Objectives of the course

- This is a continuation of your first-year Arabic course sequence ARBC101-ARBC103, so it has the same objectives and will follow the same methods for learning Arabic as a second language. Here’s a reminder of the objectives are they are stated in the introduction to your textbook:

1. Read texts on familiar topics and understand the main ideas and contexts without constantly resorting to dictionaries.
2. Speak about yourself, your family, your daily life and a number of other topics. You will also be able to initiate and sustain simple conversations.
3. Carry out written transactions connected to daily life and simple correspondence.
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4. Form and understand almost all basic sentence structures of Arabic.
5. Grasp many aspects of Arab culture, such as customs and traditions, family life, education systems, religious holidays, well-known figures in Arab history, and many dealings that take place in contemporary Arab culture.
6. Differentiate between formal and spoken Arabic, especially Egyptian dialect.

Course Requirements

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You are expected to attend all classes regularly. Also, please do your best NOT to come to class late.

An absence is only excused if it is accompanied by a note from your Commons’ Dean or a physician’s note.

Excused or non-excused, if you know you’ll be missing a class, please do notify me before or after the class.

This is a student-centered class, so participation is a key component of classroom activities.

You are expected to come prepared for class activities (this means checking the syllabus online, studying the indicated vocabulary and grammar, doing the assigned readings in the textbook, and actually participating in pair and group work).

That said, please do not skip class if you are not fully prepared.

You are also required to participate in Arabic-related extracurricular activities. In particular, the language table, the Arabic House events, and Arabic movie screenings.

Each student is required to go to the language table a total of EIGHT times over the semester.

Students will sign up for these tables during the first week of classes, and start attending them in the second week.

You will be notified by Elsa, our TA, to choose your language table schedule.
**Announcements**

- You are required to attend at least **THREE events at the Arabic House** over the semester.
- The three events count for **3%** of your overall percentage.
- Announcements for these will be made by Elsa via e-mail.

**Homework (20%)**

- Homework assignments are an integral part of this class and are crucial to help you fully understand the material and improve your proficiency in the different language skills as well as in learning the new vocabulary and grammar.
- Assignments mostly include exercises assigned from the textbook, but there will be other kinds of assigned activities as well.

**Assignments**

- There will be “almost” daily written assignments due at the beginning of class on the day designated in the syllabus. You are expected to turn in these assignments on time.
- A late assignment will be subject to a 10% delay penalty if turned in on the next day it is due, though crucially before I discuss the solutions in class.
- Assignments turned in later than that are subject to a 20% delay penalty, as long as I have not discussed the solutions in class.
- Needless to say, you cannot turn in any assignment if I already discussed the solutions in class.

**Movie Screenings**

- You are also required to go to **TWO Arabic movie screenings**, and write a 150-word report on each.
- Each report is due no later than a week after the date of the screening.
- Announcements for the movie series will be sent by e-mail during the semester.

**Attendance**

- Also, you may be asked to go to relevant events related to Arabic and the Middle East that take place on campus and answer homework questions on them.
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الامتحانات الدورية (15%)  
- There will be at least **SIX** tests during the semester, typically, but not always, taken at the end of each unit from the textbook.  
- They are meant to test your understanding of the materials that we cover in each unit, including vocabulary and grammar. They will also include reading, writing, and listening exercises.  
- The format of each exam will be announced in class the day before it is taken.

كتابة مقال (5%)  
- Each student is required to submit a 300-word written essay on a topic of your choice to be approved by the instructor.  
- Please notice that the topic of your oral presentation cannot be the same as that of your written essay.  
- **Topics for the written essay are due on November 5th.** I will send reminders as the deadline approaches.  
- The first draft of the essay is due on November 19th. The final draft will be due a week after I return it back to you for revisions.

التقديم الشفوي (5%)  
- Each student is required to do an oral presentation during the **LAST** week of classes.  
- Presentations are expected to be done individually. I am open, however, to collaborative presentations if you can convince me that it is an interesting idea for you to present with someone else. No presentation, however, can involve more than two students.  
- Also, you are required to let me know what the topic of your presentation will be. For this class, please choose a topic that is IMPERSONAL.  
- **Presentation topics are due on November 14th.** I will send reminders as the deadline approaches.

الامتحانات (30%)  
- There will be two major exams: a mid-term exam (worth 10%) and a final exam (worth 20%).  
- The midterm exam will be held once we are done with Part I of Al-Kitaab, and is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday October 30th.  
- The final exam, which is comprehensive, is currently scheduled for Wednesday December 12th, from 9am-12noon.  
- The format of each exam will be announced in class in due time.

Honor Code  
- Remember that the honor code is in effect in this class. Submitting work that is not your own, or that you did not participate in doing, is a violation of that code. If you have any questions about the code, please ask me, or check the following link on the college’s website: [http://www.middlebury.edu/academics/administration/newfaculty/handbook/honorcode](http://www.middlebury.edu/academics/administration/newfaculty/handbook/honorcode)

Grading  
- I will follow the following system in assigning your letter grades:  
  - 95%+ is A  
  - from 90%+ to 95% is A-  
  - from 87%+ to 90% is B+  
  - from 83%+ to 87% is B  
  - from 80%+ to 83% is B-  
  - from 75%+ to 80% is C+  
  - from 70%+ to 75% is C  
  - from 65%+ to 70% is C-  
  - from 50%+ to 65% is D  
  - 50% and under is F.