

Modern Standard Arabic Course Levels Contents

Modern Standard Arabic (**MSA**) is the written language of Arabic. It is developed from Classical Arabic which is the language of the Holy Quran. MSA is the language of newspapers and the media. It is a 'living' language, used by educated people and intellectuals. The objective of our MSA courses is to enable you to read and write at an academic level and to enable you to follow current day-to-day events in the Middle East and North Africa.

Levels and aims:

ILI - LEVEL	Content
PRE – MSA	Using a variety of classroom activities, this course will enable you to build up the basic skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking as well as developing language acquisition skills. Grammar is not presented explicitly at this stage. Though, there are little grammatical points to be taught in this level on the level of the phrase.
MSA1 – Beginners MSA	This level aims to enhance the understanding and production, both written and spoken, of different patterns of nominal sentences, present tense of verbs conjugated with single pronouns, negation of nominal and verbal sentences and useful basic vocabulary. Texts are about personal information , surrounding environment and daily routine.
MSA2 - Early Elementary MSA	This course expands on the teaching points of the previous level in teaching tenses with plural nouns. The level also deals with all essential morphological rules related to verb conjunction, such as weak roots and the ten forms of Arabic verbs as well as sentence structures. It also introduces past tense with singular pronouns. All grammar and morphology presentations are contextualized in relevant situations which expand the basic lexicon. Texts of this level are about physical description of people and places, education and employment.
MSA3 – Elementary MSA	This level prepares the participant with essential newspaper expressions and vocabulary. This level expands on the morphological aspects of vocabulary. "Masdars", reported statements, conjunctions and complex sentences. It completes the past tense and introduces the future tense and imperative forms of the verb. This will enable students to understand and use them in meaningful contexts. Texts of the level are about news pieces, narration, biography, hobbies and ways of giving directions and suggestions.
MSA4 –Upper Elementary MSA	This level gives more details of sentence formation, compound and complex sentences and related syntax, i.e. connectors, clauses and accusatives. It expands more on morphology as active participles, active and passive voices,

	other ways for past tense, comparison and KANA and its sisters. The texts of this level are a bit longer than before and they are about changes happened to people and place across the time, history of places and establishments, natural disasters, sports and champions.
MSA5 – Early Intermediate MSA	Students will be exposed to different styles of texts with the aim of building a more specialized lexicon and expanding on grammar taught in previous levels. This level teaches connectors, passive participle, conditional sentences, dip tot and nouns from weak root verbs. The texts are about inventions , inventors, arts, nature, pollution, travel and tourism.
MSA6 – Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic	This level exposes student to new grammatical points concerning all types of adverbs and Tamyeez as well as the ways of assertion and exclamation. It also exposes them to a wide range of topics which cover a variety of areas such as Politics, Economics & sociology.
MSA7 – Upper Intermediate MSA	From this level onward, the main focus of the lesson is the text and is related to its type. Texts will be complicated and detailed. It builds on the previous knowledge of grammar and expands it generally through drills and comprehension tasks. The grammar of this level is about Relation between verb tense and natural time, hollow verbs, Tamyeez, active and passive participles, passive voice, KAN, possessive cases, place participle, dip tot and broken plurals.
MSA8 – High intermediate MSA	Students revise grammar and morphological rules taught in previous levels such as Meanings of the verb forms, adverbs, nouns driven from the weak verbs, exclamation, forms of comparative and superlative nouns.. At this level, students are exposed to a variety of texts which enrich their knowledge of sophisticated vocabulary. The main text type here is narration with its variations from modern to medieval.
MSA9 – Early Advanced MSA	Students revise grammar and morphological rules taught in previous levels specially with all kinds of accusatives. At this level, students are exposed to a variety of texts which enrich their knowledge of sophisticated vocabulary. The texts deal with society: tradition and modernity, Islamic movements, family and children, as well as literature.
MSA10 – Advanced MSA	Students revise grammar and morphological rules taught in previous levels. At this level, students are exposed to a variety of texts which enrich their knowledge of sophisticated vocabulary. The levels also widen the scope of the students’ understanding of different written styles; i.e. the informative, argumentative, philosophical, scientific and literary styles which are used at different times by different writers.

MSA11 – Upper-Advanced MSA	These levels continue with the different text types with more detailed understanding of the finer shades of meaning and the cultural background of the texts. Grammar here comes to serve the understanding of the texts with more detailed and grouped presentations of the rules.
MSA12 – High Advanced MSA	

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