

# **COURSE OUTLINE**

## **ARAB-101**

### **Elementary Arabic I**

**4 Semester Hours**

## **HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

### **Description**

In this introductory course, students learn to listen, speak, write, and read at a beginning level. Students will become familiar with the Arabic script and sound system, develop a working vocabulary, learn rudimentary grammatical concepts, practice conversational dialogues, and expand their knowledge of Middle Eastern cultures. (4 hours weekly)

### **Statement on General Education and Liberal Learning**

A liberal education prepares students to lead ethical, productive, and creative lives and to understand how the pursuit of lifelong learning and critical thinking fosters good citizenship. General education courses form the core of a liberal education within the higher education curriculum and provide a coherent intellectual experience for all students by introducing the fundamental concepts and methods of inquiry in the areas of mathematics, the physical and natural sciences, the social sciences, the arts and the humanities, and composition. This course is part of the general education core experience at Howard Community College.

### **Overall Course Objectives**

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Recognize and write words/phrases in the Arabic script.
2. Identify Arabic letters in isolated and connected forms.
3. Ask simple oral questions and respond accordingly.
4. Demonstrate an understanding of basic vocabulary.
5. Comprehend basic, short text.
6. Appreciate the Arabic language as an expression of its culture.

### **Major Topics**

1. Writing connected and disconnected letters in all positions.
2. Learning and building practical vocabulary words/phrases.
3. Connecting isolated letters to form familiar and unfamiliar words.
4. Introducing/practicing question and answer drills.
5. Practicing basic dialogues containing practical situations.
6. Introduction of meaningful, cultural topics.

### **Course Requirements**

The final grade for ARAB-101 will be based heavily on attendance and participation in the lecture/lab sessions with the instructor. There will be some form of testing either in a dictation or oral format.

### **Other Course Information**

This course is an Arts and Science elective and a Humanities Core.

This course fulfills the cultural, diversity requirement.

This course is part of HCC's emerging issues initiative.