



Al-Qasemi Academic College
For Education (R.A.) – Baqa el-Gharbia

Al-Qasemi International School for Teaching Arabic to Non-Native Speakers

A Syllabus for the **Online** Course:

Modern Standard Arabic (MSA) for Total Beginners:

Beginners 1 Level

Days and Times of the course:

Please see the schedule

Instructor of the course:

Dr. Hiba Fahoum

Course Description

This course is for total beginners in MSA (Modern Standard Arabic) – those who have no prior knowledge or a background in Arabic. In Beginners 1, students are introduced to the Arabic alphabet – consonants, vowels and signs. Besides, MSA skills for total beginners in terms of Arabic basics of spelling rules, grammar and vocabulary are taught on an elementary level.

The course is held in online sessions (through Zoom meetings on the Moodle platform of al-Qasemi college). The first level of total beginners (Beginners 1) will take place in 6 weeks, 2 days per week (3 days in the first week), 2 academic hours for each class: total 26 hours (13 meetings), and one academic hour for practice = total 40 hours (14 meetings). Total academic hours for the course: 26 + 14 = 40 hours.

Learning the Arabic language grammar, vocabulary and spelling rules on a basic level is also accompanied with information relevant to the Arabic culture. Language and culture are introduced to students by exercises, activities, videos and games which help students learn with fun and interactive way.

Course Requirements

- Attendance of 80% of the classes (including the practice hour)
- Active participation in class activities
- Preparing for exercises and homework assignments
- Quizzes and exams

Final Grade

Participation and attendance	10%
Quizzes and homework assignments	20%
Midterm exam	30%
Final exam	40%

Goals of the Course

Students will:

- learn the Arabic alphabet and practice the spelling rules for each letter from scratch.
- be able to use the MSA in terms of acquiring basic skills in vocabulary and grammar.
- acquire the 4 skills of the language - MSA on an elementary basic level:
a- reading b- writing c- listening d- speaking.
- read simple short texts and write simple sentences.

Course Materials

The course materials will be available on Moodle. Details about using the Moodle platform will be provided before the course starts). The materials are prepared and collected by the lecturer who uploads them for each meeting.

Spelling rules and grammatical subjects taught during the course

The Arabic alphabet and spelling rules for connecting letters – consonants, short vowels and long vowels, signs

The definite article + sun letters and moon letters

Possessive suffixes

Subject (independent) Pronouns

Masculine and feminine

Broken plural

Plural suffixes:

feminine sound plural

masculine sound plural

Demonstratives

Prepositions

Question words

Numbers 1-10

Roots and patterns:

Verbs in the first pattern

and their conjugation in the present/future, imperative

😊 Wishing you a wonderful course inshalla! 😊

Good Luck!