Summer 2014 Course Proposal for Pre-Intermediate Arabic I: ARA 120/520

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

(ARA 120/520: Pre-Intermediate Arabic I)

Pre-Intermediate Arabic I (ARA 120/520) is a direct continuation of Basic Arabic I (ARA 110/510) and as a consequence its lessons are based again on Al-Kitaab fii Ta’allumi al-‘Arabiyya/ A Textbook for Beginning Arabic, Part I course, developed as stated before by a team of experienced native and non-native Arabic language teachers in the United States. The organization of the chapters in Al-Kitaab: Part I has been adapted to reflect the most current pedagogical developments. Audio tracks for vocabulary sections allow students to hear a new word followed by a sentence using it in context with previously acquired vocabulary and grammatical structures, enabling students to build new vocabulary skills while reviewing old material. The DVDs also contain substantially more material that exposes the learner to Egyptian Arabic: students have the options of seeing and hearing the video of each lesson in both Modern standard Arabic and Egyptian colloquial Arabic. In addition, a short dialogue in Egyptian colloquial Arabic appears at the end of each lesson. Video materials also feature interviews with Egyptians (subtitled in English) about various aspects of Arab culture, such as gender issues, fasting in the Muslim and Christian traditions, social clubs and their significance, and more. ARA 120/520 is designed to enhance the reading skills and grammar knowledge of students who have already taken ARA 110/510 or an equivalent course.

Students are expected to prepare their home-assignments (grammar and translation drills from Al-Kitaab textbook) regularly. There will be quizzes alongside a final exam. The final note will be calculated in accordance with the entire performance of each student throughout the semester. Namely: Attendance: 15 %, Home-assignments: 15 %, Midterm: 30 % & Final exam: 40%.

ARA 120/520 is a 4 credit (=ECTS 8) course and during the Summer School, it will be taught 10 hours per week.

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Levels: Doctorate, Masters, Exchange - Erasmus Mundus DR, Exchange - Erasmus Mundus MA, Exchange - Erasmus Mundus UG, Special, Scientific Preparatory, Undergraduate, Exchange - Socrates Erasmus DR, Exchange - Socrates Erasmus MA, Exchange - Socrates Erasmus UG.

ARA 302/502 is a course offered by SL.

FEATURES OF THE MAIN TEXTBOOK USED FOR ARA 302: *AL-KITAAB PART I:*

- Develops all language-related skills including reading, listening, speaking, writing, and cultural knowledge

- Immediately incorporates extensive use of authentic materials for reading, listening, and grammatical practice, thus relating abstract grammatical concepts to practical skills

- Presents narrative-based content through audio and video media rather than written text to develop meaning-focused language processing skills, utilizing two main characters and their extended families

- Develops reading skills through the use of composed texts derived from the main narrative and authentic texts from newspapers and journals

- Introduces grammar using spiraling and inference, challenging students to discover the grammar of the language by means of analogy, problem solving, and educated guessing

- Reinforces grammar and vocabulary through extensive classroom and homework exercises that provide constant review and expand to challenge students as their skills develop

- Introduces students to Egyptian colloquial through scenes based on the main narrative to promote the use of shared vocabulary and structure of the two registers to increase listening comprehension skills

- Contains Arabic-English and English-Arabic glossaries and reference charts as well as a new grammar index

**SYLLABUS**

**Week 1:**
General revision of the DVD stories and grammar topics from the ARA 301/501 course.

**Week 2:**

**DVD Story:** I Am Their Eldest (Brother) (“أنا أكبرهم / Anaa akbaruhum”);

**Grammar:** 1. The prepositions (لـ, عند, + pronoun suffixes); 2. Equational sentences (الفاعل العربي / Al-‘akl al-‘arabii);

**Culture:** What is a secondary school according to you? (“ما هي الثانوية العامة بالنسبة لك؟ / Maa hiya’th-thaanawiyya-l‘aamma bi’n-nisbati laka?”); The Arabic currency (“العملات العربية / Al-‘umalaat al-‘arabiyya”); The hobbies: What are your hobbies (“الهوايات: ما هي هواياتك?” / Al-hawaayaat: Maa hiya hawaayaatuk”);

**Colloquial:** I’m Their Eldest (Brother) (“Anaa akbaruhum”) & I’ll die of hunger! (“Haamuut mina’l-gu’a”).

**Week 3:**

**DVD Story:** The Future Belongs to the Trade (“المستقبل للتجارة / Al-musta’bal li’t-tijaara”);

**Grammar:** 1. Perfect tense verb forms; 2. Negation of the perfect tense; 3. The root and pattern system; 4. Use of the Arabic dictionary; 6. Numerals 11-100;

**Listening Comprehension:** A company in need of a secretary (“شركة بحاجة إلى سكرتير / Sharika bi-haaja ilaa sikritiir”);

**Colloquial:** The Future Belongs to the Trade (“Al-musta’bal li’t-tigaara”), The literature has no future (“Al-adab maaluush musta’bal”) & My family (“Usratii”).

