



University  
of Exeter



# Evening language programme 2024/25

## Course title: Arabic Post-Beginners Part I – online

### Course descriptor/objectives

The aim of the course is to help the learner to develop basic oral skills, extend vocabulary and consolidate grammar for communication purposes.

By the end of the course (part I and II) participants will be able to:

1. Understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g. basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment).
2. Can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters.
3. Can describe in simple terms aspects of his/her background, immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate need.

Participants will develop some basic reading, listening, speaking and writing skills through a series of task-oriented sessions and will be provided with informal formative feedback during contact hours.

In seminars, participants will have to engage in practical exercises and group interaction in order to develop relevant language-specific learning strategies. The role of the instructor is to facilitate this process, provide useful tools and encourage participants to become independent learners and basic users of the languages too.

### Language-specific information:

Arabic is the official language of 26 states and one of the six official languages of the United Nations. All varieties combined, Arabic has over 360 million native speakers, with another 270 million speaking it as a second language, making it the sixth most spoken language in the world. Arabic is related to two Semitic languages still used in the Middle East: chiefly Hebrew and also Amharic, the official language of Ethiopia. There are three distinct forms of Arabic. Classical, Formal or Modern Standard Arabic (MSA), and Spoken or Colloquial Arabic.

- Classical Arabic is the form of literary Arabic found in the Quran.
- Formal Arabic or MSA is the official language of the Arabic world.
- Colloquial Arabic is the form of spoken dialects and there are more than 30 different forms.

Our courses focus on the vocabulary and grammar of everyday speech using MSA.

### Prerequisite:

This non-credit bearing weekly course is intended for Arabic language learners who have completed a two-term Beginners' course or equivalent. For reference, learners would have completed or covered at least the first fourteen topics of the book: *Mastering Arabic 1* by Jane Wightwick & Mahmoud Gaafar. **Mastering Arabic Series - Mastering Arabic 1** ([bloomsburyonlineresources.com](https://www.bloomsburyonlineresources.com))

## **What technical requirements do I need?**

-PC, laptop or tablet with camera and microphone

-Stable internet connection

Delivery will be via Zoom

<https://zoom.us/download>

Once the course is confirmed, your teacher will send you an invitation for the first online session. You can expect to receive this invitation one day before the first session.

## **Coursebook and/or learning resources:**

The teacher will supply own materials.