

Overview of Accessible Arabic Program

Accessible Arabic seeks to help develop students' Arabic language skills for religious purposes, primarily to better comprehend the Quran and hadith and related, secondary expository texts. Presently, our program consists of 6 main levels, starting with Level 1A for absolute beginners and ending in Level 2C. Each level consists of 8 units, divided up over 16 weeks. We cover half a course (i.e., 4 units) each semester. Our Level 3 courses familiarize students with the technical terminology of Arabic, helping students communicate word function in Arabic and dissect the individual elements of an Arabic sentence. Level 3 courses are only recommended for students seeking to study Arabic for academic religious purposes.

Overview of Accessible Arabic Level 1 Courses

Level 1 courses teach students how to read phonetically, hold simple conversations in Arabic, and properly use the Hans-Wehr Dictionary. Students develop a vocabulary bank to help them comprehend and communicate with increased confidence and are gradually introduced to more challenging yet manageable reading texts.

Overview of Accessible Arabic Level 2 Courses

Level 2 courses strengthen students' reading comprehension, familiarizes them with common morphological structures, and exposes them to more authentic reading texts. Students learn frequently used vocabulary of the Quran and hadith and learn to express themselves in Arabic in more meaningful ways.

New Student Enrollment

Prior to enrollment, new students may opt to begin in Level 1A or to take a placement exam if they are already familiar with elements of Arabic. Placement exams are generally administered at program orientations where students have the opportunity to become familiar with program structure and to ask questions.

Course Overview

Each course consists of two hours of in-person instruction on Sundays for 8 weeks. Students are assigned homework throughout weekdays to reinforce concepts taken in class. Students are also furnished with videos for most lesson concepts prior to coming to class. In this way, there is more time for classroom interaction and student questions as opposed to instructor lecturing.

Course Tuition

The total cost for an 8-week course, which equals 16 hours of in-person classroom instruction and a final, is \$150 plus a \$25 registration fee, for a total of \$175. That is just a little over \$10 an hour of quality, Arabic instruction. To optimize learning, classroom sizes are generally limited to a maximum of 15 students, never to exceed 20 students. Students are provided a complementary program course book (when applicable). A course syllabus and pacing schedule are provided to students once enrolled in a given course.

Should you have any more specific questions or concerns regarding our program, you may contact us at the following email address: arabic@theqari.org.

Thank you for your interest in our program. We look forward to seeing you in class.

Accessible Arabic Level 1A – Part 1 (Beginner Course)

Interested in increasing your confidence when reading the Quran and hadith? Need focused lessons on how to properly pronounce words and sentences when learning a supplication? Worried about making mistakes in the adhan or other religious phrases because you have depended on English transliterations and have never been able to read the original Arabic for yourself?

Our Level 1A “Introduction to Arabic” course provides a solid foundation for beginning Arabic learners, empowering them with the tools to correctly read and pronounce many of the Quranic verses, hadith, and dua that they interact with on a daily basis. Study is methodical, moving from the familiar to the unfamiliar and from simple to more challenging concepts via *Let’s Begin to Read Arabic*, written by the renowned Dr. V. Abdur Rahim, author of the Madinah Book series.

By the end of this course, students will be able to comfortably and accurately read and pronounce just about any Arabic word, enabling them to say the adhan, the tashahhud and many familiar Arabic phrases with mastery and increased confidence.

Accessible Arabic Level 1A - Part 2 (Beginner Course)

Part 2 of our Level 1A “Introduction to Arabic” course strengthens reading skills learned in the previous level through extended lessons and practice. In this course, the focus is on correctly reading words with letters seen but not read and practice with reading sentences and phrases. Students also develop their confidence speaking in Arabic, through classroom speaking exercises focused on making them more comfortable with oral classroom communication.

Reading study continues via *Let’s Begin to Read Arabic*, written by the renowned Dr. V. Abdur Rahim, author of the Madinah Book series. Speaking skills are developed via our own Accessible Arabic materials.

