

Community Education – Fall Quarter 2026

Course Title: Modern Standard Arabic for Beginners

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Course Description

Let's learn Arabic! A class for beginners who are interested in learning Arabic. In this class we will cover the Alphabet, basic greetings, introducing oneself, and describing family members, places and things. The class focuses on conversation and basic grammar. Reference book: Mastering Arabic 1 (Fourth Edition), Jane Wightwick and Mahmoud Gafaar. Optional book: Mastering Arabic 1 Activity Book (Third Edition) by Jane Wightwick and Mahmoud Gafaar.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students will:

- Be able to recognize and sound letters, and put words together.
- Greet and introduce themselves and family members and where they are from.
- Describe people, things, and places by using useful and necessary adjectives.
- Talk about what and where they work/study.

Course Schedule

1. Week 1: Alphabet, long and short vowels, and introducing oneself.
2. Week 2: Connecting letters, greetings, and polite phrases (thank you, please, sorry, etc..)
3. Week 3: Review and practice, subject pronouns (I, you, he, she), and possessive suffixes (my, your, his, her).
4. Week 4: Family members and pets, introducing them, and the definite article ال.
5. Week 5: Describing things, places, people, and useful necessary adjectives.
6. Week 6: Review, practice and answer questions.
7. Week 7: Jobs, what you do, and where you work/study.
8. Week 8: Countries, nationalities, and origin.

Resources

Recommended references for further study:

- Mastering Arabic 1 (Fourth Edition) by Jane Wightwick and Mahmoud Gafaar.
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Class Evaluation

- Class evaluations are sent by email.
 - If you don't see it right away, check your **junk/spam folder**.
 - Evaluations are **anonymous** and come directly from Clark College.
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 - Email: continuingeducation@clark.edu
 - Phone: 360-992-2939
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