

## **Arabic as a foreign Language AFL99**

### **Course Description:**

This is an integrated Basic level course that develops students' receptive skills (reading and listening) and productive skills (writing and speaking), reviews basic knowledge and use of grammar and vocabulary, and encourages independent learning. In this course, students will be introduced to the Arabic Alphabet, in order to help them start read and write in Arabic. After learning the writing system or Arabic, students will start to learn to communicate in certain daily-life situations in Arabic like introducing oneself, asking for directions, ordering food in restaurants, etc.

Assessment is measured in different ways like the midterm exam, and the final exam, with regular quizzes throughout the semester. Students are also asked to do individual presentations about chosen topics within the context of the Arab culture.

### **Course Objectives:**

This course does not require any previous knowledge in Arabic as it is designed for complete beginners (A1 level). By the end of this course, students are expected to:

1. Be able to read and write in Arabic.
2. Differentiate between close sounds in Arabic and be able to pronounce, and write them correctly.
3. Understand and use basic grammar in Arabic.
4. Form basic verbal and nominal sentences.
5. Communicate in basic daily-life conversations.
6. Have a glimpse at the Arab culture through individual presentations and discussions.