

Foreign Language Training – Arabic (Advanced)

Overview

The course is aimed at a wide range of students with an interest in improving their Arabic with one of the following:

- Completed the Babel Intermediate Arabic Course
- A high degree of fluency and accuracy in the language
- An A-level or equivalent over 4 years old, and further contact with the language
- Babel assessment of an equivalent of B1/B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)

Classes are delivered online or can be arranged for face-to-face if requested.

Course Objectives

The objective of this course is to perfect existing language skills and to achieve the equivalent of C1/C2 level of the CEFR.

By the end of the course, you will:

- be able to understand authentic passages on familiar issues and communicate on a variety of subjects using accurate pronunciation and intonation and a range of language and structures
- be able to read and summarize a limited number of authentic texts
- be able to write more complex texts on familiar issues
- have developed intercultural competence further

How is the course taught?

- A communicative approach is used. All four skills (speaking, reading, listening and writing) are practised, with the main emphasis on speaking.
- Students engage in interactive language activities, participating in group and pair work based on systematic grammatical progression.
- Students will also be offered guidance in self-study and set homework tasks.

Course Content

Topics

Introduction to geographical and historical references in the Arab world
Learning about major Arabic cities and their histories
Talking about the origin of Arabic
Discussing Arabic dialects and its origin
Discussing food and drinks as a culture in the Arab world
Hospitality and its significance in the Arab world
Sports, hobbies and leisure time

Travelling and different means of transportation
Cultural differences; habits and customs
Introduction to socio-economic aspects
Talking about work
Education and how to enjoy learning
The climate and environmental changes
Travelling and modes of transportations and impact on the environment and acquiring new cultures

Introduction to social media and communication

The culture of Blogging and writing Arabic blogs

In agreement with the students, a variety of other topics will be discussed during the course.

Functions

Discovering the Arab world and cultural aspects
 Learning about the origins of Arabic languages
 Understanding different dialects’ purpose
 Discussing cultural aspects regarding lifestyle
 Conversations in different social contexts
 Talking about leisure time and going out
 Talking about personal interests
 Conversations in different social contexts
 Exchanging specific instructions and descriptions

Understanding more complex media-based information
 Reading documents from different sources
 Expressing opinions and ideas
 Talking about news and broadcasting
 Talking about the climate in the Arab world and its impact on living there
 Discussing environmental issues
 Impact of travelling and learning about new cultures

Grammar

The course will consolidate some grammar structures according to the students’ needs. Some of the structures which present specific difficulty for non-native Arabic speakers will be revised during the course, for example:

The nominal sentence
 Past, Present and Future Tenses (Revisited)
 The negative (Revisited)
 Roots and patters
 The passive voice
 The passive noun
 Review of ordinal numbers
 Weak Verbs
 Review of verb to be in the past

Verb forms
 Doubled verbs
 Relative pronouns
 Review of verbal nouns
 The Imperative
 The Conditional
 The negative of the imperative and conditional
 The use of إن and أن
 Present tense + قد

Course details

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| Duration | 90-minutes per class (No. of classes based on needs) |
| Max delegates: | 6 Face-to-face 6 Online |

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