

Semester:

Course: ARB 3001: Arabic Culture and Civilization

Day/Time:

Venue:

Credit: 3 units

Office Hours:

Lecturer:

E-mail:

Course description:

The course surveys the history, geography and literature of the Arab World. It reviews the cultural, social, political trend and explores customs and traditions. It is conducted in Arabic and many be taken as part of the Windows to the World program.

Prerequisite: Arabic 3000

Credit: 3 units.

LINK TO UNIVERSITY MISSION OUTCOMES & TO GENERAL EDUCATION PLOS:

- Higher order thinking.
- Global understanding and multicultural perspective.
- Literacy.

Course learning outcomes:

- To introduce students to the social, political and life style of the Arabs during pre-Islamic period
- To introduce students to the origin and first area of settlement of the Arabs.
- To identify the geographical feature of the current Arab world.
- To introduce to students to major civilization of the Arab world.
- To know the traditions and customs of the Arabs

Course content

1. Political, Social and life style of the Arabs during Jahiliyyah (pre-Islamic) period.
2. The origin of the Arabic language
3. The Development of the Most Important Branches of the Semitic Languages.
4. General Characteristics of Arabic and Culture
5. Arab Contributions to Civilization.
6. Civilization in the Modern society

Methods of Teaching

Methods of teaching used to achieve students learning outcomes may include, but not limited to:

1. Lecturing
2. Presenting reading activities
3. Assigning writing activities
4. Showing / Playing videos'/DVDs and Internet
5. Presentation.

Week 1

Introduction

- Definition of Culture and Civilization
- The origin of the Arabs
- Arabs first area of settlement

Week 2

- Geographical feature of the Arab world
 - Early days
 - The 20th Century

Week3

Introduction

- Arabs Culture during pre-Islamic Period
- Language and Culture
- Major tribes of Arabs

Week 4

- Impact of Religion on Culture
- Arab Culture after Islam

Week 5

- General Characteristics of Arabic Culture
- Political trend of the Arabs
 - Leaders (Sheikh Alqabilah)
 - Khalifat

Week 6

- Political trend of the Arabs
 - Kingdom
 - Pan-Arabism and Arab nationalism
 - Arab's League

Week 7

- Revision and Mid-term Exam

Week 8

Social life of the Arabs

- pre-Islamic
- Afterwards

Week 9

- Knowledge of the Arabs during pre-Islamic period

Week 10

Arab Contributions to Civilization

- Mathematics
- Astronomy
- Medicine
- Navigation and Geography
- Architectural
- Other sciences

Week 11

- Women in Arabic Culture
 - Before Islam
 - After Islam
 - Marital Right
 - Inheritance
 - Polygamy

Week12

- Civilization in the Modern society
 - Education and Technology
 - World Globalization
 - Arab views on western culture
 - Current Arabs Revolution

Week 13

- Revision

Week 14

- Final Exam

Methods of Evaluation

- Written Assignments
- Oral reports/Presentations
- Mid-term Exams
- Attendance and Participations
- Final Exams

Key Institutional Academic Policies

Students should note the following are key policies as outlined in the University Catalogue and Students Handbook

1. *Academic dishonesty*

- a. Any intentional giving or use of external assistance during an examination without the express permission of the faculty member giving the examination.
- b. **Fabrication:** any falsification or invention of data, citation or other authority in an academic exercise;
- c. **Plagiarism:** any passing off of another's ideas, words, or work as one's own;
- d. **Previously Submitted Work:** presenting work prepared for and submitted to another course;

2. *Class Attendance*

- Students are expected to attend all classes. Upon being absent from **Eight** classes in a 3 unit course, the instructor will give a student an “**F**” grade for that course.
- Students are expected to attend all classes on time. Upon being late for 15 minutes in a 3 unit course, the instructor will not allow for that student in class.

References

1. Hasan Ibrahim Hsan, Political History of Islam
2. Barakat, Halim. *The Arab World: Society, Culture and State*. University of California Press: 1993
3. Dr. Jamaludheen Farooqi, Studies in Culture and Civilization,
4. Robert, Helnad, Translation Adnan Hasan, History of Arabs in the Arabian Peninsula- from the Bronze age to the Beginning of Islam(3200 BC-630 AD) Fadmas publishers 2010
5. Noor Alislam –Muslims Iin Paris- History, Present and Horizon
6. Women In Islam,-----

COURSE EVALUATION

1. Attendance & participation:	5%
2. Assignments:	10%
3. Group work (presentations):	10%
4. Quizzes:	10%
5. Midterm examination:	15%
6. Final examination:	50%
Total:	100%

Grading System

90-100	A
87-89	A-
84-86	B+

81-83	B
78-80	B-
74-77	C+
71-73	C
68-70	C-
64-67	D+
62-63	D
60-61	D-
Below 60	F