

# ARABIC (ARB)

College of Letters & Science

## ARB 001 – Elementary Arabic 1 (5 units)

**Course Description:** Introduction to basic Arabic. Interactive and integrated presentation of listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills, including the alphabet and basic syntax. Focus on standard Arabic with basic skills in spoken Egyptian and/or one other colloquial dialect.

**Learning Activities:** Lecture/Discussion 5 hour(s).

**Grade Mode:** Letter.

**General Education:** Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC).

## ARB 001A – Accelerated Intensive Elementary Arabic (15 units)

This version has ended; see updated course, below.

**Course Description:** Special 12-week accelerated, intensive summer session course that combines the work of courses ARB 001, 002, and 003. Introduction to Modern Standard Arabic through development of all language skills in a cultural context with emphasis on communicative proficiency.

**Learning Activities:** Lecture/Discussion 15 hour(s).

**Credit Limitation(s):** Not open for credit to students who have completed ARB 001, ARB 002, or ARB 003.

**Grade Mode:** Letter.

**General Education:** Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC).

## ARB 001A – Accelerated Intensive Elementary Arabic (15 units)

**Course Description:** Special 12-week accelerated, intensive summer session course that combines the work of courses ARB 001, 002, and 003. Introduction to Modern Standard Arabic through development of all language skills in a cultural context with emphasis on communicative proficiency.

**Learning Activities:** Lecture/Discussion 15 hour(s).

**Credit Limitation(s):** Not open for credit to students who have completed ARB 001, ARB 002, or ARB 003.

**Grade Mode:** Letter.

**General Education:** Arts & Humanities (AH).

This course version is effective from, and including: Spring Quarter 2026.

## ARB 002 – Elementary Arabic 2 (5 units)

**Course Description:** Continuation of basic Arabic from ARB 001.

Interactive and integrated presentation of listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills, including syntax. Focus on standard Arabic and limited use of spoken Egyptian and/or one other colloquial dialect.

**Prerequisite(s):** ARB 001; or consent of instructor.

**Learning Activities:** Lecture/Discussion 5 hour(s).

**Grade Mode:** Letter.

**General Education:** Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC).

## ARB 003 – Elementary Arabic 3 (5 units)

**Course Description:** Continuation of introduction to basic Arabic from ARB 001 and ARB 002. Interactive and integrated presentation of listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills, including syntax. Focus on standard Arabic with limited use of spoken Egyptian and/or one other colloquial dialect.

**Prerequisite(s):** ARB 002; or consent of instructor.

**Learning Activities:** Lecture/Discussion 5 hour(s).

**Grade Mode:** Letter.

**General Education:** Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC).

## ARB 021 – Intermediate Arabic 21 (4 units)

**Course Description:** Builds on courses ARB 001, ARB 002, and ARB 003. Interactive and integrated presentation of listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills, including idiomatic expression. Focus on standard Arabic with limited use of Egyptian and/or one other colloquial dialect.

**Prerequisite(s):** ARB 003; or consent of instructor.

**Learning Activities:** Lecture/Discussion 4 hour(s).

**Grade Mode:** Letter.

**General Education:** Arts & Humanities (AH); Oral Skills (OL); World Cultures (WC).

## ARB 021A – Accelerated Intensive Intermediate Arabic (15 units)

This version has ended; see updated course, below.

**Course Description:** Special 12-week accelerated, intensive summer session course that combines the work of courses ARB 021, ARB 022, and ARB 023. Modern Standard Arabic through development of all language skills in a cultural context with emphasis on communicative proficiency.

**Learning Activities:** Lecture/Discussion 15 hour(s).

**Credit Limitation(s):** Not open for credit to students who have completed ARB 021, ARB 022, or ARB 023.

**Grade Mode:** Letter.

**General Education:** Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC).

## ARB 021A – Accelerated Intensive Intermediate Arabic (15 units)

**Course Description:** Special 12-week accelerated, intensive summer session course that combines the work of courses ARB 021, ARB 022, and ARB 023. Modern Standard Arabic through development of all language skills in a cultural context with emphasis on communicative proficiency.

