

## Arabic Language Acquisition: Media and Egyptian IV (A005219)

**Course size** *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

**Credits 5.0** **Study time 150 h**

**Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2024-2025**

A (semester 2)      Arabic      Gent      independent work

**Lecturers in academic year 2024-2025**

Khoury, George	LW21	staff member
Kreil, Aymon	LW21	lecturer-in-charge

**Offered in the following programmes in 2024-2025**

	<b>crdts</b>	<b>offering</b>
Bachelor of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures(main subject Arabic and Islamic Studies)	5	A
Exchange Programme Oriental Languages and Cultures	5	A

### Keywords

Modern Standard Arabic MSA, Media Arabic, Egyptian Arabic, society, culture, Middle East.

### Position of the course

This in-depth course is a continuation of Arabic Language Acquisition III. This course focuses on further perfecting the acquisition of Arabic reading, writing and listening skills in more complex media contexts. In Egyptian Arabic, the focus is on further acquisition of speaking and listening skills as well as the social and cultural embeddedness of the language.

### Contents

This course consists of two components: Media and Egyptian.

- In the media component, students follow closely, under supervision, the Arabic-language media. Contextualization and discourse analysis of written and spoken (social and cultural) media coverage are central. Attention is also given to self-producing written accounts and reports in MSA.
- In the Egyptian Arabic component, the emphasis is on further practice and consolidation of speaking and listening skills. This is done using topics and contexts that are in the teacher's area of scientific expertise.

### Initial competences

Arabic Language Acquisition III, or an equivalent level to the one validated through this course.

### Final competences

- 1 Students know most frequent expressions and vocabulary from Arabic media language in productive ways.
- 2 Students actively engage with the (socio-cultural) context in which Arabic newspapers and newsites operate.
- 3 Students directly retrieve essential information from an Arabic written item, especially news messages.
- 4 Students understand spoken Arabic news messages and announcements.
- 5 Students retrieve a wide range of information from Arabic news messages (written and spoken).
- 6 Student take part in natural, unprepared Egyptian Arabic conversations on topics relating to current (socio-cultural) affairs.
- 7 Students write an Arabic text to communicate an analysis and/or opinion.

**Conditions for credit contract**

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into consideration the conditions mentioned in 'Starting Competences'

**Conditions for exam contract**

Access to this course unit via an exam contract is unrestricted

**Teaching methods**

Independent work

**Extra information on the teaching methods**

Integrated seminar: study and discussion of authentic messages, texts, and contexts, prepared by students and also discussed in class in a natural (Egyptian for spoken, Media for written contexts) way.

Independent work: reading and/or written assignments.

**Study material**

Type: Syllabus

Name: Syllabus ATV IV

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

**References**

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- N.N. Al-Warraki, N. Harb, *Building Arabic Vocabulary through Reading* (Cairo: AUC, 2017)
- Kendall, E., *The Top 1,300 Words for Understanding Media Arabic* (Georgetown: Georgetown University Press, 2012)
- Louis, S. *Kallimni 'Arabi fi Kulli Haga: A Higher Advanced Course in Spoken Egyptian Arabic 5*. (Cairo: AUC Press, 2009)
- Wehr, H., *Arabic-English Dictionary, Fourth Edition*.
- Woidich, M. *Wörterbuch Deutsch-Ägyptisch Arabisch* (Wiesbaden: Reichert, 2020)

**Course content-related study coaching**

Tests, interactive teaching, language exercises, Ufora, feedback

**Assessment moments**

end-of-term and continuous assessment

**Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period**

Oral assessment, Written assessment

**Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period**

Oral assessment, Written assessment

**Examination methods in case of permanent assessment**

Participation

**Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment**

examination during the second examination period is possible in modified form

**Extra information on the examination methods**

Written and oral examination over the entire course and during end-of-the-semester exams. The written part assesses the acquisition of writing, reading and listening skills in Media Arabic, as well as the capacity to understand scientific texts offering keys to assess the context of media production. The oral part assesses the acquisition of listening and speaking skills in Egyptian Arabic.

Participation: active participation in classes, and timely submission of assignments and tasks.

**Calculation of the examination mark**

MSA: 45% - of which 30 % permanent evaluation and 15% final exam.

Egyptian Arabic: 45% - of which 30 % permanent evaluation and 15% final exam.  
Participation 10%

Both components Media Arabic and Egyptian Arabic are subdivided according to skills into end-of-term evaluation and continuous assessment (active participation during classes, and tests and assignments). To pass the course unit, the final grade must be at least 10/20. Students who do not participate in (one of the skills-related parts of) the assessment, or have a mark below 10/20 for one of the skills-related parts, automatically fail the entire course. Final marks higher than 10/20 will, in this case, be reduced to the highest mark that does not qualify for automatic upgrade ('deliberation') (7/20). A pass mark for one of the skills-related parts means that the assessment of that part does not need to be retaken in case of a resit only. However, the student is always entitled to still take the full second examination opportunity if he/she does not yet pass the entire course unit. The last examination grade obtained counts when calculating the final result.

#### **Facilities for Working Students**

1. Student attendance in classes is compulsory.
2. Examination cannot be rescheduled.
3. Feedback can be given by email or appointment during office hours.

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