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