By the end of this course, students will be able to read more authentic Arabic text confidently and accurately as well as hold brief conversations with teachers and classmates in the language classroom.

Accessible Arabic Level 1B Course

Tired of getting excited to learn Arabic only to feel overwhelmed with concepts and terminology 3 weeks later? Have you invested in a Hans-Wehr Dictionary but still have not figured out how to use it? Are you looking for an Arabic program that will help you better comprehend Islamic texts, especially the Quran and the hadith?

The Accessible Arabic Level 1B course gives students a solid foundation in Arabic literacy skills through the use of original materials that develop students' knowledge of basic Arabic sentence structure, establish a fundamental knowledge of Arabic morphology, and help them to maximize their benefit from the Hans Wehr Dictionary. Students also develop a bank of common Arabic words that will assist in reading comprehension and allow opportunities for oral communication between students, their peers, and their instructor.

By the end of this course, students will be able to comprehend two-word and three-word Arabic sentences, convert Arabic verbs to certain morphological structures and translate their meanings accordingly, recall over 40 Arabic words from memory, use the Hans-Wehr Dictionary more comfortably, and communicate with peers and their instructor with increased confidence.

Accessible Arabic Level 1C Course

The Accessible Arabic Level 1C takes literacy skills and Hans-Wehr Dictionary usage to the next level. Students will become familiar with some of the most common Arabic plural structures and words, revisiting many concepts covered in Level 1B while developing a greater awareness of principles for language learning and comprehension. Students will improve linguistic proficiency along with peers by translating authentic scholarly explanations to ayaat of the Quran and hadith.

Students are introduced to some of the most frequently used plurals of the Quran and continue to develop linguistic awareness that allows for increased opportunities for oral communication between students, their peers, and their instructor with confidence.

By the end of this course, students will be able to comprehend four-word to six-word Arabic sentences, convert Arabic verbs to certain morphological structures and translate their meanings accordingly, recall over 40 Arabic words from memory, interact with scholarly explanations with more confidence, and communicate more comfortably with peers and their instructor.

Accessible Arabic Level 2 Courses

Do you feel stagnant in your Arabic language development and struggle finding a program that will truly allow your Arabic language learning to grow? Do you need structured courses and accountability to guide your Arabic language growth and development? Have you ever wondered what Roman numerals in the Hans-Wehr Dictionary signify? Are you looking for a program that will not just teach you “about” the Arabic language but give you a chance to actually use it?

The Accessible Arabic Level 2 courses strengthen your Level 1 course foundation while providing more opportunities to practice what you have learned. Level 2 courses take a deep dive into those elements that affect and impact Arabic sentence structure and Arabic verbs and morphology. Heavy emphasis is placed on language use and applying sound linguistic principles when translating from Arabic to English.

By the end of our Level 2 course, students will be able to comprehend increasingly longer and more complex Arabic text with greater confidence and accuracy, better interpret and translate words originating from trilateral roots, and display greater competence communicating in Arabic in a classroom setting with the instructor and colleagues. Listening skills are developed via excerpts taken from authentic language interactions.

Accessible Arabic Level 3 Courses

Are you into Arabic language terminology? Do you want to become more familiar with the jargon of Arabic as covered in texts like al Ajerumiyyah? Is your ultimate Arabic language learning goal to seek knowledge, even if part time?

The Accessible Arabic Level 3 courses teach you about the Arabic language itself, familiarizing you with the technical terminology and concepts that allow you to talk about the language and not simply with the language.

Using Nahu Wadih as a foundation, students learn the Arabic terms for many of the concepts they have learned throughout the Accessible Arabic courses while continuing their practice of comprehension skills with their peers. This course is for only the most serious Arabic learners.

By the end of these courses, students should be able to accurately recognize and identify Arabic sentence parts, dissect the individual parts of Arabic sentences (i.e., إغراب), comprehend stories, paragraphs, and essays in a completely Arabic medium, and comprehend scholarly discussions on selected, familiar religious concepts.