

**Georgia Institute of Technology**  
**Elementary Arabic II**  
**Summer 2020**

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**Class Times:** MTWR 12:30-3:15

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**Prerequisites:** This continuation course in modern Arabic is designed for students who have passed AR1001. (It is also possible to skip 1001 if you have enough background, consult the instructor, and/or take a placement test.) The course welcomes a combination of general students, Arab-American heritage speakers (generally, of an Arabic dialect), and readers of Arabic script (for example, Muslims who can read prayers in formal Arabic, but cannot converse). These students are encouraged to consult individually with the instructor regarding their preparation for ARBC1002.

**Description:** Arabic 1002 is an intensive 2<sup>nd</sup>-semester course in Arabic language and culture, combining Formal Arabic (*Al-Fus-ha*) with Egyptian Spoken Arabic (*Al-'Ammiyya*) as the medium of instruction, giving students the opportunity to practice listening for meaning, guessing from context, and communicating in Arabic. This semester covers six chapters of *Al-Kitaab* (Ch. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8), which cover....

- \* aunts, uncles, and cousins
- \* food and ordering a meal
- \* weather and seasons of the year
- \* “Sunni-Shi’i 101” (*bayt an-nabi*)
- Egyptian
- \* daily life routines (the main topic this term)
- negative
- \* numbers 0-100 and days of the week (Ch. 5 & 6)
- \* hobbies and college majors
- \* verbal nouns (*masaadir*) and *awzaan-al-fi3l*.
- \* grammar: past and present verb conjugations  
*madi mudaari*’ verb tenses in Formal and
- \* *there was, I had, I was, I had to, I didn’t +*
- \* “fronted predicate” jumal - (*hunaaka mashaakil*)

**Required Text and Materials:**

Students continuing from ARBC1001 already have this textbook!

1. *Al-Kitaab Textbook for Beginning Arabic, Part One*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition (Al-Batal, et al). Georgetown University Press.

**Grades:**

Homework	30%	-- average of numbered, returned work (HW1, HW2, etc)
Two quizzes	30%	-- <i>Al-Kitaab</i> Ch. 3-4 Quiz 1, Ch. 5-7 Quiz 2
Final Exam	20%	-- <i>Al-Kitaab</i> Ch. 3-8
Attendance and Participation	20%	-- in -session participation

**Arabic as a language of communication and the participation Grade.** Regular, prepared practice in class gives students the opportunity to use Arabic to communicate. Arabic will be used as the primary language of communication in class, to rapidly achieve oral proficiency. For this reason, before-class preparation of new vocabulary, prompt attendance with all required course materials, and participation are crucial. All three of these contribute to the Attendance and Participation grade, usually made at the of the semester.

**The two quizzes and the Final Exam** include an oral portion (often a recording), and a written portion to be uploaded to canvas. The interview is mainly based on the “Ask Your Colleagues” conversational drills we practice in each chapter.

**Before-class preparation:** It is expected that students will have studied and drilled the appropriate material listed on the course schedule *before* class each day, in the course textbook and in the Companion Website. This includes new vocabulary practice, listening exercises, and grammar.

**Practice:** Regular practice with the audio and written materials should be combined with both in-class and out-of-class spoken practice. The more time students spend engaged in the language, both through study and involvement in Arabic culture outside of class, the more likely they are to retain what they’ve learned.

**Book Drill, Companion Site Activities, Technology Requirements, and Written Portfolio:** Mastery of the spoken and written vocabulary, grammar structures, and communicative content taught in this course requires a great deal of practice. The following activities are expected for each lesson covered in *Al-kitaab*.

Study the assigned textbook pages and listen to all the associated Online Materials *prior to coming to class*. Orally repeat the phrases you hear, using the onscreen pause button, to develop both your ear and your pronunciation. Complete all written drills that are in your textbooks. Begin to memorize new vocabulary or grammar *prior to coming to class*.

**Spring 2020 Schedule of Assignments.** This course covers *Al-Kitaab*, Part One, Chapters 3-8. Detailed daily schedules with dates of all class activities, homework assignments and quizzes, will be posted in Canvas.

**Final Exam Day: July 24, 2020**

