ARA 181
ARABIC LAB I

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Prerequisites: ENG 090 and RED 090 or DRE 098; or satisfactory score on placement test
Corequisites: ARA 111

This course provides an opportunity to enhance acquisition of the fundamental elements of the modern standard Arabic language. Emphasis is placed on the development of basic listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills through the use of supplementary learning media and materials. Upon completion, students should be able to comprehend and respond with grammatical accuracy to spoken and written Arabic and to demonstrate cultural awareness. This course has been approved to satisfy the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement for transferability as a premajor and/or elective course requirement. Course Hours per Week: Lab, 2. Semester Hours Credit, 1.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Students will use lab time to practice what is learned in ARA 111. By the end of ARA 181 students will in-shaa’a-llaah:

a.) Have mastered the Arabic alphabet and sound system, be able to distinguish and pronounce all Arabic sounds, and write accurately from dictation;
b.) Initiate social interactions, ask for basic information, and be aware of basic cultural aspects of social interaction in the Arab world;
c.) Be able to talk about themselves and others using both formal/informal greetings;
d.) Comprehend simple written texts on familiar topics;
e.) Comprehend simple audio/video texts on familiar topics;
f.) Be able to compose simple paragraphs about themselves;
g.) Be familiar with some of the differences between formal and spoken Arabic.
h.) Develop a familiarity with different aspects of Arab culture through the exploration of popular proverbs, and the different cultural activities held throughout the semester;
i.) Form and understand some basic Arabic sentence and grammatical structures.

OUTLINE OF INSTRUCTION:

I. Arabic Alphabet and Sound System
   a. Arabic symbols
   b. Reading simple texts on familiar topics
   c. Composing simple paragraphs about yourself
II. Vocabulary
   a. Greetings and introductions
   b. Formal and informal address
   c. Question formation for asking basic questions
   d. Speaking about yourself and others
   e. Arabic numbers
   f. Everyday life vocabulary

III. Grammar
   a. Conjugating verbs in the present tense
   b. Formation of singular and plural nouns and adjectives
   c. Feminine and Masculine Forms
   d. Definite and indefinite articles
   e. Possessive adjectives (feminine and masculine)
   f. Adjectives and adjective agreements
   g. Sentence structure

IV. Arabic Culture and History
   a. Awareness of the different Arabic dialects, especially the Egyptian dialect
   b. Knowledge of Arabic Proverbs
   c. Awareness of basic Arabic culture
   d. Familiarity with some of the differences between formal and spoken Arabic
   e. History of Arabic expansion
   f. Islam, festivals, customs, foods

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS:

Textbooks will be chosen by instructor and listed on the syllabus. Textbook titles will be available in the college's bookstore.