

UNHQ Arabic special courses

Winter 2012 Language term

ABOUT OUR SPECIAL COURSES:

These courses allow you to focus on a specific skill such as writing, reading, listening or speaking – or on multiple skills.
Each course is usually offered at least once per year.
Due to limited space and funds, we cannot offer all of these special courses every term.

Please check our website for information about registration into Arabic courses:

- in English at

<http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/sds/lcp/UNLCP/english/registration.html>

And

- in French at

<http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/sds/lcp/UNLCP/french/registration.html>

We welcome your suggestions for courses to offer in the following term – and for any courses not listed here that you would find useful.

SPECIAL COURSES OFFERED IN WINTER 2012

Egyptian Dialect Through Cinema

Egyptian Arabic (Egypt) is widely understood and used. This course will enable students to understand and master the Egyptian dialect through watching Egyptian Films or excerpts from films. A discussion will be held in Egyptian dialect to improve their communication skills. The course will also expose students to Egyptian culture.

Duration: Two hours per week, for 12 weeks

Prerequisites: Level 7 and above

Levantine Dialect Through Cinema

This course is to familiarize students with Levantine Arabic through watching Syrian, Lebanese and Palestinian films. A discussion will be held to improve their communication skills. This course will facilitate speaking with natives of these countries, and to be familiar with the culture and customs of these countries.

Duration: Two hours per week for 12 weeks

Prerequisite: Level 7 and above

Listening for Proficiency

In this course, students are exposed to a variety of authentic audio and video materials, taken from the Arab media, as well as United Nations Arabic sites. This allows the development and improvement of their listening strategies, leading them toward listening proficiency.

Duration: 1 hour per week, for 12 weeks

Media-assisted Arabic Course I

Participants practise reading newspapers, articles, and excerpts from books and listen to different Arabic TV and Radio news and programmes to build their vocabulary, including idiomatic expressions, on topics that are current in the news.

Duration: Two hours per week, for 12 weeks

Prerequisites: Level 6 and above

Media-assisted Arabic Course II

Participants continue building the skills they started in Media-assisted Arabic Course I.

Duration: Two hours per week, for 12 weeks

Prerequisite: Level 9 and above

Advanced Reading

Participants familiarize themselves with well-known Arabic writers and different writing styles used in books, and media. The passages chosen help participants to develop their reading comprehension and their knowledge of the Arab culture and also topics of different sorts to learn how Arab writers deal with the different topics.

Duration: 1 hour per week, for 12 weeks

Prerequisite: Level 9 and above

Focus on Writing:

Arabic Calligraphy I

Participants study the different types of script in Arabic Calligraphy, with some historical background. They also practice writing in one of the scripts each term. The aim is to develop their handwriting skills and understand the art of calligraphy, as well as familiarize them with different calligraphy styles. Students present their works in an exhibition at the end of the term.

Duration: Two hours per week, for 12 weeks

Prerequisite: Levels 6 and up

Arabic Calligraphy II

Participants continue learning the different Arabic types of script. This class also helps participants learn specific strategies for producing their own artistic work which will be shown in an exhibition at the end of the term.

Duration: Two hours per week, for 12 weeks

Prerequisite: Arabic Calligraphy I

Writing For Specific Purposes

This course is designed to inform students about the writing skills in Arabic and the different styles used for specific purposes. Topics will focus on improving students writing, especially writing for proficiency and work-related documents, starting from letter writing developing to report writing depending on specific needs of students.

Duration: Two hours per week, for 12 weeks

Prerequisite: Level 7 and above