

# Arabic (ARABIC)

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## Courses

### ARABIC 1A Elementary Arabic 5 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015

This course emphasizes the functional usage of Arabic in the four language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Authentic audio, video, and reading materials are presented from the beginning, and students are encouraged to be creative with the language in and out of class.

Elementary Arabic: Read More [+]

#### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** 1A is a prerequisite to 1B

#### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 5 hours of recitation per week

#### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Arabic/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

Elementary Arabic: Read Less [-]

### ARABIC 1B Elementary Arabic 5 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Spring 2016

This course emphasizes the functional usage of Arabic in the four language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Authentic audio, video, and reading materials are presented from the beginning, and students are encouraged to be creative with the language in and out of class.

Elementary Arabic: Read More [+]

#### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** 1A is a prerequisite to 1B

**Credit Restrictions:** Formerly Arabic 2AB.

#### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 5 hours of recitation per week

#### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Arabic/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

Elementary Arabic: Read Less [-]

### ARABIC 11 Arabic for Reading Knowledge 4 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Summer 2003 10 Week Session

The course is designed to guide students through Arabic grammar with a systematic treatment of the subject and the use of classical Arabic texts.

Arabic for Reading Knowledge: Read More [+]

#### Hours & Format

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 10 hours of lecture per week

#### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Arabic/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Instructor:** Bazian

Arabic for Reading Knowledge: Read Less [-]

### ARABIC 15 Spoken Arabic 6 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Summer 2003 10 Week Session, Summer 1997 10 Week Session

Practice in speaking an Arabic dialect.

Spoken Arabic: Read More [+]

#### Hours & Format

**Summer:** 8 weeks - 12 hours of lecture per week

#### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Arabic/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

Spoken Arabic: Read Less [-]

### ARABIC 15B Spoken Arabic 3 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Spring 2009, Spring 2003

Practice in speaking an Arabic dialect.

Spoken Arabic: Read More [+]

#### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** 15A

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit if different dialect is offered.

#### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

#### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Arabic/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Formerly known as:** 101B

Spoken Arabic: Read Less [-]

## ARABIC 20A Intermediate Arabic 5 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015

This course is proficiency oriented. Authentic reading in modern standard and classical Arabic and the understanding and application of grammatical and stylistic rules are emphasized. Students deliver oral presentations and write academic papers in Arabic.

Intermediate Arabic: Read More [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** 1B or equivalent; 20A is a prerequisite to 20B

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 5 hours of recitation per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Arabic/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

Intermediate Arabic: Read Less [-]

## ARABIC 20B Intermediate Arabic 5 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Spring 2016

This course is proficiency oriented. Authentic reading in modern standard and classical Arabic and the understanding and application of grammatical and stylistic rules are emphasized. Students deliver oral presentations and write academic papers in Arabic.

Intermediate Arabic: Read More [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** 20A

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 5 hours of recitation per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Arabic/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

Intermediate Arabic: Read Less [-]

## ARABIC 30 Intermediate Arabic 10 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Summer 2017 8 Week Session, Summer 2016 10 Week Session, Summer 2016 8 Week Session

This course is equivalent to a full year of intermediate level Arabic. It will deepen skills in speaking, comprehending, reading, and writing Modern Standard Arabic.

Intermediate Arabic: Read More [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** One year of college level Arabic

**Credit Restrictions:** Students will receive no credit for 30 after taking 20A-20B.

### Hours & Format

**Summer:** 8 weeks - 20 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Arabic/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

Intermediate Arabic: Read Less [-]

## ARABIC 50 Advanced Arabic 10 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Summer 1997 10 Week Session, Summer 1995 10 Week Session

This course will include grammatical and stylistic analysis of Arabic texts from both the classical and the modern periods. Class will be conducted entirely in Arabic.

Advanced Arabic: Read More [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Two years of college level Arabic

**Credit Restrictions:** Students will receive no credit for 50 after taking 100A-100B.

### Hours & Format

**Summer:** 8 weeks - 20 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Arabic/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

Advanced Arabic: Read Less [-]

## ARABIC 100A Advanced Arabic 3 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015

Intensive reading and analysis of texts of different genres. Guest lectures, films, documentaries, oral presentations, research papers. Formal and informal styles of writing and correspondence. Extensive vocabulary building.

Advanced Arabic: Read More [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** 100A is prerequisite for 100B. 20B

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Arabic/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

Advanced Arabic: Read Less [-]

## ARABIC 100B Advanced Arabic 3 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Spring 2016

Intensive reading and analysis of texts of different genres. Guest lectures, films, documentaries, oral presentations, research papers. Formal and informal styles of writing and correspondence. Extensive vocabulary building.

