

## **ARA 120-01 : Beginning Arabic II, Spring 2019**

**Instructor:** Selma Oubkkou

**Class Meeting Times:** MWF 2-2:50

**Class Location:** Prince 108

**Office Hours:** TBA

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### **Course Description**

ARA 120 Beginning Arabic II (prerequisite ARA 110) continues the development of basic communicative language skills including reading, writing, speaking, and listening in Modern Standard Arabic with attention given to deviations and intelligibility between Modern Standard Arabic and various Arabic dialects. The course examines specific aspects of the culture, society, and language of Arabic-speaking nations.

**Student Learning Outcomes** On completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Speak and write in both past and present tense on topics related to work, study, hobbies, family, and friends.
2. Use a number of common Arabic phrases in their proper cultural contexts, and identify various aspects of Arab culture.
3. Read and order food items from Arabic menus.
4. Form and understand basic sentence and grammatical structures in Arabic.
5. Recognize the major Arabic verb forms and use accompanying verbal noun forms.
6. Read simple, authentic texts on familiar topics and understand main ideas without use of a dictionary.
7. Describe the cultural diversity of the Arab world.

**Required Textbook for Purchase:**

*Alif Baa: Introduction to Arabic Letters and Sounds*, Third Edition  
by Kristen Brustad, Mahmoud Al-Batal and Abbas Al-Tonsi  
Georgetown University Press, 2010

**Attendance Policies**

- Your attendance is crucial to the success of this class and to your development. You will be allowed FOUR unexcused absences. Each unexcused absence after four will result in the lowering of your final grade by a half letter (e.g. B+ to B).
- WARNING: If you total ELEVEN unexcused absences, you will have missed over 25% of the class meetings, and according to University policy, you will automatically receive an F for the course.
- NOTE: If you have an unexcused absence on the day your writing is to be workshopped, your grade for that assignment will be lowered by a full letter grade, in addition to the penalties stated above.
- Tardiness is disruptive to the classroom environment and prevents you from fully participating in class. Excessive tardiness will lower your participation grade. Two unexcused tardies (ten minutes or more after the start of class) will count as one unexcused absence.
- Excused absences and tardies, such those for documented illness, family tragedy, religious observance, or travel for inter-collegiate athletics, will not affect your grade. For more information about the University's attendance policy, please follow this link:  
<http://www.coastal.edu/policies/pdf/acad-125classattendance.pdf>

**Academic Dishonesty Policy**

Plagiarism is the unauthorized use of the words or ideas of another person. Please remember that at no point during the writing process should the work of others be presented as your own. Nor is it acceptable to turn in an assignment that you've written for another class. Violations will be reported to the Academic Integrity Officer. For more information about the Code of Student Conduct and Academic Responsibility visit: <http://www.coastal.edu/aic/>

## Assignments and Grading

Class Participation	Home-work	Tests	Cultural Assign-ments	Final Exam
20%	20%	20%	20%	20%

**Late Work Policy:** Be sure to pay close attention to deadlines. All assignments are expected on the due date by the time set in Moodle. There will be no make-up assignments or tests, and no late work will be accepted without a serious and compelling reason and instructor approval. Please contact me immediately if you have any concerns or problems. I will deduct ONE point every day of late submission. After one week late, the grade will be a ZERO.

### Grading Scale

A =90-100% B+ =87-89% B =80-86% C+ =77-79% C =70-76% D+ =67-69% D =60-66% F =0-59%

Students with a documented or documentable disability should contact the Office of Accessibility and Disability Services at the beginning of the semester. Go to <http://www.coastal.edu/disabilityservices/rightsandresponsibilities/> for details on student rights and responsibilities.

### Schedule

Please see Moodle for a specific schedule of chapters of *Alif Baa* to be covered in this course.