

COURSE OUTLINE
ARAB-203
Advanced Intermediate Arabic I
4 Semester Credits

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Description

Emphasis in this intermediate course will be on acquiring proficiency in comprehension and on speaking Arabic as a second language. The course utilizes previously acquired grammar, vocabulary, writing, and reading skills in communication-based activities, interactive learning techniques, daily listening and speaking assignments to expand students' conversation abilities and broaden their comprehension knowledge. The students will apply their speaking skills mainly in conversation, group discussions, debates, presentations, and interviews.
(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 do the following:

1. Speak Arabic using various verb tenses and react appropriately
2. Summarize ideas and concepts in Modern Standard Arabic
3. Demonstrate an understanding of and appropriate reactions to both normal-pace and fast speech
4. Employ active vocabulary regarding family, social, economic and political events
5. Express opinions, feelings, and responses in discussions of cultural and social issues
6. Comprehend multiple directives
7. Demonstrate ability to understand common phrases of colloquial Arabic
8. Demonstrate understanding of idioms.

Major Topics

- I. Community and cultural identity
- II. Rural life and urban life
- III. Modern standard Arabic and voices from different Arab countries
- IV. Lands and people of the Arab World
- V. Career and personal exploration

Course Requirements

Students will conduct an interview in Arabic with a native Arabic speaker in a specific profession, give two oral presentations, and complete midterm and final exams.

Other Course Information

This course is an Arts and Science elective, a Humanities elective, and a Humanities core.