UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Arabic Language I

2324-1-E2001R051-E2001R054M

Course title

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Topics and course structure

This course aims to provide basic knowledge of written and spoken Modern Standard Arabic (MSA). The study of the morpho-syntactic structures of the language will be accompanied by their practical use. The theoretical part proceeds, therefore, in parallel with the proposal of reading texts and conversation cues, aimed at the acquisition of appropriate linguistic-lexical skills and cultural knowledge.

Objectives

Through this teaching, with constant and participatory attendance at lectures and the Laboratory connected with the course, it is intended to PROMOTE the following learning, in terms of:
*Knowledge and understanding

In the Arabic 1 course, you will learn sounds and letters of the Arabic alphabet, the basics of grammar (nominal sentence and verbal sentence), and basic phraseology for talking about yourself .

*Ability to relate differentiated knowledge and patterns to each other.

The course is organized in a way that facilitates the integration of the four main skills: reading comprehension, listening comprehension, written production and oral production.

*Ability to apply knowledge and models.

Through the use of written materials, as well as authentic audio and video, it is intended to encourage students' active participation throughout the learning process to develop and reinforce independent judgment and communication skills.

Methodologies

Lectures; group interaction activities and functional learning exercises for communication according to the integrated method.

Online and offline teaching materials

In addition to the textbook, supplementary teaching materials will be uploaded to the E-Learning platform.

Programme and references

Students will learn the writing, the phonology and the reading of the Arabic alphabet, along with the basic rules of Arabic grammar and morphology (roots and patterns) and the essential vocabulary to perform elementary conversations.

Textbook:
B. Airò, S. Bertonati, Y. Odeh, M.S. Barakat, *Lingua araba e società contemporanea*, Zanichelli, Bologna 2021 (Lessons 0-6, 8)

Grammmar:

- Schulz, Krahl, Reuschel, Standard Arabic. *An elementary-intermediate course*, Cambride, CUP, 2000

Dictionary:
H. Wehr, and J. Milton Cowan, "A Dictionary of Modern Written Arabic", Harrap, London, 1976.

Assessment methods

*Type of test
Written and oral test (both compulsory): the written test consists of a reading comprehension and exercises on the grammatical structures learned, including sentences to be translated from Italian into Arabic (no dictionary allowed).
The oral test involves: reading and translation of one or more passages from the book, a short conversation; and a self-presentation.
To be admitted to the oral test, students must pass the written test.
The written and the oral must be taken and passed by the last examination call of the academic year or the vote of the written exam will be annulled.

*Assessment criteria
Assessment criteria are based on i) the degree of assimilation of program content; ii) the ability to read and write; iii) the ability to understand written texts ; iv) the ability to handle oral conversation
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Office hours

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Programme validity

The programs is worth the current academic year.

Course tutors and assistants

Sustainable Development Goals

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