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ARABIC COURSES- Yearly program in Amman
2023- 2024



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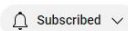
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Introduction



Ifpo's Arabic students experiences

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The yearly Arabic courses program is organized by the Department of Arabic, Medieval and Modern Studies (*Département des Études Arabes, Médiévales et Modernes de l'Institut français du Proche-Orient*) at Ifpo, under the responsibility of Pauline Koetschet (Director of DEAMM) and Abdul-Hammeed al-Kayyali (pedagogical coordinator and researcher at DEAMM). It offers in-depth language and cultural training to trainees (students or non-students) **who have already completed Modern Standard Arabic (MSA/fuṣḥā) with one of the following profiles:**

- **Profile 1**= advanced: between 400 and 600 hours of Arabic at least (from 3 years of Arabic and more)
- **Profile 2**= intermediate: between 250 and 400 hours of Arabic (+/- 2 years of Arabic)
- **Profile 3**= post-beginner: between 150 and 250 hours of Arabic (+/- 1 year of Arabic)
- **Profile 4** = beginner: about 40 hours of Arabic

Candidates for the annual course must motivate their project to study at Ifpo by a letter of motivation where they will expose their research project or their professional project.

The course is also intended for people wishing to prepare for certain competitions that require a good mastery of Arabic (National Education, Foreign Affairs, etc.).

Every year, the Arabic language course welcomes students from all over the world. In 2022/ 2023, a dozen nationalities were represented, thanks in particular to agreements made with various universities and international institutions: IEP – Institute of Political Studies, Oxford University, Durham University, Edinburgh University, etc. In addition, the Institute welcomes annually 8 French scholarship holders from the Ministry of National Education, to which are added to other trainees enrolled in individual training (Middle East Studies students, NGO, journalists, experts, etc.).

The classes are taught in Arabic by Jordanian and Syrian professors who have a solid background in teaching Modern Standard Arabic for non-speakers. **High qualified and experienced teachers** in language and other specialists. Our teachers are aware of The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages CEFR criteria and evaluation.

Students are placed according to their level in small groups (10 to 12 students maximum).

The Arabic course offers several level groups in Arabic (MSA), as well as several level groups in Arabic dialect. It should be noted that it is possible to start dialect classes as a beginner.

Collective and Individual Classes

The yearly Program includes 12 hours of collective classes and 4 hours of individual classes per week and 464 classes for the whole academic year.

Collective classes

Collective classes offered in MSA are: Arabic grammar, written expression and comprehension, reading and dictation, oral expression and comprehension, written and audiovisual press, modern history, history of Arabic-islamic thought, culture and civilization, classical and modern literature. It should be noted that **a class is exclusively devoted to presentations and debates** of different kinds (contradictory debate, political, citizen or social debates, presentations, interviews, etc.). The objective of this class is to learn in real situations how to construct an oral presentation, to organize a speech, to develop the language practice, to master the expressions and formulas allowing to intervene in a debate or a discussion, to present and to confront its ideas, argue, refute, etc.

COLLECTIVE COURSES : DIALECT Beirut & Amman												
	Profile 1			Profile 2			Profile 3			Profile 4		
Levels	Advanced			Intermediate			Post-beginner			Beginner		
Périods*	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3
Grammar of Dialect	1h	1h	1h	1h	1h	1h	1h	1h	1h	1h	1h	1h
Expression /Comp. Dialect	2h	2h	2h	2h	2h	2h	2h	2h	2h	2h	2h	2h
Total of hours in Dialect	3h	3h	3h	3h	3h	3h	3h	3h	3h	3h	3h	3h
COLLECTIVE COURSES : Modern Standard Arabic (MSA) Beirut & Amman												
	Profile 1			Profile 2			Profile 3			Profile 4		
Levels	Advanced			Intermediate			Post-beginner			Beginner		
Périods*	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3
Oral Expression and Comprehension	1h	1h	1h	1h	2h	2h	2h	2h	2h	2h	2h	2h
Presentations and Debates (Oral)	1h	1h	1h	1h								
Written Expression and Comprehension	2h	1h	1h	1h	1h	1h	1h	1h	1h	1h	1h	1h
Grammar of MSA	2h	1h	1h	2h	2h	2h	3h	3h	3h	3h	3h	3h
Reading and Dictation							1h			2h		
Total of hours	6h	4h	4h	5h	5h	5h	7h	6h	6h	8h	6h	6h
OTHER DISCIPLINES Beirut & Amman												
	Advanced			Intermediate			Post-beginner			Beginner		
Périods*	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3
Culture and Civilization				1h	1h	1h						
Modern History	1h	1h	1h									
History of Thought		1h	1h									
Classic Literature		1h	1h									
Modern Literature	1h	1h	1h	1h	1h	1h		1h	1h		1h	1h
Written and Audiovisual Press	1h	1h	1h	2h	2h	2h	2h	2h	2h	1h	2h	2h
Total of hours	3h	6h	6h	4h	4h	4h	2h	3h	3h	1h	3h	3h
* T1 : 1st trimester (September– December.) / T2 : 2nd trimester (January– March) / T3 : 3rd trimester (April– June)												
*For profile 4: Students are invited to register from the first term of the annual session. The objective is to allow them to have acquired level A1 at the end of the first trimester and to continue the level A2 program (profile 3) in the second and third trimester.												