**Learning Activities:** Lecture/Discussion 15 hour(s).

**Credit Limitation(s):** Not open for credit to students who have completed ARB 021, ARB 022, or ARB 023.

**Grade Mode:** Letter.

**General Education:** Arts & Humanities (AH).

This course version is effective from, and including: Spring Quarter 2026.

## ARB 021C – Colloquial Egyptian Arabic (4 units)

**Course Description:** Continuation of the Colloquial Egyptian Arabic covered in the first year of Arabic; ARB 001, ARB 002, and ARB 003.

**Prerequisite(s):** ARB 003; or consent of instructor.

**Learning Activities:** Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s), Lecture/Lab 1 hour(s).

**Repeat Credit:** May be repeated 1 time(s) when instruction material changes.

**Grade Mode:** Letter.

**General Education:** Arts & Humanities (AH); Oral Skills (OL); World Cultures (WC).

## ARB 021L – Colloquial Levantine Arabic (4 units)

**Course Description:** Continuation of colloquial Levantine Arabic presented in ARB 001, ARB 002 and ARB 003. Integrated presentation of speaking and listening skills in colloquial Levantine Arabic, with reading and writing in Modern Standard Arabic that is related to Levantine cultural production and social life.

**Prerequisite(s):** ARB 003; or consent of instructor.

**Learning Activities:** Lecture/Discussion 4 hour(s).

**Grade Mode:** Letter.

**General Education:** Arts & Humanities (AH); Oral Skills (OL); World Cultures (WC).

**ARB 022 – Intermediate Arabic 22 (4 units)**

*Course Description:* Continuation of ARB 021. Interactive and integrated presentation of listening, speaking, reading, and writing, including idiomatic expression. Focus on standard Arabic with limited use of Egyptian and/or one other colloquial dialect.

*Prerequisite(s):* ARB 021; or consent of instructor.

*Learning Activities:* Lecture/Discussion 4 hour(s).

*Grade Mode:* Letter.

*General Education:* Arts & Humanities (AH); Oral Skills (OL); World Cultures (WC).

**ARB 022C – Colloquial Egyptian Arabic (4 units)**

*Course Description:* Continuation of the Colloquial Egyptian Arabic covered in first year of Arabic; courses ARB 001, ARB 002, and ARB 003 and the first quarter of Colloquial Arabic ARB 021C.

*Prerequisite(s):* ARB 021C; or consent of instructor.

*Learning Activities:* Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s), Lecture/Lab 1 hour(s).

*Repeat Credit:* May be repeated 1 time(s) when instruction material changes.

*Grade Mode:* Letter.

*General Education:* Arts & Humanities (AH); Oral Skills (OL); World Cultures (WC).

**ARB 022L – Colloquial Levantine Arabic (4 units)**

*Course Description:* Continuation of colloquial Levantine Arabic presented in ARB 021L. Integrated presentation of speaking and listening skills in colloquial Levantine Arabic; reading and writing in Modern Standard Arabic related to Levantine social life.

*Prerequisite(s):* ARB 021L; or consent of instructor.

*Learning Activities:* Lecture/Discussion 4 hour(s).

*Grade Mode:* Letter.

*General Education:* Arts & Humanities (AH); Oral Skills (OL); World Cultures (WC).

**ARB 023 – Intermediate Arabic 23 (4 units)**

*Course Description:* Continuation of ARB 021 and ARB 022. Interactive and integrated presentation of Arabic listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills, including idiomatic expression.

*Prerequisite(s):* ARB 022; or consent of instructor.

*Learning Activities:* Lecture/Discussion 4 hour(s).

*Grade Mode:* Letter.

*General Education:* Arts & Humanities (AH); Oral Skills (OL); World Cultures (WC).

**ARB 023C – Colloquial Egyptian Arabic (4 units)**

*Course Description:* Continuation of Colloquial Egyptian Arabic covered in ARB 022C.

*Prerequisite(s):* ARB 022C; or consent of instructor.

*Learning Activities:* Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s), Lecture/Lab 1 hour(s).

*Repeat Credit:* May be repeated 1 time(s) when instruction material changes.

*Grade Mode:* Letter.

