



# CMES

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## Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic 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 (Intermediate User, **level B1, B2**) will be offered during the fall semester of 2024. Classes will be held 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 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 a student at Lund University. Previous knowledge of Arabic is required. 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 Wednesday September 11, 2024. Please write “B1 Arabic Course” in the subject line and include the following information:

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

## Class Schedule

- *Class 1*: Wednesday 18 Sept. (13:15-15:00)
- *Class 2*: Tuesday 24 Sept. (13:15-15:00)
- *Class 3*: Friday 4 Oct. (13:15-15:00)
- *Class 4*: Monday 7 Oct. (14:15-16:00)
- *Class 5*: Wednesday 16 Oct. (13:15-15:00)
- *Class 6*: Wednesday 23 Oct. (13:15-15:00)
- *Class 7*: Tuesday 29 Oct. (13:15-15:00)
- *Class 8*: Tuesday 5 Nov. (13:15-15:00)
- *Class 9*: Tuesday 12 Nov. (13:15-15:00)
- *Class 10*: Tuesday 19 Nov. (13:15-15:00)
- *Class 11*: Tuesday 26 Nov. (13:15-15:00)
- *Class 12*: Tuesday 3 Dec. (13:15-15:00)

### **Class Assignments**

- Every two weeks, participants will receive a story in Arabic to read and then talk about briefly in class.
- From class 3 and on, participants should bring a short news story about the MENA region with them to class and speak about it to the class in a 3–4-minute presentation.
- From class 6 and on, participants will make presentations on the topics covered in the lesson plan by choosing relevant articles and speaking about the topic in front of the class.