

Course Syllabus

Course Title: Arabic Language IV

Study Program: Islamic Theology

Number of ECTS Credits: 6

Course Status: Compulsory

Course Code: 401

Weekly Hours: 2+2

Academic Year: 2026/2027

Semester: VII

Instructor: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sc. Ziber Lata

Course Objectives and Brief Description of the Course:

The objective of this module is to provide fourth-year students with advanced-level knowledge of the Arabic language from both theoretical and practical perspectives. Arabic, as a core subject of this Faculty, is given special importance because it is the original language of the Qur'an and Hadith, the language of religious sciences, the language of Arab civilization's literature, and of Arabic literature in general.

Through this course, students develop proficiency in correct writing and verbal communication. The use of dictionaries enables them to acquire translation skills from Arabic into Albanian and vice versa.

The aim of teaching this course is to enable students to acquire the following competencies: linguistic competence, communicative competence, and cultural competence. The course includes listening, speaking, reading, writing, and translation.

The three linguistic components are:

1. Sounds (as well as other phenomena related to phonetics).
2. Words (and expressions in context and as terms).
3. Grammatical structures (including a defined amount of grammar, morphology, and dictation).
4. Translation of texts from Arabic into Albanian.

Intended Learning Results:

Upon completion of this semester, the student will be able to:

- Demonstrate a solid understanding of the fundamentals of the Arabic language.
- Comprehend audio recordings and videos in Arabic.
- Understand the majority of Arabic texts.
- Discuss the grammar of both the Arabic and Albanian languages.
- Present critical thinking on linguistic issues that require such an approach.
- Translate texts from Arabic into Albanian.
- Apply the acquired linguistic knowledge in practical contexts whenever the opportunity arises.

Teaching Methodology:

Teaching will be conducted in the form of lectures, encouraging students to engage in interactive discussions by asking questions and performing analyses within the framework of the delivered lecture.

Lectures will be accompanied by visual aids through projectors available in the classrooms. In addition, seminars and various essays will be assigned, to be presented both individually and in groups, as well as self-assessment tests.

Students will also have the opportunity, during their course preparation, to contact the professor and receive guidance in order to achieve quality learning outcomes and academic success.

Course Content:

Week One: Introduction; familiarization with the syllabus, teaching methods, course organization, requirements, and assessment. General overview: Issues of Albanian and Arabic grammar.

Literature: The textbook with learning units will serve as the basis for lectures throughout the semester and is usually conducted in Arabic with explanations in Albanian. The book is:
العربية للأغراض الدينية- المؤلفان: أحمد نواف الرهبان ومحمد شاهر الرفاعي، إسطنبول، Akdem، 2019

Week Two: Unit 1 – Purity in Islam 1 Texts, Comprehension, Vocabulary and expressions, Speaking, Reading, Writing/Expression, Sounds/Pronunciation, Grammatical notes

Week Three: Unit 1 – Purity in Islam 2; Texts, Comprehension, Vocabulary and expressions, Speaking, Reading, Writing/Expression, Sounds/Pronunciation, Grammatical notes
Interactive discussion on health

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Week Four: Unit 2 – Religious Observances 1; Texts, Comprehension, Vocabulary and expressions, Speaking, Reading, Writing/Expression, Sounds/Pronunciation, Grammatical notes
Debate on Mawlid and Isra' and Mi'raj
Self-assessment exercises

Week Five: Unit 2 – Religious Observances 2
Texts, Comprehension, Vocabulary and expressions, Speaking, Reading, Writing/Expression, Sounds/Pronunciation, Grammatical notes
Reading seminar papers and essays and discussion about them

Week Six: Unit 3 – Ramadan 1
Texts, Comprehension, Vocabulary and expressions, Speaking, Reading, Writing/Expression, Sounds/Pronunciation, Grammatical notes

Week Seven: Unit 3 – Ramadan 2
Texts, Comprehension, Vocabulary and expressions, Speaking, Reading, Writing/Expression, Sounds/Pronunciation, Grammatical notes
Discussion on fasting in Islam, significant days and nights, and local traditions related to Ramadan
Self-assessment exercises

Week Eight: Unit 4 – Hajj in Islam 1
Texts, Comprehension, Vocabulary and expressions, Speaking, Reading, Writing/Expression, Sounds/Pronunciation, Grammatical notes

Week Nine: Review and Exercises

Week Ten: Unit 4 – Hajj in Islam 2
Texts, Comprehension, Vocabulary and expressions, Speaking, Reading, Writing/Expression, Sounds/Pronunciation, Grammatical notes
Analysis of test results through interactive discussion

Week Eleven: Review and Exercises

Week Twelve: Unit 5 – Monuments of the Islamic World 1
Texts, Comprehension, Vocabulary and expressions, Speaking, Reading, Writing/Expression, Sounds/Pronunciation, Grammatical notes
Discussion on notable historical sites in the Islamic world, such as the Umayyad

Mosque, the First Qibla (Al-Aqsa), and the Topkapi Museum in Istanbul
Self-assessment exercises

Week Thirteen: Unit 5 – Monuments of the Islamic World 2

Texts, Comprehension, Vocabulary and expressions, Speaking, Reading,
Writing/Expression, Sounds/Pronunciation, Grammatical notes
Joint discussion on historical Islamic monuments in the Albanian world
Reading seminar papers and essays and discussions on previous lecture content

Week Fourteen: Unit 5 – Review and Exercises

Revision of previous lectures

Assessment Criteria and Components:

- Class Participation and Activity: 20%
- First Test Evaluation: 30%
- Final Exam: 50%

Basic Literature:

العربية للأغراض الدينية – المؤلفان: أحمد نواف الرهبان ومحمد شاهر الرفاعي، إسطنبول، Akdem، 2019

Supplementary Literature:

- F. L. Beeston, The Arabic Language today, University of Oxford, 1970
- Muhammad Abdul-Rauf, PH.D., Arabic for English speaking students, al-Sadaëi Pub. Cairo, 1989;
- Ziber Lata dhe Naser Ramadani, Sintaksa e gjuhës arabe, Fakulteti i Shkencave Islame Shkup, 2016
- Isa Memishi; Fjalor arabisht –shqip, 2014, Logos A, Shkup
- Isa Memishi, sintaksë e gjuhës arabe, 2004, Prishtinë.
- Teufik Muftic, Gramatika arapskog jezika, Sarajevo, 1989

Academic Policies and Code of Conduct:

Students are required to actively participate in lectures, complete homework assignments, and take two midterm tests. They must attend lectures and exercises regularly (attendance is recorded for regular students). All students are obliged to follow the code of conduct: maintaining silence during class, turning off mobile phones, and arriving on time to the classroom.