*General Education:* Arts & Humanities (AH); Oral Skills (OL); World Cultures (WC).

**ARB 023L – Colloquial Levantine Arabic (4 units)**

*Course Description:* Continuation of colloquial Levantine Arabic presented in ARB 022L. Integrated presentation of speaking and listening skills in colloquial Levantine Arabic; reading and writing in Modern Standard Arabic related to Levantine social life.

*Prerequisite(s):* ARB 022L; or consent of instructor.

*Learning Activities:* Lecture/Discussion 4 hour(s).

*Grade Mode:* Letter.

*General Education:* Arts & Humanities (AH); Oral Skills (OL); World Cultures (WC).

**ARB 097T – Arabic Tutoring (1-5 units)**

*Course Description:* Tutoring in undergraduate courses, including leadership in small voluntary discussion groups affiliated with departmental courses.

*Prerequisite(s):* ARB 023 B or better; consent of Program Director required.

*Learning Activities:* Tutorial 3-15 hour(s).

*Repeat Credit:* May be repeated.

*Grade Mode:* P/NP only.

**ARB 098 – Directed Group Study (1-5 units)**

*Course Description:* Directed group study.

*Prerequisite(s):* Consent of instructor.

*Learning Activities:* Variable 1-5 hour(s).

*Repeat Credit:* May be repeated.

*Grade Mode:* Pass/No Pass only.

**ARB 099 – Special Study for Undergraduates (1-5 units)**

*Course Description:* Special study.

*Prerequisite(s):* Consent of instructor.

*Learning Activities:* Variable 1-5 hour(s).

*Repeat Credit:* May be repeated.

*Grade Mode:* Pass/No Pass only.

**ARB 101A – Readings in Arabic: 600-1850 (4 units)**

This version has ended; see updated course, below.

*Course Description:* Readings in Arabic. Poetry, prose literature, and selections from texts on religion, history, politics, science, philosophy and mysticism.

*Prerequisite(s):* ARB 123; or consent of instructor.

*Learning Activities:* Discussion 3 hour(s), Extensive Writing.

*Repeat Credit:* May be repeated 1 time(s) when instructor decides there is benefit from additional practice working on the different selections from the same texts or if 50% or more of the texts are different.

*Grade Mode:* Letter.

*General Education:* Arts & Humanities (AH) or Social Sciences (SS); Oral Skills (OL); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

**ARB 101A – Readings in Arabic: 600-1850 (4 units)**

*Course Description:* Readings in Arabic. Poetry, prose literature, and selections from texts on religion, history, politics, science, philosophy and mysticism.

*Prerequisite(s):* ARB 123; or consent of instructor.

*Learning Activities:* Discussion 3 hour(s), Extensive Writing.

*Repeat Credit:* May be repeated 1 time(s) when instructor decides there is benefit from additional practice working on the different selections from the same texts or if 50% or more of the texts are different.

*Grade Mode:* Letter.

*General Education:* Arts & Humanities (AH) or Social Sciences (SS).

This course version is effective from, and including: Spring Quarter 2026.

## ARB 121 – Advanced Arabic (4 units)

*Course Description:* Review, refinement, and development of skills learned in intermediate Arabic through work with texts, video, and audio on cultural and social issues. Integrated approach to reading, writing, listening, speaking primarily standard Arabic, with limited use of one colloquial dialect.

*Prerequisite(s):* ARB 023; or consent of instructor.

*Learning Activities:* Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s), Term Paper.

*Repeat Credit:* May be repeated 2 time(s) when based on different readings.

*Grade Mode:* Letter.

*General Education:* Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC).

## ARB 122 – Advanced Arabic (4 units)

*Course Description:* Continuation of ARB 121. Further development of advanced skills in reading, listening, writing, and speaking standard Arabic through work with texts, video, and audio on cultural and social issues. Limited use of one colloquial dialect.

*Prerequisite(s):* ARB 121; or consent of instructor.

*Learning Activities:* Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s).

*Grade Mode:* Letter.

*General Education:* Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC).

