

## Modern Standard Arabic – Elementary I Level (including conversation class)

**Language of instruction: English**

**Credits: 6**

### **I- COURSE MATERIALS:**

"Al-Arabiyya" Volume 1, by R. Avni, published by the Ministry of Education, Israel, 2002.

### **II- COURSE DESCRIPTION AND STRUCTURE:**

The beginning level is designed for students with no prior knowledge of Arabic. Students in the elementary level are introduced to Arabic Alphabet and a few additional grammatical rules. Students in this level are also exposed to Arab culture, Arabic songs and classical sources. Card games and working in groups are used to assist in a better absorption of the material taught in class.

Students are expected to spend between four and five hours outside of the class working on assignments and preparing for next day's class

Class structure: Classes meet two hours a day, three times a week. The classes follow the textbook along with various additional materials and handouts.

**Once a week additional 2 hours meeting will be dedicated to conversational Arabic. The students will practice the acquired vocabulary and Grammar rules taught in class as used in a conversation.**

### **III- COURSE GOALS:**

This course aims to familiarize students with the Alphabet of the Arabic Language, basic grammar rules and vocabulary based on the text book. By the end of this course, students can expect to be able to read and write short texts in Arabic and interpret sentences related to their everyday life.

### **IV- GRADING SYSTEM:**

The determination of the final grade is weighted as follows:

Midterm Exam:	25%
Final Exam:	35%
Periodical Quizzes (average grade)	20%
Attendance, participation, homework	15%
<b>Conversation class</b>	<b>5%</b>

## V- COURSE POLICIES AND EXPECTATIONS

### **Homework:**

Students should come to class every day fully prepared and having carefully completed all homework assignments.

### **In class:**

Students are expected to attend class on time and to participate fully in all class activities. Class participation will be an important factor in determining the final grade.

### **Quizzes/Tests:**

Make-up quizzes and tests are given only in exceptional cases to be decided by the instructor. The final exam will be given during final exams Unit (dates TBA).

### **Schedule\*:**

#### Unit 1

	In Class	Homework
Session 1	1. Introduction to the Arabic language, The Dialects, FuSHa vs. Colloquial L.	
Session 2	2. The six letters that don't connect to the left ( ر, ز, و, أ, Hamza, Alif )	Repetitions of what we studied in class + practice of writing new letters.
Session 3	3. Short Vowels, Sukun, Shadda, long Vowels, numbers (1-10).	Text book pgs. 14, 15 (Ex.2), 16 (Ex. 5,6), 17 (Ex. 7, 8)

#### Unit 2

	In Class	Homework
Session 4	The letters that connect to both sides starting with ب, ث, ي	Text book pgs. 21 (Read), 23 (5, 6), 25 (Read), 26 (10), 27 (11), 29 (Read ), 30 (15), 31 (16-18)
Session 5	The letters (as a consonant and as a long vowel) ي, ن	Text book pgs.35 (2 Read), 36 (5), 40 (7 Read), 41 (10)42 (11, 12), 13 (14)
Session 6	The Possessive Suffix (ours, mine) Card Game (The letters)	.Text book page 37 (6),

Unit 3

	In Class	Homework
Session 7	, The Possessive Suffix (hers, his), *The letter Small Alif	Text book pgs.46 (Reading), 37 (4), Worksheet
Session 8	The Demonstrative Pronoun (a)	Text book page 49 ( 5, 6 ), Worksheet
Session 9	The Verb – Past Tense (Singular forms)	Text book pgs. 50 (7), 51 (8)

Unit 4

	In Class	Homework
Session 10	ﻝThe letter ﻻThe total negation (	Text book pgs. 56(4, 5), 57 (6)
Session 11	<b>Quiz no. 1</b> The Definite Article, WaSla	Text book pgs. 59 (8, 9)
Session 12	ﻙThe letter The Possessive Suffix (yours (Fem.+Masc. )	Text book pgs. 62 (Read), 63 (13), 64 (14, 15)

