

Modern Standard Arabic (MSA)

The Modern Standard Arabic (MSA) program aims to help students acquire the skills to interact with the written form of MSA, the standard language of the modern Arabic press and media.

MSA Elementary Courses

MSA Level 01

Duration	48 hours
Course only:	\$ 330

Modern Standard Arabic Level 1 is a presentation and practice of the Arabic script and phonetic system. This level presents the basic grammatical components of MSA such as nominal sentences, structure and how to make simple sentences and to read simplified texts based on grammatical structure, like idafa construction, noun adjective relation. By the end of the course the student will be able to read and understand simple sentences.

Course Contents for MSA Level 1:

1. The alphabet
2. Definite Article: sun and moon letters, changes in the voweling of definite and indefinite nouns.
3. Noun-Adjective agreement
4. Nisba adjectives
5. Nominal sentences
6. Prepositions
7. Possession
8. Demonstrative pronouns
9. Attached Pronouns

MSA Level 02

Duration	48 hours
Course only:	\$ 330

Modern Standard Arabic Level 2 is a practice on a few sentences and revision on grammar in addition to presenting new grammar i.e. dual plural and broken plural. In this stage the student will be able to get the meaning from the dictionary; he will be able to negate the

nominal sentence and read texts about countries and to form his own simple text.

Course Contents for the MSA 2:

1. Revision of nominal sentence
2. Revision of idafas
3. Revision of demonstratives and nominal sentences
4. Revision of adjectives and split idafas
5. Introduction of negation of nominal sentences using ليس
6. Use of the dictionary
7. Interrogatives
8. Split idafa
9. Dual Nouns
10. Sound plurals
11. Broken Plural
12. Adjective agreement with the plural

MSA Level 03

Duration	48 hours
Course only:	\$ 330

Modern Standard Arabic Level 3 introduces the verbs and tenses and conjugations. Also deals with derived verbs of the regular roots in more detailed way. Other grammar aspects are introduced i.e. negation of verbal sentence. The student by the end of this level will be able to form longer and more complex sentences and to comprehend the gist of relatively straight forward texts.

Course Contents for MSA Level 3:

1. The order of the verbal sentence
2. The perfect verb
3. The imperfect verb
4. The subjunctive
5. Negation of the different tenses (past-present-future)
6. Imperative (regular root type 1)

Reading:

- 1- حارة ستوتة
- 2- ريما والدباب-

MSA Level 04

Duration	48 hours
Course only:	\$ 330

Modern Standard Arabic Level 4: In this course it's more practice on grammar and deeper and more intense course. The student will learn more about grammar cases, relative clauses and derived forms of the verbs. Also he will learn the active participle, passive participle and masdar. This is more profound view of Arabic sentences and more understanding of forms and meanings. Also the student will be able to learn the derived forms semantic implication. By the end of this level the student has more understanding to the language and can read and write texts more complicated in structure.

Course Contents for MSA Level 4:

Grammar & Morphology:

1. Revision of المرفوع Nominative Nouns and Indicative verbs
2. Revision of المنصوب Accusative Nouns and subjunctive Verbs
3. Revision of المجرور و المجزوم Genitive and Jussive
4. Relative Pronouns
5. Derived forms of the verbs
6. Relative pronouns
7. Relative clauses for dual and plural (feminine –masculine)
8. Masdar: (Form and Meaning):

A- أن + فعل

B- قام ب + مصدر

C- تم + مصدر

Morphology:

- 1-Derived forms semantic implication –mixed drills

MSA Level 4 Topics:

- 1-Cinema and T.V : Simple articles on films and programmes
- 2-Aeroplanes

Literature:

دكتور جحا

النخلة الذهبية

الحاكم و العقد

MSA Intermediate Courses

MSA Level 05

Duration	48 hours
Course only:	\$ 330

Modern Standard Arabic Level 5: This level aims to develop effective reading strategies to enable students to handle authentic texts with the help of word lists or the dictionary. Skimming and scanning for information, guessing words in context with the aid of one's knowledge of grammar, syntax, morphology in addition to the back ground knowledge of the topic form an essential part of this process. The program is topically oriented to encourage the retaining of vocabulary and to try to build up the reservoir of vocabulary in an effective way. By the end of this level students should be able to understand 60% of a medium length article on a familiar topic. They should also be able to produce simple sentences containing conjunctions and embedded clauses. As for their listening skills, students should be able to understand the gist of short, straightforward audio materials.

Course Contents for MSA Level 5:

Grammar & Morphology:

1. Revision of the MSA II
2. Imperative of the all types with further drilling for regular roots only
3. Uses of **إِنَّ** و **أَنَّ**
4. Passive sentences: converting **تم + مصدر** into passive sentences
5. With all verb types **قام ب + مصدر**
6. Connectors: **بالرغم من أن** – **إلا أن** – **مع أن** – **مع أن**

Topics and Literature MSA 5

1. Literature (الصيداء والمراد – ألف ليلة و ليلة)
2. Biographies (أم كلثوم – روز اليوسف)
3. Short items (Meetings, conferences, statements ...etc.)
4. Archeology

MSA Level 06

Duration	48 hours
Course only:	\$ 330

Modern Standard Arabic Level 6: In this level is a revision of all grammar & morphology through practice and topics. Also the student will learn the Elative, passive and double roots. This is also a course more to write and read on different topics and listen to short text and understand the topic and a lot of vocabulary with the help of the dictionary.

Course Contents for MSA 6:

Grammar & Morphology:

1. Revision of **تم / قام ب**
2. Revision of connectors **إِنَّ** و **أَنَّ**
3. Straightforward comparative and superlative (The Elavtive)
4. Comparative and superlative **أقل أكثر + مصدر**

5. The passive المبني للمجهول
6. Doubled roots

Topics and Literature MSA 6:

1. Weather
2. Natural catastrophes: fires, earthquakes
3. Unnatural disasters: famine-refugees-conflicts
4. The Statistics and Wealth
5. