Intermediate Arabic I – LG-650
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Fall 2015 – Mondays and Wednesdays 4:30 – 6:00pm
Pre-requisite: LG-581 or Permission of the Instructor

Textbook (required): *Al-Kitaab fi ta`allum al-`arabiyya* by Brustad *et al*


During this semester we will begin by retracing some of our final steps in LG-581 before continuing our work in Egyptian Colloquial and Modern Standard Arabic.

By the end of the semester students will have attained a Grade 4 proficiency level in Communication as well as in Comparisons as described in the Third Edition, Revised, of *Standards for Foreign Language Learning in the 21st Century*, 2006. This document has been endorsed by the American Association of Teachers of Arabic.

Homework assignments will account for 20% of the final mark. Vocabulary Quizzes, one per unit, will cumulatively account for 20% of the grade. The mid-term will also come to 20%; the Final Exam counts for 20% of the semester’s grade; the remaining 20% will be based on attendance and class participation. Missing three weeks of classes (six sessions, total) will automatically result in Failure.

While every effort will be made to adhere to the class calendar, it is recognized that a variety of learning strategies as reflected among your classmates may require some adjustments. Please note that the calendar will reflect IN CLASS activities, which may be expanded with regard to conversation. In addition, various written homework assignments will be given at the end of each class.

When learning a language, it is (infinitely?) better to work a little each day than to cram on weekends or over large chunks of time. In other words, an hour each day of review and preparation during the week is to be preferred over spending the entirety of a Saturday or Sunday – or both – trying to catch up.

Also, in learning a language, it is better to use your out-of-class time to work on material that has already been presented in class, rather than to “work ahead”. Working ahead risks internalizing faulty linguistic data, since this is NOT a “teach yourself” course.

“I’m not here to hand out bad grades” is one of my mottos. Every effort will be made to keep all of you up to speed, that being one of the luxuries of having a small class.

Most importantly: HAVE FUN! Even though you’ve learned by this point that Arabic is NOT an easy language, it CAN be enjoyable.
Wed 9/9        Lesson 6, Review
Mon 9/14       Lesson 7: Vocabulary Quiz, Basic Text
Wed 9/16       Lesson 7: Grammar
Mon 9/21       Lesson 7: Reading, Conversation, Review
Wed 9/23       Lesson 7: Reading, Conversation, Review (continued)
Mon 9/28       Lesson 8: Vocabulary Quiz, Basic Test
Wed 9/30       Lesson 8: Grammar
Mon 10/5       Lesson 8: Reading, Conversation, Review
Wed 10/7       Lesson 8: Reading, Conversation, Review (continued)
Mon 10/12      Lesson 9: Vocabulary Quiz, Basic Text
Wed 10/14      Lesson 9: Grammar
Mon 10/19      Lesson 9: Reading, Conversation, Review
Wed 10/21      Lesson 9: Reading, Conversation, Review (continued)
Mon 10/26      MID-TERM EXAM
Wed 10/28      Lesson 10: Vocabulary Quiz, Basic Text
Mon 11/2       Lesson 10: Grammar
Wed 11/4       Lesson 10: Reading, Conversation, Review
Mon 11/9       Lesson 11: Vocabulary Quiz, Basic Text
Wed 11/11      Lesson 11: Grammar
Mon 11/16      Lesson 11: Reading, Conversation, Review
Wed 11/18      Lesson 11: Reading, Conversation, Review (continued)
Mon 11/23      Reading Day – NO CLASS
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