## ARB 123 – Advanced Arabic (4 units)

*Course Description:* Continuation of ARB 122. Further development of advanced skills in reading, listening, writing, and speaking standard Arabic through work with texts, video, and audio on cultural and social issues. Limited use of one colloquial dialect.

*Prerequisite(s):* ARB 122; or consent of instructor.

*Learning Activities:* Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s).

*Grade Mode:* Letter.

*General Education:* Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC).

## ARB 140 – A Story for a Life: The Arabian Nights (4 units)

*Course Description:* In-depth exploration of The Arabian Nights, the best-known work of pre-modern Arabic literature and a major work of world literature. Analysis of the work in its historical context and in comparison to other frame tales in world literature.

*Learning Activities:* Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s), Term Paper.

*Cross Listing:* COM 172, MSA 121C.

*Grade Mode:* Letter.

*General Education:* Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

## ARB 141 – Readings in Modern Arabic Literature (4 units)

This version has ended; see updated course, below.

*Course Description:* Readings of modern Arabic poetry and fiction in original format, assisted by instructor-prepared glossaries and other supplementary material. Readings to be followed by class discussion and short writing assignments in Arabic. Open to students at advanced proficiency in Arabic.

*Prerequisite(s):* ARB 123; or consent of instructor.

*Learning Activities:* Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s), Extensive Writing.

*Repeat Credit:* May be repeated 1 time(s) if reading material changes.

*Grade Mode:* Letter.

*General Education:* Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC).

## ARB 141 – Readings in Modern Arabic Literature (4 units)

*Course Description:* Readings of modern Arabic poetry and fiction in original format, assisted by instructor-prepared glossaries and other supplementary material. Readings to be followed by class discussion and short writing assignments in Arabic. Open to students at advanced proficiency in Arabic.

*Prerequisite(s):* ARB 123; or consent of instructor.

*Learning Activities:* Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s), Extensive Writing.

*Repeat Credit:* May be repeated 1 time(s) if reading material changes.

*Grade Mode:* Letter.

*General Education:* Arts & Humanities (AH).

This course version is effective from, and including: Spring Quarter 2026.

## ARB 197T – Tutoring in Arabic (1-5 units)

*Course Description:* Tutoring in undergraduate courses, including leadership in small voluntary discussion groups affiliated with departmental courses.

*Prerequisite(s):* ARB 023 B or better; consent of Program Director.

*Learning Activities:* Tutorial 3-15 hour(s).

*Grade Mode:* P/NP only.

## ARB 198 – Directed Group Study (1-5 units)

*Course Description:* Development of reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills in advanced Arabic. Materials may include al-Kitaab Part Two or Three, news articles and broadcasts, short stories, poetry, novels, essays, scripture, prophetic traditions, audio recordings, and television and film.

*Prerequisite(s):* Consent of instructor.

*Learning Activities:* Variable 1-5 hour(s).

*Repeat Credit:* May be repeated 4 time(s) when content differs.

*Grade Mode:* Letter.

## ARB 297 – Directed Independent Study (4 units)

*Course Description:* Directed Independent Study on a topic culminating in a term paper. Independent Study may only be arranged with consent of the instructor when graduate seminars are unavailable. Topic varies by instructor.

*Prerequisite(s):* Graduate standing or consent of instructor.

*Learning Activities:* Discussion 1 hour(s), Independent Study.

*Enrollment Restriction(s):* Restricted to graduate students.

*Repeat Credit:* May be repeated 5 time(s) when no graduate seminars are available and topic differs.

*Grade Mode:* Letter.

### **ARB 299 – Individual Study (1-12 units)**

*Course Description:* Individual study.

*Prerequisite(s):* Consent of instructor; graduate standing.

*Learning Activities:* Variable.

*Enrollment Restriction(s):* Restricted to graduate students.

*Repeat Credit:* May be repeated.

*Grade Mode:* Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

### **ARB 396 – Teaching Assistant Training Practicum (1-4 units)**

*Course Description:* Teaching assistant training practicum.

*Prerequisite(s):* Consent of instructor. Graduate standing.

*Learning Activities:* Variable.

*Enrollment Restriction(s):* Restricted to graduate students.

*Repeat Credit:* May be repeated 18 time(s).

*Grade Mode:* Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.