Individual classes

The students formulate before the beginning of the annual course four wishes for classes they will then have, if they wish, the opportunity to change at the entrance of the second and third trimesters. The classes offered are: dialect, written press, audiovisual press, social issues, grammar, written expression and comprehension, oral expression and comprehension, modern history, history of Arabic-Islamic thought, culture and civilization, classical literature, modern literature, translation (from Arabic into French or from Arabic into English, and vice versa), according to teacher's availability in this subject.

Two individual classes are an exception and offer programs independent of the collective programming: translation and social issues.

Actually, the individual classes give the opportunity to our students to have 4 hours/ classes with their teachers per week. In other words, this gives the students the opportunity to focus on their own linguistic needs on one hand and to focus on their own interests of subjects on the other hand. Then, as the collective classes focus on the most common subjects and put into consideration the average level of all students, the individual classes put into consideration the level and the interests of one student.

For more detailed description of the collective and individual classes, please click [here](#).

Terms and Conditions for applying

Applicants for the yearly program must send us their complete application form by email through the coordinator of your university.

The application must be submitted **no later than June 10th 2022**. This application form must necessarily include:

- **An applicant information form** + 1 identity photograph scanned into 1 single PDF file.
- **A short cover letter** (one page maximum)
- **An Arabic written test (MSA)**

Please note that the written test as well as the application form will be sent through the coordinator of your university.

Yearly Program Cost

The cost of the yearly program is 4900 Euros.

The amount paid will not be refunded after payment or in case of withdrawal, except for medical or professional reasons (duly justified).

Calendar

The annual offer is scheduled over 27 weeks, split into three terms with a one-week half term in each and two weeks of holidays between each term. The students generally enroll for the entirety of the program. It is possible to enroll for less than 27 weeks, however in practice a place coming available throughout the course of the year is rare and priority is given to students applying for the entirety of the academic year.

CALENDRIER 2023-2024 - AMMAN - STAGE ANNUEL																		
Septembre		Octobre		Novembre		Décembre		Janvier		Février		Mars		Avril		Mai		
1 V		1 D		1 M	Finé Toussaint	1 V		1 L	Premier de l'an	1 J		1 V		1 L		1 M		
2 S		2 L		2 J		2 S		2 M		2 V		2 S		2 M		2 J		
3 D		3 M		3 V		3 D		3 M		3 S		3 D		3 M		3 V		
4 L		4 M		4 S		4 L		4 J		4 D	Pause	4 L	Semaine d'examens T2 Fin	4 J		4 S		
5 M		5 J	Réunion	5 D		5 M		5 V		5 L		5 M			5 V		5 D	
6 M		6 V		6 L		6 M		6 S		6 M		6 M			6 S		6 L	
7 J		7 S		7 M		7 J		7 D		7 M		7 J		7 D		7 M		
8 V		8 D	Rentrée T1	8 M		8 V		8 L		8 J		8 V		8 L		8 M		
9 S		9 L		9 J		9 S		9 M		9 V		9 S		9 M		9 J		
10 D		10 M		10 V		10 D		10 M		10 S		10 D		10 M		10 V		
11 L		11 M		11 S		11 L		11 J		11 D		11 L	Pause	11 J	Férié Aïd Al Fitr	11 S		
12 M		12 J		12 D		12 M		12 V		12 L		12 M			12 V		12 D	
13 M		13 V		13 L		13 M		13 S		13 M		13 M			13 S		13 L	
14 J		14 S		14 M		14 J	Fin T1	14 D		14 M		14 J		14 D		14 M		
15 V		15 D		15 M		15 V		15 L		15 J		15 V		15 L		15 M		
16 S		16 L		16 J		16 S		16 M		16 V		16 S		16 M		16 J		
17 D		17 M		17 V		17 D		17 M		17 S		17 D		17 M		17 V		
18 L		18 M		18 S		18 L		18 J		18 D		18 L	Pause	18 J		18 S		
19 M		19 J		19 D		19 M	Pause	19 V		19 L		19 M			19 V		19 D	
20 M	Test de placement via zoom	20 V		20 L		20 M		20 S		20 M		20 M			20 S		20 L	
21 J		21 S		21 M	Pause	21 J		21 D		21 M		21 J		21 D		21 M	Semaine d'examens	
22 V		22 D		22 M		22 V		22 L		22 J		22 V		22 L		22 M		
23 S		23 L		23 J		23 S		23 M		23 V		23 S		23 M		23 J		
24 D		24 M		24 V		24 D		24 M		24 S		24 D	Rentrée T3	24 M		24 V		
25 L		25 M		25 S		25 L		25 J		25 D		25 L		25 J		25 S		
26 M		26 J		26 D		26 M	Pause	26 V		26 L		26 M		26 V		26 D		
27 M		27 V		27 L		27 M		27 S		27 M		27 M		27 S		27 L		
28 J		28 S		28 M		28 J		28 D		28 M		28 J		28 D		28 M		
29 V		29 D		29 M		29 V		29 L		29 J		29 V		29 L	Pause	29 M		
30 S		30 L		30 J		30 S		30 M				30 S		30 M		30 J	Fin stage	
		31 M				31 D	Rentrée T2	31 M				31 D	Férié Piques			31 V		