Advanced Arabic: Read More [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** 100A

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Arabic/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

Advanced Arabic: Read Less [-]

## ARABIC 104A Modern Arabic Prose 3 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This course is designed for students who wish to concentrate on contemporary prose. Reading and analysis of modern Arabic fiction, including short stories, drama, the novel, and expository prose.

Modern Arabic Prose: Read More [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** 20B or equivalent

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Arabic/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

Modern Arabic Prose: Read Less [-]

## ARABIC 104B Classical Arabic Prose 3 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Fall 2015, Fall 2009

This course is designed for students who wish to concentrate on Arabic of the classical periods of Arab and Islamic civilization. Reading and analysis of literary texts of various genres, including essays, biography, and travel literature.

Classical Arabic Prose: Read More [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** 20B or equivalent

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Arabic/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

Classical Arabic Prose: Read Less [-]

## ARABIC 105A Modern Arabic Poetry 3 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Readings and analysis of 20th-century Arabic poetry.

Modern Arabic Poetry: Read More [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** 20B or equivalent

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Arabic/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

Modern Arabic Poetry: Read Less [-]

## ARABIC 105B Classical Arabic Poetry 3 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2008, Fall 2006

Readings and analysis of poetry from the pre-Islamic through the classical periods.

Classical Arabic Poetry: Read More [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Arabic 20B or equivalent

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Arabic/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

Classical Arabic Poetry: Read Less [-]

## ARABIC 107 Arabic Historical and Geographical Texts 3 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Spring 2016

Readings from the classical historians and geographers and from contemporary scholarship. Development of historiography.

Arabic Historical and Geographical Texts: Read More [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** 20B or equivalent

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Arabic/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

Arabic Historical and Geographical Texts: Read Less [-]

## ARABIC 108 Islamic Religious and Philosophical Texts in Arabic 3 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015

Readings in the basic texts of Islam (Qur'an, Huran, Hadith, Sira, commentary) and in theological, mystical, and philosophical texts.

Islamic Religious and Philosophical Texts in Arabic: Read More [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** 20B or equivalent

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Arabic/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

Islamic Religious and Philosophical Texts in Arabic: Read Less [-]

## ARABIC 111A Survey of Arabic Literature (in Arabic) 3 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Fall 2015, Fall 2014, Fall 2013

This course is designed primarily for majors and prospective majors in Arabic studies. The Classical Periods: A literary-historical survey of Arabic literature from pre-Islamic times to the middle of the thirteenth century, with emphasis on the more important achievements of major Arab authors.

Survey of Arabic Literature (in Arabic): Read More [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** 100A

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Arabic/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

Survey of Arabic Literature (in Arabic): Read Less [-]

## ARABIC 111B Survey of Arabic Literature (in Arabic) 3 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Spring 2016

This course is designed primarily for majors and prospective majors in Arabic studies. The Post-Abbasid and Modern Periods: A literary-historical survey of Arabic literature from the middle of the thirteenth century to the present.

Survey of Arabic Literature (in Arabic): Read More [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** 100A

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Arabic/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

Survey of Arabic Literature (in Arabic): Read Less [-]

## ARABIC 115A Colloquial Arabic 4 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Fall 2017

This course introduces students to a standard colloquial Arabic and the cultures of the region in which it spoken. The colloquial will change based on availability. The focus of the course is on speaking and listening, but also includes readings from printed materials. The course draws on various media including advertisements, theater, and film composed in colloquial style. This course will also expose students to literature composed in colloquial. Moreover, students will study the social stratification in the society along with an analysis of the speech of each social level. Students use their knowledge of Modern Standard Arabic as a platform for learning to communicate in colloquial.

Colloquial Arabic: Read More [+]

### Objectives Outcomes

**Course Objectives:** By the completion of this course students should be able to:

1. Understand what they hear and what they read in ECA
2. Hold conversation in ECA with native speakers
3. Read and comprehend literature written in ECA
4. Gain an understanding of the Egyptian culture
5. Be aware of cultural references in context
6. Recognize the language level of the speaker to avoid misunderstandings
7. Respond to any speaker according to his/her language level.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Arabic 1B

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Arabic/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

Colloquial Arabic: Read Less [-]

## ARABIC 115B Colloquial Arabic 4 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Spring 2018

This course introduces students to Egyptian Colloquial Arabic and the cultures of the region in which it is spoken. The focus of the course is on speaking and listening, but also includes readings from printed materials. The course draws on various media including advertisements, theater, and film composed in colloquial style. This course will also expose students to literature composed in colloquial. Moreover, students will study the social stratification in the Egyptian society along with a analysis of the speech of each social level. Students use their knowledge of Modern Standard Arabic as a platform for learning to communicate in Egyptian colloquial.

