

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College**  
**Course Content Summary**

**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:**

**Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:**

**Prerequisites:** Students must be functionally fluent in English.

**Course Objectives:**

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

**Effective Date of Course Content Summary:** Fall, 2003