**Week 4:**

**DVD Story:** My Grandmother Wakes Me Up at 6.30 a.m. (“جدتي توقظني في السادسة والنصف / Jaddatii tuuqizunii fi’s-saadisa wa’n-nisf”);

**Grammar:** 1. Negation of word or phrase: ليس / Kami’s-saa’a”;

**Listening Comprehension:** A (female) citizen gets M.A. (على ماجستير / Muwaatina tahsulu ‘alaa majister”); TV programs (“برامج التلفزيون / Baraamij at-tilfizyuun”);
Culture: What “club” is? What are you doing in the club? ("ما هو النادي؟ ماذا تفعلون في النادي؟")
Do you smoke in front of your family ("هل تدخنون أمام الأسرة؟")

Colloquial: My Granny Wakes Me Up at 6.30 a.m. ("غداة لاحليها تنبهني الساعة السبع والنصف ") & Good morning 'sir'! ("صباحًا أستاذ!")

Week 5:
DVD Story: The Family House (“بيت العائلة”) / Khalid’s Friday Program (“برنامج خالد يوم الجمعة”)
Grammar: 1. The nominative case; 2. إلى/على + pronouns; 3. Object pronouns;
Listening Comprehension: From the radio programs ‘The voice of the Arabs’ (“صوت العرب) / Khalid’s Friday Program ("برنامج خالد يوم الجمعة”)
Reading Comprehension: The daily life of his majesty King Fuad ("حياة جلالته الملك فؤاد اليومية")
Culture: What “family house” is according to you? ("ما هو بيت العائلة بالنسبة لك؟")
Husein Mosque ("جامع الحسين")
What are you doing in week-ends ("ماذا تفعلون في نهاية الأسبوع؟")

Colloquial: The Family House (“بيت العائلة”) & Guys, let’s go! ("يا أصدقاء، نحن نذهب!")

Week 6:
DVD Story: Sometimes I Feel Shy ("أشعر بالخجل أحيانا")
Grammar: 1. The subjunctive mood; 2. جملة الصفة 3. Quantifiers: كل = every, each, all/ بعض = some/most/عده = several;
Listening Comprehension: With family and friends ("مع العائلة والأصدقاء")
Reading Comprehension: Your guide to the hotels in Amman ("دليلك إلى الفنادق في عمان")
Culture: How are your friendships and relations ("كيف هي صداقتك وواعلاقتك")
Colloquial: Sometimes I Feel Shy ("Bahiss bi’l-khajal ahyaanan") & ‘Aayza a’uuluk haaja.

Week 7:
DVD Story: Muhammad Abu al-Ala: The Hardest Decision in my life ("محمد أبو الالا: أصعب قرار في حياتي")
Grammar: 1. The superlative (أفعل التفضيل); 2. Future tense; 3. Negation of future tense with لـ; 4. Subject-verb agreement;
Listening Comprehension: About an Arabic university ("عن جامعة عربية")
Reading Comprehension: The death of Eduard Said ("وفاة إدوارد سعيد”)
News ("Akhabaar”)
Colloquial: The Hardest Decision in my life ("As’ab ’araar fii hayaatii") & Song by Fairuz: Visit me, once a year! (Ughniyat Fayruuz: “Zuuruunii kull sana marra!")

A general revision and preparation for the final exam.

Bibliography:
Basic (all three textbooks are found in the Information Center (PJ6123 .B78 2004; PJ6307 .B78 2004 v.1; PJ6111 .E44 1983 v.1) and Homer Bookstore located in the university campus. Besides, students have the chance to order photocopies of the parts covered by the course):


Additional:

Arapça-Türkçe Sözlük, Haz. Serdar Mutçalı, Dağarcık, İstanbul, Aralık 1995;
Hans Wehr, A Dictionary of Modern Written Arabic, Arabic-English, Ed. by J. Milton Cowan, Librairie Du Liban, Beirut, MacDonald and Evans LTD. London;
Mehmet Maksudoglu, Arapça Dilbilgisi, İstanbul 1969;
Mustafa Meral Çortü, Arapça Dilbilgisi, Marmara Universitesi, İFAV Yayınları, 4. Baskı, İstanbul 2004;

INFORMATION ON PREVIOUS VENUES AND CODE NUMBERS:

The contents of the proposed summer course coded ARA 301/501 was previously taught (by me) at Sabanci university during the following semesters:

Spring 2001: ARA 502
Spring 2002: ARA 502
Spring 2003: ARA 302/502
Spring 2004: ARA 302/502
Spring 2005: ARA 302/502
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Spring 2012: ARA 302/502

Summer 2012: ARA 302/502
Spring 2013: ARA 120/520