Course Prefix and Number: ARA 101  
Credits: 4

Course Title: Beginning Arabic I

Course Description: Introduces understanding, speaking, reading, and writing skills, and emphasizes basic Arabic sentence structure. Discusses the diversity of cultures in the Arab world. Part I of II. Prerequisite: Students must be functionally fluent in English. Lecture 4 hours per week.

General Course Purpose: This course can be used to satisfy the foreign language requirement for all degrees that require a foreign language, or for anyone wishing to learn about Arabic language and culture.

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:
Prerequisite: Students must be functionally fluent in English.

Student Learning Outcomes:
Upon completing the course, the student will be able to
a. Understand simple spoken Arabic within the limited context presented to beginners;
b. Speak simple Arabic with correct pronunciation at normal conversational speed;
c. Read the Arabic they have already learned to comprehend and speak, reading selections in rearrangements and combinations of words and expressions already encountered;
d. Write accurately what the student has learned to understand, say, and read; and
e. Identify different Arab cultures.

Major Topics to Be Included:
 a. Personal identification
 b. House and home
 c. Services
 d. Family life
 e. Community/neighborhood
 f. Physical environment
 g. Meal taking, food, drink
 h. Health and welfare
 i. Education
 j. Earning a living
 k. Leisure
 l. Public and private services
 m. Shopping
 n. Travel
 o. Current events

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