

# Language and Culture

## Arabic

### Level 1

<b>Courses for</b>	Degree programs and PhD
<b>Conditions for enrollment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited number of places</li> <li>• Enrollment via yoU@B during the times as announced in agenda and specified on the website</li> <li>• Places allocated on a 'first come first served' basis</li> <li>• At the end of the enrollment period a confirmation message will be sent to successful and unsuccessful applicants</li> </ul>
<b>Teaching</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taught in Italian</li> <li>• 1 limited number class</li> <li>• 1 semester long</li> <li>• 36 hours</li> <li>• Open in both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> semester</li> </ul>
<b>Minimum entry level</b>	None
<b>Objective</b>	To acquire a basic knowledge of the language and culture of the Country concerned
<b>Certificate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awarded for attending 75% of the lessons (through Attendance procedure)</li> <li>• Passing the final exam</li> </ul>
<b>Note</b>	The course will only run if the minimum number of enrollments has been reached

## Introduction

The course (36 hours) is aimed at beginners to give them a basic knowledge of the spoken and written language and the culture of the country concerned.

It should be noted that the course will only start if the minimum number of enrollments is reached; the number of places is limited and these need to be applied for via agenda yoU@B.

The course runs both in the 1<sup>st</sup> and in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of each academic year: every student receives details about how and when to apply at the beginning of the semester via agenda. When the admissions period is over applicants receive confirmation of their acceptance/non acceptance on the course.

A certificate will be issued upon completion of the course (minimum 75% attendance) and passing the final exam.

## Syllabus

The course, for beginners, is to provide the basic language skills related to: reading, comprehension, speaking and writing. The teaching activities focus on the analysis of real-life situations, video and texts, oral and written language activities, which are designed to give students a knowledge of Arabic language and culture.

Objectives of the course:

- Familiarization with the Arabic alphabet, graphics and phonology of classical written Arabic;
- Learning basic grammatical structures of classical Arabic;
- Acquiring the ability to communicate in everyday situations;
- Gaining an understanding of Arab culture and attitudes in the Arab-Muslim world.

The syllabus covers the following topics:

<b>Grammar</b>	Alphabet: the letters(reading and writing); short and long vowels; other graphical signs, solar and lunar letters; Definite and indefinite article; Personal pronouns (isolated and suffixed); Formation of the feminine gender (with ة); Noun phrases; The three declension “triptota”; Ways to say the verb “to have” in Arabic; Possessive adjectives; Negation ; Interrogatives; Numbers (singular) Relative adjectives; Conjugation of the perfect tense (past); Conjugation of the imperfect (present and future).
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<b>Vocabulary</b>	Presentations, greetings, polite expressions; Identity cards; The time; Arabic numbers; The family (surnames); Days of the week, months, the seasons...; Arab countries and capitals; Other (colors, zodiac signs, pastimes...).
<b>Culture</b>	Muslim religious holidays; The pillars of Islam; Status of Arab women; Polygamy; Superstition and curses; Muslim veil; Fundamentalism; Italian words of Arab origin; Love; Sufism. Other (depending on students' interests and current events)

*Set textbook*

- Antonio Pe, 1999, *Esercizi di Arabo con tutte le soluzioni*, ed Vallardi
- Materials provided by the teacher

*Recommended textbooks*

- Baldissera, E., *Il dizionario di Arabo (italiano-arabo, arabo-italiano)*, Bologna: Zanichelli, 2004
- Hocine Si Ammour, 1993, *Grammatica Araba*, ed Vallardi
- A. Salem, C. Solimando, *Imparare l'arabo conversando. Corso elementare*, Roma: Carocci, 2011
- Durand O., Langone Angela D., Mion G., *Corso di arabo contemporaneo. Lingua standard – Livelli A1- B2 del Quadro Comune Europeo di Riferimento delle Lingue*, con 2 cd-audio, Milano: Hoepli, 2010

**Conditions for issuing certificate**

In order to receive the attendance certificate 2 conditions must be met:

*1. Participating positively in the course*

The teacher will assess students' positive participation in the course (minimum 75% attendance).

*2. Passing final exam*

At the end of the course, there is a test that summarizes the different points of grammar and vocabulary of the course and can be done by the student on open book.

All enrolled students will receive a message in their agenda confirming they have been/not been awarded the certificate. The certificate can be collected from the Administrative office of the Language Center, according to times and procedures specified in the message.