Northern Virginia Community College
Alexandria Campus
كلية الآداب – لغات العالم وآدابها
Fall 2012
5 Credits ARA 101

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Al-Kitaab fi Ta’allum al-’Arabiyya Third Edition
Book Key: www.al kitaabtextbook.com

RECOMMENDED TEXTS: AG: Easy Arabic Grammar, By Wightwick and Gaafar

GOALS, PURPOSE, AND OBJECTIVES:
No prerequisite required.
Beginning Arabic-101 is an intensive language course designed to teach students the basics of Arabic language which includes the Arabic scripts, basic conversation and simple sentences. At the end of the semester, you will be able to read and write in Arabic, greet people, introduce yourself, ask questions, and describe people, things, and the weather. Grammar covers gender, adjectives, article, plural, questions, demonstratives, affiliation, present tenses, negation, and verb and compound sentences. The DVDs are useful in practicing your language knowledge and understanding short conversations. Through course discussion and presentations, you will get to know the Arabic countries, lifestyle and culture of the Arabs.

EXPECTATIONS:
Students are expected to do all the work before coming to class. Plan for at least 9 hours per week to study, do the homework and practice writing. Read the new lesson and prepare before coming to class. Do all exercises and drills before the session start. This is an intensive and very demanding course.

ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION:
Participation requires attendance, and participation is mandatory; missing a class, coming late or leaving early will affect your participation grade. You will need to bring a notebook to practice writing and take notes. Each day you do not participate in class, you will lose 1% of your participation grade.
Participation is 15% for the first term and 15% after the midterm. Once the midterm is given participation grade will be starting a new scale. Only the new scale will affect your final grade. If you stop coming to class, it will show up as if you have never participate in class before. All electronic devices must be turned off and put away once the class is in session. Using the cell-phone, distracting or disturbing behavior will not be allowed in class, and it will affect your grade. At any time, instructors have the right to give a pop quiz when she sees it necessary. Pop quizzes may be used as a replacement for participation grade or prove that you are prepared for the lesson.

HOMEWORK:
All assignments including written, reading and preparation are due before the class time. You must submit your own work, and late homework is accepted if it is turned in the next day. In case of absence, contact your classmates. We will go over the homework; corrections must be written in different color. Homework that is not corrected in class will not receive a full mark.

SIX QUIZZES:
I will drop the lowest quiz, so no make up. Quizzes cover oral, reading dictation, vocabulary, grammar, and/or reading. At any time, instructors have the right to give a pop quiz when she sees it necessary. Pop quizzes may be used as a replacement for any other quiz.

TWO TESTS:
Midterm and Second Exam, will cover oral, reading, writing & grammar. The lowest grade will be dropped; no make up.

COMPREHENSIVE FINAL:
Your final will cover all the materials that were covered in class during the full semester. Students who receive an A in all quizzes and both exams are exempt from taking the final.

CULTURAL ASSIGNMENTS: 10%
• One presentation on Arabic country of your choice. Discuss the geographic location, cities, population, languages, main historic events and dates. Bring visual or audio aid to class. Be well prepared and dress properly.
• watch an Arabic movie and hand in a Review.

GRADING SCALE:

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A= 100-90  B= 89- 80  C= 79-70  D= 69-60  F=59 and below

Nova E-MAIL ACCOUNT:
Please have your Nova e-mail account accessible to use.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY
According to the NVCC Student Handbook: “plagiarism is the act of appropriating passages from the work of another individual, either word for word or in substance, and representing them as one’s own work. This includes any submission of written work other than one’s own.”

Important Days to Remember:
16-Week Session
- Classes begin August 22
- Schedule adjustments (add/drop/swap) on NOVAConnect (open to all) August 22-28
- Late Schedule Additions (in person), permission required August 29 – September 4
- Labor Day Holiday for faculty, students and staff, Offices closed September 3
- Drops on NOVAConnect with tuition refund August 29 - September 10
- Last day to drop with tuition refund or change to audit (Census Date)** September 10
- Last day to apply for Fall graduation* October 1
- Non-Instructional days/no classes; College offices open October 8-9
- Last day to withdraw without grade penalty October 31
- Non-instructional days/no classes; College closes at Noon November 21
- Thanksgiving Holiday for faculty, students and staff, College Offices closed November 22-23
- Non-instructional days/no classes, College offices closed. November 24-25
- Last week of classes December 4-10
- Final exam week December 11-17