



Sarasota Military Academy



Course Expectations Arabic One Fall 2009



Welcome to Arabic Class at Sarasota Military Academy!

Beginning Arabic I

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Class room: First and Second period: Room 204 in the new building.

Course Description:

Welcome to Arabic 1! This is a beginning level course in Arabic language designed for students with no prior knowledge of the Arabic language. This Arabic course adopts a multi-level methodology that integrates the skills of reading, writing, listening, grammar, vocabulary and conversation. Students will maximize Arabic learning through exposure to the language and cultures with the text, handouts, music, films, Internet, dvds and readings outside of class.

My expectations:

Learning a new language takes time. Think of it as if you were learning to play a musical instrument or sport. Just because you are a great tennis player does not mean you can switch overnight to be a champ basketball player. You must learn new rules, exercise new muscles, and develop new skills. Learning Arabic will take time, practice, and lots of hard work; but we will have fun while learning something new that you will be able to apply to current world events.

Student Responsibilities:

- Demonstrate a positive, respectful and appropriate attitude.
- Be on time. Note: If a student is late to class it is his/her responsibility to stop at the Office to obtain a pass prior to coming to Arabic Class.
- Review class notes before class and be prepared and ready to fully participate.
- Complete all class assignments with high quality work.

Grades:

Grades are based on four (4) components:

1. Employability: 20%. This includes classroom behavior, tardiness, and class participation. Class participation is very important and includes: Speaking Arabic in class using familiar vocabulary to respond to and ask questions in Arabic. Writing with guidance using familiar words and learned structures.
2. Homework: 20%. All assignments will have clear criteria and specific due dates. If an assignment is late points will be deducted. Hand in work on time! If unclear about an assignment please communicate this with the instructor before the assignment is due!
3. Quizzes: 30%. This includes both written and oral quizzes which will take place weekly to reinforce material covered throughout the semester.
4. Tests: 30%. This includes a mid-term, final exam and may also include a project.

Quizzes and Tests will target the communication skills of speaking, reading, and writing in Arabic, based on vocabulary and structures that you have learned in class. Frequent changes may be made to meet the needs of students, so due dates for HW assignments, dates for quizzes, and assessments will be determined and announced in advance in class. Extra Credit opportunities may be available throughout the semester!

Arabic is a wonderful, rich, and useful language; I look forward to a great semester with you!