Practical Information about Life in Jordan



Jordan is a safe country and Jordanian people are hospitable and welcoming.

We usually send students a document gathering accommodation recommendations given by our former students, we also recommend this website: <https://hagzi.jo/en/>

Regarding the areas, students usually prefer the following neighborhoods: Jabal Amman 1st Cercle, 2nd Cercle, 3rd Cercle and Jabal Al-Weibdeh as they are 30 to 20 minutes away from Ifpo on foot and around 15 to 10 minutes away by taxi. These neighborhoods are also close to coffee shops, restaurants, bars, supermarkets and cultural centers.

As for the transportation, people usually use taxis (in addition to Uber & Careem phone applications) and some areas could be reached by buses.

In Jordan you are in the middle of the Middle East. Being in Jordan means that you can easily travel to the West Bank and Jerusalem, to Egypt, Lebanon, Turkey, gulf countries and Cyprus.

Many NGOs and humanitarian agencies are there in Jordan (because of the presence of the Syrian refugees as well as the Palestinian refugees in the country). That might make it easier for those who are willing to be engaged in humanitarian activities or to do their internships while being abroad. We helped some of our students this year to have some internships and to volunteer...

Of course in Jordan, while studying Arabic, you can enjoy visiting the most attractive sites in the world, like Petra, Wadi Rum, Jerash, the Dead Sea etc..

In Jordan the second language is English. So, especially in the beginning and in case you are stuck in expressing yourselves in Arabic and hope not, most people can understand you when you speak in English... :)

Activities



We offer our students diverse activities that are linked to their linguistic immersion. Please allow us to share with you some of our activities of this academic year in Amman during the academic year 2022/ 2023: Ceremony of the beginning of the year, A trip to Madaba at the beginning of the year, Al-Hinna' (The traditional tattoo in Jordan) A traditional Jordanian Dish (Al-Mjaddara bil-Burghul), Reception at the French Embassy for all students, Galette des rois, Meetings of researchers-Arabic courses (4 meetings during the year), Film Screening, Iftar during the Holy month of Ramadan, A workshop in Arabic Calligraphy, Ceremony of the End of the Year



Meetings of researchers-Arabic courses/ 2

We have the pleasure to invite you to the second session

**Tuesday 21 February 2023
16:00 / Munif Hall**

Julie Bonneric- Head of Ifpo's Amman Office and Research Fellow in Islamic Archaeology
Presents her research project
Why and how was the verse of light inscribed in premodern mosques?

Soleyman BELTAIFA- To be masters student in Art History at Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne
Presents his research project
Modern Islamic Calligraphy

We have the pleasure to invite you to
Film Screening



We are pleased to invite you to attend a workshop in Arabic calligraphy with
Calligrapher and painter
Majd Abdul-Wahhab



**Tuesday 11 April 2023
15:00-17:00/ Munif Hall**

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