

## LARAB1100

2016-2017

## Modern Arabic Elementary Level I

6.0 credits	30.0 h	1q
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Teacher(s):	
Language :	Français
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Inline resources:	> http://icampus.uclouvain.be/
Prerequisites :	None (basic course). This is the first part of the elementary level of Arabic at the ILV.
Main themes :	This course is a first introduction to Literary, or Standard, Arabic in its modern variety, which is the language of the media and all official communication in the entire Arab world today.  It aims at learning and analyzing short texts and oral expressions in Modern Standard Arabic.  The course includes pronunciation drills and exercises in reading and writing.  The course covers the following aspects of learning the Arabic language:  identification and reproduction of Arabic phonemes and a first training in common and learned pronunciations  introduction to the Arabic script and its phonetic transcription, as well as to reading and writing  acquisition of a limited number of words that are easy to recognize and to memorize.
Aims:	By the end of the course, the student should have acquired:
Evaluation methods :	Indicative continuous assessment based on systematic questioning in class Combined individual exam (oral and written), after the end of the course. The exams for LARAB1100 and LARAB1102 may be taken simultaneously.
Teaching methods :	This course includes classroom instruction sustained by the iCampus virtual teaching environment. It requires active involvement, with written exercises to be prepared for each class, as well as both written and oral exercises carried out in class.
Content :	This course is a first introduction to Literary, or Standard, Arabic in its modern variety, which is the language of the media and all official communication in the entire Arab world today.  It emphasizes continued acquisition of immediately applicable basic vocabulary, as well as the main mechanisms of the language, through the study of morphology and syntax.  This training provides the first step towards a proficiency level that compares to level A1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.  Note: The Arabic language has a range of characteristics that make its acquisition notoriously hard for French-speaking beginners. It has a set of consonants unknown to us, a distinct right-to-left script, and a complex grammar with declensions, with stronger gender marking than in French, and with a system of number distinction that goes beyond our mere distinction between singular and plural. Additionally, Arabic vocabulary shares few elements with French or other languages usually known to students. Thus, it is difficult, at least with respect to the first year, to apply the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages to the Arabic language acquisition.

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	Printed texts, photocopies, documents presented in digital format, sound recordings Registration on the iCampus platform is compulsory Textbook: Luc-Willy Deheuvels, Manuel d'arabe moderne, Paris: Langues et mondes/ L'Asiathèque, 2011 (ISBN 978-2-915255-77-5).
Faculty or entity in charge:	ILV

Programmes / formations proposant cette unité d'enseignement (UE)							
Intitulé du programme	Sigle	Credits	Prerequis	Acquis d'apprentissage			
Minor in Arabic language and Islamic civilization	LISLA100I	6	-	<b>Q</b>			
Minor in Medieval Studies	LMEDI100I	6	-	<b>Q</b>			
Bachelor in Ancient Languages and Letters: Oriental Studies	HORI1BA	6	-	0			