Classical Arabic I

UCLouvain

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Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the information below is subject to change, in particular that concerning the teaching mode (presential, distance or in a comodal or hybrid format).

5 credits	30.0 h	Q2

Teacher(s)	Moureau Sébastien ;
Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes	An introduction to the ancient and literary Arabic, which is the language of the Koran and of all great works of classical Arabic literature. This course focuses on reading and writing, and enables students to acquire a basic vocabulary, as well as some familiarity with a first part of the Arabic grammar.
Aims	At the end of this course, the student will be capable to read, transliterate and translate short texts at a basic level of difficulty. To achieve this goal, he will master the alphabet, the reading and writing of Arabic. He will acquire a basic vocabulary and get familiar with the first mechanisms and structures of the language (morphology and syntax).
	The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".
Evaluation methods	Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the information in this section is particularly likely to change. The examination is divided into two parts: a written part consisting of an Arabic version, and an oral part covering the subject matter discussed in class.
Teaching methods	Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the information in this section is particularly likely to change. Each course session is divided into two phases: a first theoretical part devoted to the explanation of Arabic grammar followed by a series of practical translation exercises based on the vocabulary studied. Each week, the student will study vocabulary words. In order to ensure the regularity of this study, short tests will be organised at the beginning of each course, the results of which will count towards the exam. Two course materials will be offered to students: a lexicon of words and particles, and a grammar vade mecum.
Content	Introduction to the literary and ancient Arabic language, that of the Koran and all the great texts of classical Arabic literature. This course deals with reading and writing, and allows the acquisition of a basic vocabulary, as well as the command of a first part of Arabic grammar.
Faculty or entity in charge	GLOR

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Teaching methods	If the authorities decide to confine or stop face-to-face teaching, the course will be given remotely via the Teams computer tool available to students.
Evaluation methods	If the examinations cannot be conducted face-to-face, they will be conducted remotely, following the same pattern as initially planned, namely a written examination followed by an oral examination.

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)						
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Aims		
Minor in Medieval Studies	MINMEDI	5		٩		
Minor in Oriental Studies	MINORI	5		٩		
Minor in Arabic language and Islamic civilization	MINISLAM	5		٩		
Bachelor in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies	HORI1BA	5		٩		