

**UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
FACULTY OF HUMANITIES
DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Religious Studies 277 Qur'anic and Classical Arabic I**

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June 7-27, MTWR 14.00-16.45

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Course Description

This course will introduce students to the grammar, phonology and script of the Qur'an and classical Arabic, and cover the basic morphology and syntax of the written language. Although this course is not conversational Arabic, proper active skills (including oral presentation and pronunciation) are essential to understanding and appreciating the literary expression of the language in its historical context.

Required Texts

Thackston, Wheeler M. An Introduction to Koranic and Classical Arabic: An Elementary Grammar of the Language. Bethesda, MD: Iran Books, 1994.

Core Competencies

This course will stress the development of the four skills (reading, speaking, listening and writing) at the earliest stages. In addition to introducing these skills to the student, considerable time will be spent on studying the grammar of Arabic. We will also begin to read several of the styles of writing (Qur'an, Hadith, and early Islamic historiography).

Grade Breakdown

Homework:	12%	- written submissions of assigned exercises every
class		period, each worth 1%
Participation:	10%	
Vocab Quiz: June 13	14%	
Midterm: June 15	25%	
Reading Quiz: June 20	14%	

Registrar scheduled final exam: 25%

Grading

A numerical mark will be given for each course requirement. A letter grade will be assigned on the following number and letter grade scheme:

A+	100 - 96	A	95 - 90	A-	89 – 85
B+	84 - 80	B	79 - 75	B-	74 – 70
C+	69 - 65	C	64 - 60	C-	59 – 55
D+	54 - 53	D	52-50	F	Under 50

First Week:

Day One: 7/6/2006 Introduction & Lesson 1
Day Two: 8/6/2006 Lesson 2

Second Week:

Day Three: 12/6/2006 Lesson 3
Day Four: 13/6/2006 Lesson 4 – Vocabulary quiz
Day Five: 14/6/2006 Lesson 5
Day Six: 15/6/2006 Lesson 6 - Midterm

Third Week:

Day Seven: 19/6/2006 Lesson 7
Day Eight: 20/6/2006 Lesson 8 – Reading quiz
Day Nine: 21/6/2006 Lesson 9
Day Ten: 22/6/2006 Lesson 10

Fourth Week:

Day Eleven: 26/6/2006 Lesson 11
Day Twelve: 27/6/2006 Lesson 12

Academic Honesty:

Plagiarism is not tolerated at the University of Calgary and has serious consequences. Your essays/presentations must be your own work and inadequate referencing may be seen as plagiarism. Please see the relevant sections on Academic Misconduct in the current University Calendar. If you have questions about correct referencing, please consult your instructor.

Academic Accommodation:

If you are a student with a disability who requires academic accommodation and you have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. Once registered, please discuss any upcoming tests/examinations with the instructor **two weeks** before the scheduled date.

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