

Arabic 3,4 2017-18 Honors

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**Learning activities:** writing, speaking, reading, and listening exercises; mini-grammar presentations, note-taking, class discussions, dialogues, role-plays, audio-visual, extended readings, essays, poetry, songs, journal entries, projects, art, music, videos, debates, and student presentations. This course will be taught primarily in Arabic, as immersion is the most efficient way to learn a language.

**Materials needed in class daily:**

Arabic story (see the link below) and bring in proof of the order (receipt) to get 10 points for this HW assignment. 3 Ring Binder with Loose leaf paper. Pencil, Pen and Eraser. Arabic worksheets. Points will be deducted (- 5 points) from your participation grade when class materials are missing.

[https://www.amazon.com/Sahlawayhi-Graded-Stories-Beginners-Arabic/dp/1448628504/ref=sr\\_1\\_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1466209610&sr=8-2&keywords=sahlawayhi](https://www.amazon.com/Sahlawayhi-Graded-Stories-Beginners-Arabic/dp/1448628504/ref=sr_1_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1466209610&sr=8-2&keywords=sahlawayhi)

**Suggested materials:**

1. Notecards
2. English/Arabic Picture Dictionary

**Evaluation:** Students will be evaluated based on quizzes, unit tests, Oral Exams, Quarter exams, homework assignments, in-class activities, daily participation, portfolio, and projects.

**Grading Scale:**

A= 90 – 100	<b>Interpersonal</b>	<b>30%</b>	(email response, conversation dialogue)
B= 80 – 89	<b>Presentational</b>	<b>30%</b>	( writing, speaking)
C= 70 – 79	<b>Interpretive</b>	<b>30%</b>	(listening, reading)
D = 60 – 69	<b>Class Culture/Contribution</b>	<b>10%</b>	
F = 0 – 59			

**Participation** is an essential part of learning a language. Students must be present in order to participate, therefore, regular attendance will play an important role in your participation grade. Participation means more than simply responding to the teacher’s questions, it also includes:

- Coming to class on time with all of the required materials (see below)
- Wearing the school ID
- Involvement in whole class, small group, and individual activities.
- Following instructions and completing in-class assignments.
- Respecting your classroom and the people around you.
- Asking thoughtful and appropriate questions.
- Using Arabic to communicate at all times.

**Homework** There will be a homework assignment every other day. Sometimes I will check homework . Other times I will collect, grade and assign a higher point value to it. Homework needs to be done daily, it is not optional. Homework may be checked at random. You are to keep your homework in an Arabic folder. If you are absent the day a homework assignment is due, you will receive “0” points for that assignment. If the assignment was not returned to the class, then you may be able to turn it in. If you come to class without your assignment, you will receive “0” points (no excuses).

**Quizzes and tests** will be based on the material presented in class. Students will be made aware of quiz and test dates. Quizzes generally reflect 1- 5 days worth of material covered in class. If you are absent on the day of a

quiz/test, you will have to make it up within a week after you return. If you have an extended absence, see me after school to arrange a time that I can tutor you on what you missed. There will be regular **pop quizzes**.

**Projects, presentations & other:** students will be given a rubric for every project, presentation or in-class assignment.

**Portfolio:** students are required to keep an Arabic folder and notebook. Notebooks are to be used for note-taking and journal entries. The portfolio will be checked and graded each marking period, often unannounced. Grading will be based on organization, completeness and neatness.

**Classroom Rules:**

1. Wear your ID\* ----No Cell phone use unless given permission.
2. **RESPECT** each other and your classroom. Leave your classroom better than it was!
3. Follow instructions
4. Remain seated unless given permission
5. No food or chewing gum

\*Failure to have an ID will result in “-5” Participation points each time.

**Behavioral Expectations:** Only speak when given permission. Cell phones are not to be used in class. Students disrespecting the teacher or their peers will receive the following disciplinary action:

1. ONE verbal or written warning/eye contact. Any reoccurrence will result in a Parent Contact.
2. Participation points lost for the day, possible seat change.
3. Misconduct report written for consistent misbehavior / referral to the discipline office.

**Attendance policy:** It is important to come to class everyday if you want to do well in a foreign language class. If you CUT my class you will not be able to make up what you missed so make sure you come back to class with an excused note from a parent. That note must include a daytime phone number where I can reach your parent. When you come to class tardy you lose points from your participation grade.

- Students who are absent from class need to check the website for missed assignments or check with a classmate, and must hand in all of the assignments on the day they return to school. (Get a classmate’s number!)
- In case of an extended absence, students are responsible for contacting the teacher and arranging a plan to complete all the assignments.

**Tutoring:** I will make myself available after school on Thursdays to help students who need additional help with their Arabic work. Students who come to tutoring will get 5 points and those points will can be added to your Class Participation Grade at the end of each Quarter.

Feel free to see me after school about anything you’d like to talk about. I believe in having an open communication. Your parents are free to email me, as well. Consult my web page for homework assignments and course information.

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**Reminders for Success:**

Organization is essential to success in any class. You must bring your binder/folder and book to class every day... preparedness is required.

Trying your best means volunteering frequently, following directions, doing your homework, cooperating with others, having a positive attitude and assisting your teacher in making the class run smoother. To learn a language you must take risks and be prepared to make mistakes.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_

*Homework assignment #1*

*5 points*

I have read and I understand the Course Rules and Regulations. I agree that I will abide by these rules at all times. Any issues I may encounter throughout the year, I agree to discuss them privately with Mr. Danja in order to have a positive academic and social approach in my school year.

*Dear Parent,*

*The best way to contact me is via email. All homework, notes and important information is found on my website. Feel free to email me anytime.*

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Student name (print)

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Parent (print)

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Student signature

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Parent signature

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Parent evening phone number

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Parent email address

Check below that you see Mr. Danja's website address. Email me if you need any help.

Mr. Danja's website address: <http://mrdanjaarabicfrench.weebly.com/>