllabus and description applies to the 2024 fall 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 **12-week** course in Modern Standard Arabic (Basic User, **level A2**) is offered during the fall semester of 2024. The participants will participate in classes at CMES.

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 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 a student at Lund University. Participants should have studied A1 Modern Standard Arabic for Beginners at CMES or have the equivalent level of proficiency.

Application Procedure

Participants should apply to attend the course by sending an email to info@cme.lu.se no later than Wednesday September 11, 2024. Please write “A2 Arabic Course” in the subject line and include the following information:

- full name;
- reason for applying (e.g., fieldwork, research, internship);
- your 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 is specialized in teaching Arabic for non-native speakers, focusing on methods and theories on teaching Arabic as a second language. She 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. Her teaching approach builds on using authentic materials, involving culture, providing opportunities for lived

HTK"6"Qev. 32<37/34<22	<i>Class 3: Grammar Review: Singular, Dual, and Plural. Singular, Dual, and Plural practicing through exercises. The weather, describing the weather, trips, and adventures, writing postcards, holidays, talking about going on trips, or planning a holiday with family.</i>
TUE 8 Oct. 13:15-15:00	<i>Class 4: Future tense, talking about going on trips, or planning future holidays with family or friends.</i>
TUE 15 Oct. 13:15-15:00	<i>Class 5: Arabic Demonstrative Pronouns. Topics: The time and everyday routine.</i>
WED 23 Oct. 10:15-12:00	<i>Class 6: Culture: meeting people. Learning how to tell time in Arabic and talking about everyday routine using time, days of the week and seasons.</i>
TUE 29 Oct. 10:15-12:00	<i>Class 7: Comparative and superlative adjectives in Arabic. Topic: life in the countryside and in the city.</i>
MON 4 Nov. 13:15-15:00	<i>Class 8: Genitive Construction known as Idafah الإضافة Reading from the course literature.</i>
MON 11 Nov.	<i>Class 9: Topic, a look at an Arab country. Reading from the course literature.</i>
MON 18 Nov.	<i>Class 10: Grammar: Verbal noun the 'maSdar' المَصْدَر Reading from the course literature.</i>
MON 25 Nov.	<i>Class 11: Topic, sports, hobbies, and leisure. Reading from the course literature.</i>
MON 2 Dec.	<i>Class 12: Reading from the course literature.</i>