

**Johns Hopkins University  
Language Teaching Center  
Upper Advanced Arabic Syllabus-Fall 2009**

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**Course Description:**

This course is designed to help students reach a high standard of proficiency in Arabic, by strengthening their reading-comprehension skills, expanding their vocabulary repertoire in media and poetry, enhancing their translation skills from Arabic to English and vice versa, refining and rebuilding their knowledge of sentence construction, and finally broadening their knowledge about the history of the Arabic poetry and literature.

**Course Objectives:**

Upon the completion of this course, the students are expected to:

1. Be able to read, comprehend and linguistically analyze all the required texts in their textbook.
2. Be able to watch the Arabic news and to read from a newspaper and understand the contents with ease.
3. Be able to read correctly and understand the selections of modern Arabic poetry and enjoy reading them.
4. Be able to express themselves fluently in class discussions and oral presentations.
5. Be able to write relatively long essays and opinion pieces on topics covered in the class.
6. Expand on one's knowledge about the Arabic and Islamic culture and thought.

**Required Materials:**

- 1- stapha Lahlali **Advanced Media Arabic by El Mu**
- 2- **Hans Weir, A Dictionary of Modern Written Arabic, edited by J. Milton Cowan.**
- 3- Handout

**Evaluation Criterion:** Students' grades will be based on:

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| 1. Attendance and class participation ..... | 20 % |
| 2. Homework assignments .....               | 20 % |
| 3. Presentations .....                      | 20 % |
| 4. Periodical oral and written Exams. ....  | 40%  |

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## **Week-by-Week Course Instruction**

### **Week 1 (September 2)**

#### **Wednesday Session:**

- Unit 4: Diplomacy is the first option with Iran.
- Studying the vocabulary on page 23.
- Reading the article on page 22.
- Working on the comprehension questions on page 24.

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### **Week 2 (September 7 & 9)**

#### **Monday Session:**

- No Class. Labor Day

#### **Wednesday Session:**

- Working on drills of the language in context on pages 26-29.

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### **Week 3 (September 14 & 16)**

#### **Monday Session:**

- Quiz on unit 4
- Introduction to Arabic Literature and Poetry

#### **Wednesday Session:**

- Unit 9: The Palestinian Elections
- Studying the vocabulary on page 56.
- Reading the article on page 55.
- Answering the comprehension questions.

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### **Week 4 (September 21 & 23)**

#### **Monday Session:**

- Working on the language in context drills on pages 56-61.

#### **Wednesday Session:**

- Unit 12: Afghan Parliament Demands the Trial of American Soldiers
- Studying the vocabulary on page 77.
- Reading the Article on Page 76.
- Answering the comprehension questions.

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### **Week 5 (September 28 & 30)**

#### **Monday Session:**

- Quiz on unit 9
- Modern Arabic Poetry

#### **Wednesday Session:**

- Working on drills of language in context drills on pages 78-81

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### **Week 6 (October 5 & 7)**

#### **Monday Session:**

- Unit 16: Once Again, Lebanon is a War Zone for Others
- Studying the vocabulary on page 99.
- Reading the article on page 98.
- Answering the comprehension questions on page 100.

#### **Wednesday Session:**

- Working on the language in context drills on pages 102-103.

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## **Week 7 (October 12 & 14)**

### **Monday Session:**

- Quiz on Unit 12.
- Modern Arabic Poetry

### **Wednesday Session:**

- Unit 20: Busch Assures His Commitment to Reduce Expenditure and Deficit
- Studying the vocabulary on page 125.
- Reading the Article on page 124.
- Answering the comprehension questions on page 125-126.

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## **Week 8 (October 19 & 21)**

### **Monday Session:**

- Working on language in context drills 126-129.

### **Wednesday Session:**

- Modern Arabic Poetry

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## **Week 9 (October 26 & 28)**

### **Monday Session:**

- Quiz on Unit 16
- Unit 23: Lawyers are calling for fair Trials of Guantanamo Detainees
- Reading the article on page 146.

### **Wednesday Session:**

- Answering the comprehension questions on page 147
- Working on language in context drills on pages 148-149.

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## **Week 10 (November 2 & 4)**

### **Monday Session:**

- Unit 27: The Crisis of Rover Company
- Reading and discussing the article on page 166-167.

**Wednesday Session:**

- Working on language and context drills on pages 168-170.

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**Week 11 (November 9 & 11)**

**Monday Session:**

- Quiz on Unit 20
- Modern Arabic Poetry

**Wednesday Session:**

- Unit 28: The Disaster of The Pakistan's Earthquake
- Studying the vocabulary on page 173.
- Reading the article on page 172-173.

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**Week 12 (November 16 & 18)**

**Monday Session:**

- Reviewing the article on page 173.
- Answering the comprehension questions on pages 174

**Wednesday Session:**

- Working on the language in context drills on pages 175-178.

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**Week 13 (November 23 & 25)**

**Monday Session:**

- Modern Arabic Poetry

**Wednesday Session:**

- No Class. Thanksgiving Holiday

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## **Week 14 (November 30 & December 2)**

### **Monday Session:**

- Unit 32: War on Terror Lacks the Clarity of Goals
- Studying the vocabulary on page 194.
- Reading and discussing the article.

### **Wednesday Session:**

Reviewing the article on page 194.

Answering the comprehension questions on Page 196.

## **Week 15 (December 7 )**

### **Monday Session:**

Presentations