Unit 5

	In Class	Homework
Session 13	The Demonstrative Pronoun (b)	Text book pgs. 67 (16) +Worksheet "Read Text (page 67) دكان زكي"
Session 14	ﻡ The letter The Possessive Suffix (Yours- pl., Theirs)	Text book pgs. 71 (Read), 72 (4), 73 (5), 74 (Read) , Worksheet
Session 15	Full Conjugation of the Verb – Past Tense – the three forms Verb before its noun (singular form)	Text book pgs. 77 (8), conjugating additional verbs

Unit 6

	In Class	Homework
Session 16	Taa MarbuTa (The Feminine Ending)	Text book pgs. 80 (10, 11), 87 (12, 13) and "مريم وأمل" Read Text (page 81-82) change it from Feminine to Masculine.
Session 17	ﻑ The letter The Plural ( Sound Pl. Feminine)	Text book pgs. 87 (4,5), 89 (6)

Session 18	The Sound Plural (Masculine) and the Broken Plural Non-HB plurals	Worksheet
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### Unit 7

	In Class	Homework
Session 19	The Helping Vowels ق The letter	Text book pgs. 91 (7, 8), 95 (Reading), 96 (5)
Session 20	Alif Maksura + verbs that end with (pgs. 99-100) "أنا ورفيقي فهمي" ع The letter	Text book pgs. 99 (7), 100 (8), 101 (9), 106 (4 – Read), 108 (7, 8)
Session 21	<b>Midterm Exam</b>	

### Unit 8

	In Class	Homework
Session 21	غ The letter (Past Tense) ما The negation word Text "عمر" page 110	Text book pgs. 110 (10), 114 (Read), 115 (15) 116 (16), 117 (17-18)
Session 22	س The letter ابن, اسم, امرأة	Text book pgs. 121 (1 – Read), 123 (2), 124 (7)
Session 23	ش The letter	Text book pgs. 127 (8-Read), 128 (11), 129 (Read) "في المدرسة" (13), 130 (12), 131 (13)

### Unit 9

	In Class	Homework
Session 24	ظ, ط The letters	Text book pgs. 136 (5-6), 142 (14)
Session 25	Alif Madda Conjugation of the Verb (Present/Future Tense) -a	Text book pgs. 141 (12 Read, 13), conjugation of verbs (first form).
Session 26	Kursi Hamza هو, لاء The Demonstrative Article © - The Plural (	Text book pgs. 147 (16), 148 (17)

### Unit 10

	In Class	Homework
Session 27	ص The letter	Text book pgs. 151 (Read), 152 (5)

	Card Game	
Session 28	ضThe letter	Text book pgs. 155 (Read), 157 (9)
Session 29	The" Sun Letters" (page 159) "الصدیق" Text <b>Quiz no. 3</b>	Text book pgs. 160 (12-13), 161 (14-15)

### Unit 11

	In Class	Homework
Session 30	ح The letter Conjugation of the Verb (Present/Future Tense) -b	Text book pgs. 165 (1-Read), 166 (4-5), 167 "زيارة محمود (6-7), 170 (8), 171 (9), Read Text (pgs. 172-173) "لاريجا"
Session 31	خThe letter (page 179) "الحفلة" Text	Text book pgs. 177 (11-Read), 178 (13)
Session 32	جThe letter (pgs. 188-189) "عند البحر" Text	Text book pgs. 179 (16), 173 (1-Read)

### Unit 12

Date	In Class	Homework
Session 33	Direct Object Suffix Card Game – writing a short story with cards in groups / Repetitions	Text book pgs. 185 (5), 186 (6), 187 (7-8), 191 (10)
Session 34	Repetitions	Worksheets
Session 35	<b>Final Exam</b>	

\*There might be some changes from this program (mainly – text materials) according to the level of class and the semester in which it is being taught.