



University
of Exeter



Evening language programme – STEP INTO 2024/25

Course title: Step into Arabic – online

Dates/Times:

Thursdays, 18:30–19:30, 10 weeks from w/c 30th September (10 weeks, except 31st October)

Course descriptor/objectives

This non-credit bearing weekly course is intended for motivated 6th formers who wish to explore Arabic for the first time. The course introduces the students gradually to the Arabic writing system.

By the end of this 10-week course (10 hours) participants will be able to:

- recognise and pronounce Arabic sounds
- understand and use some familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases
- understand and use different forms of greetings and pleasantries
- be aware of basic cultural aspects of social interaction in the Arab world

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, who is DBS-checked, 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 motivated 6th formers, i.e. post-16

students still in secondary education, who wish to explore Arabic the first time.

Technical requirements:

- PC, laptop or tablet with camera and microphone
- Stable internet connection

Delivery will be via Zoom or Microsoft Teams
Once the course has been confirmed your teacher will invite you to the first session by 12:00 on the day of the course

Coursebook and/or learning resources:

Will be provided by the teacher

Fee:

6th form students (post-16) only: £82.50

Booking via the [university's online store](#).

Attendance certificate:

Students will receive a certificate of attendance on the completion of the course, if they have had 80% or higher attendance.