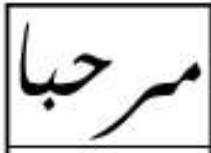




## Arabic for Non-Native Speakers



In 1987, faculty of Arts & Science- Department of Arabic language (Qatar University) established a program for teaching Arabic to Non-Native Speakers. The program is organized and managed by a committee of specialized academic staff.

The duration of the program is one academic year (three semesters with each semester lasting four months). After completing the program requirements we trust that the students would go home with open hearts and minds filled with experience and a warm feeling of Qatari hospitality that they would always treasure.

Many students from different countries of the world have enrolled in the program. The program received delegations from Georgetown University, Duke University, the American University in Cairo, and the American and French Embassies in Qatar. The program has also been flooded with applications from renowned universities and educational organizations concerned with teaching Arabic to non-native speakers and Islamic culture.

In addition to the scholarship program, QU offers limited opportunities for students to enroll in the program against fees, starting Sep.2008.

To offer wide opportunity for the interested students and Arabic learners, the department offers a chance for the local resident students as auditors, The department initiated, in parallel to the main program, an evening program, in which the students pay reasonable fees. In the program; we are aiming to enhance the Arabic culture, and Qatar as a country which remains for ever in the hearts and minds of lots of educated and open mind people.

### Rationale

The Arabic Program for Non-native Speakers is aimed at: tuition

- Teaching Arabic language courses to non-native speakers who have been admitted to the University of Qatar for one academic year study grant. (Three semesters).
- Teaching Arabic to non-Arabs who join the University of Qatar as recipients of study grants and need to master Arabic before enrolling in a college or program of their choice. They are usually admitted to the program for one semester.
- Preparing and developing programs and curricula for teaching Arabic to non-native speakers
- Offering specialized courses to be taught in groups accommodating and catering for the candidates' learning needs and intellectual and professional interests
- Promoting interaction with other universities, institutes and research centers which focus on teaching Arabic to non-native speakers with a view to research studies and teaching methodologies
- Setting up a plan/program for assessing performance and learning outcomes in the light of international norms and criteria concerning teaching foreign languages to non-native speakers
- Equipping foreign would-be-teachers of Arabic with up-to-date methodology that would help them teach Arabic to non-native speakers or use Arabic in their respective countries

## Program Levels

The Arabic Program for Non-native Speakers falls into three levels: Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced. The student concentrates on language functions, communicative skills -- listening comprehension, speaking, reading, writing and pragmatics.

The program offers the following courses:

### 300 Level (Beginner)

This course provides students with communicative language skills, emphasizing listening comprehension and responding to questions. The students will also be acquainted with sentence patterns through conversation, reading and writing.

- 12 teaching hours per week covering reading, speaking, writing and language exercises (3 teaching hours each).

### 400 Level (Intermediate)

The course is aimed to develop the four basic language skills of students.

- 12 teaching hours per week covering reading, writing, conversation (speaking) and grammar (3 teaching hours each).

### 500 Level (Advanced)

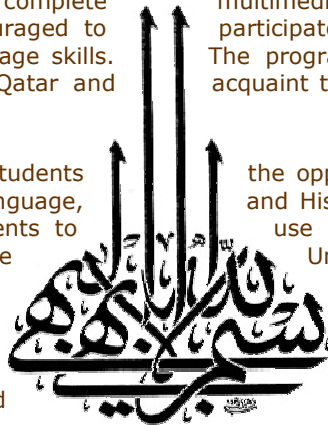
This is an advanced course aimed at giving the students the opportunity to examine the structure of Arabic in depth, to write effectively and to speak fluently. Topics will include summarizing, writing reports and letters, and examining literary genres.

- 12 teaching hours per week covering literature and literary texts, dialogue and discussion, written communication, syntax and morphology, teaching methodologies and field trips.

The Arabic Program for Non-native Speakers conducts its courses in a language lab equipped with computers with complete multimedia, audio-tapes, slides and films. The students are encouraged to participate in University activities to help them improve their language skills. The program also encourages students to visit interesting places in Qatar and acquaint themselves with Arab life style and traditions.

The program gives advanced students the opportunity to attend lectures in the departments of Arabic language, and History and the College of Shari'a. It encourages all its students to use the library, the Educational Technology library and the University's technological facilities.

The program gives advanced students the opportunity to continue their studies in Arabic Language Department and to be awarded a Baccalaureate degree in Arabic Language.



## Candidates

The Arabic Program for Non-native Speakers attracts five types of candidate:

- Non-Arab teachers or Duat working in the field of Arabic and Islamic studies in their respective countries and wish to develop their language and Islamic studies
- Non-Arab students who have received study grants and wish to join a college at the University of Qatar
- Members of the Western Diplomatic Corp. wishing to improve their Arabic communicative skills
- Research workers of the Expatriate community in Qatar wishing to learn Arabic for social and communicative purposes

- Foreign instructors at the University wishing to learning Arabic to communicate with their Arab colleagues and students

### **.Eligibility Requirements**

- Applicants must have high secondary school certificate(minimum) a Baccalaureate degree or institute graduates are preferred
- Preference is given to applicants nominated by an official body (ministry, embassy, religious society or an educational establishment)
- Applicants age must be (18-40) years
- Candidates are chosen relative to the number of applicants from each country
- Preference is given to countries that have cultural agreements with Qatar in general and the University of Qatar in particular
- Priority is given to the applicants from the countries that have not previously received scholarship for enrollment in this program.
- Applications are processed according to the applicant's grades and teaching experience
- Priority is given to the applicants who are working in the service of Islam and the Arabic language or has recently converted to Islam
- Scholarship awarded to females & males.
- Nomination for applicants to be awarded the scholarship is carried on by the college committee during Jan-March (for each year)

### **Placement Test**

Prospective students are required to take a placement test to determine their level: Beginner, Intermediate, or Advanced. The test is usually given at the beginning of the Academic Year.

### **Academic Calendar**

The deadline for application to the scholarship is 31 Jan.(every year), the selected students informed officially by April.

Courses started in September each year to the last week of June. They run for two semesters the duration of each is approximately four months. The student will be awarded a certificate after successfully completing the program requirements.

### **Scholarship Facilities**

- Students admitted to the program will be provided with a returned airplane ticket.
- Furnished University accommodation, which is designed for the selected students only and not suiting the family living conditions.
- The university accommodation includes regular meals with coffee and tea.
- Transport facilities (to and from the University accommodation and the university premises).
- Monthly allowance of QR500.

Prospective students are welcome to join the program. Applications for consideration must be submitted to:

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**College of Arts and Sciences**  
**PO Box 2713**  
**University of Qatar, Doha, State of Qatar**

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