

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary

Course Prefix and Number: ARA 201

Credits: 3

Course Title: Intermediate Arabic I

Course Description: Continues to develop understanding, speaking, reading, and writing skills, and emphasizes basic Arabic sentence structure. Discusses the diversity of cultures in the Arab world. Classes are conducted in Arabic. Prerequisite: ARA 102 or equivalent. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose:

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:

Prerequisite: ARA 102 or equivalent

Course Objectives:

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- a. Appreciate and understand the social issues and political events of Arabic culture through reading;
- b. Acquire further understanding of Arabic life through everyday situations, family life, student life, and cross-cultural comparisons;
- c. Acquire a usable vocabulary through new words, concepts, and verb forms;
- d. Use in practical application the grammar and verbs learned in Arabic 101-102; and
- e. Function at the intermediate level in Arabic.

Major Topics to Be Included

- a. Basic grammatical structures
- b. Complex structures of the language
- c. Development of reading skills
- d. Vocabulary including idiomatic expressions
- e. Conversations in Arabic
- f. Cultures of the Arab world
- g. Authentic literary texts
- h. Development of writing skills

Effective Date of Course Content Summary: Fall, 2004