Colloquial Arabic: Read More [ + ]

### Objectives Outcomes

**Course Objectives:** By the completion of ECA course students should be able to:

1. Read and comprehend literature written in ECA
2. Hold longer conversations with native speakers on different topics.
3. Understand the sociolinguistic aspects of Egyptian culture.
4. Understand and engage in the Egyptian humor which forms a big part of the culture.
5. Understand and engage in social occasions such as greetings giving condolences, etc.
6. Recognize the language level of the speaker to avoid misunderstandings.
7. Respond to any speaker according to his/her language level.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Arabic 115A

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Arabic/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

Colloquial Arabic: Read Less [ - ]

## ARABIC H195 Senior Honors 2 - 4 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Fall 2003

Directed study centered upon preparation of an honors thesis.

Senior Honors: Read More [ + ]

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Limited to senior honors candidates

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for a maximum of 4 units.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Arabic/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Senior Honors: Read Less [ - ]

## ARABIC 198 Directed Group Study for Upper Division Students 1 - 4 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Summer 2000 10 Week Session

Instruction in areas not covered by regularly scheduled courses.

Directed Group Study for Upper Division Students: Read More [ + ]

### Rules & Requirements

**Credit Restrictions:** Enrollment is restricted; see the section on Academic Policies-Course Number Guide in the Berkeley Bulletin.

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

**Summer:** 8 weeks - 2-8 hours of directed group study per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Arabic/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Directed Group Study for Upper Division Students: Read Less [ - ]

## ARABIC 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Fall 1998

Enrollment restrictions apply; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section of this catalog.

Supervised Independent Study and Research: [Read More](#) [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Credit Restrictions:** Enrollment is restricted; see the section on Academic Policies-Course Number Guide in the Berkeley Bulletin.

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

### Summer:

6 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Arabic/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Supervised Independent Study and Research: [Read Less](#) [-]

## ARABIC 200 Arabic Grammatical Tradition 3 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Spring 2014, Spring 2011, Spring 2007

Study of selected grammatical phenomena of Arabic based on readings from the classical Arabic grammarians, on the modern study of linguistics in the Arab world, and on the Western grammatical tradition.

Arabic Grammatical Tradition: [Read More](#) [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** 105 or the equivalent

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Arabic/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

Arabic Grammatical Tradition: [Read Less](#) [-]

## ARABIC 202 History of Arabic 3 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Spring 2017, Spring 2015, Spring 2013

The history of Arabic from its Semitic antecedents through the formation of the modern dialects.

History of Arabic: [Read More](#) [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** 20B or its equivalent with consent of instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit when topics vary. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Arabic/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

History of Arabic: [Read Less](#) [-]

## ARABIC 212 Topics in Modern Arabic Literature: Poetry 3 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Fall 2011, Fall 2010, Spring 2009

Intensive study of modern poetry in relation to the cultural tradition.

Topics in Modern Arabic Literature: Poetry: [Read More](#) [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** 109

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Arabic/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

Topics in Modern Arabic Literature: Poetry: [Read Less](#) [-]



## ARABIC 220 Seminar in Classical Arabic Literature 3 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015

A close reading and careful literary analysis of significant authors and specific topics in Classical Arabic prose or poetry or both.

Seminar in Classical Arabic Literature: Read More [ + ]

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** 20B or its equivalent and consent of instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Arabic/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

Seminar in Classical Arabic Literature: Read Less [ - ]

## ARABIC 245 Seminar: Modernist Arabic Poetics 3 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Fall 2009, Spring 2006, Spring 2004

This course examines the origins, status, and function of literary theory in the making of modern Arabic literature. Questions of cultural influence, literary genres, forms, modes, and techniques of representation are all central to the interests of this course.

Seminar: Modernist Arabic Poetics: Read More [ + ]

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Arabic/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

Seminar: Modernist Arabic Poetics: Read Less [ - ]

## ARABIC 298 Seminar 1 - 4 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Fall 2016

Special topics in Arabic. Topics vary and are announced at the beginning of each semester.

Seminar: Read More [ + ]

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 0 hours of seminar per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Arabic/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

Seminar: Read Less [ - ]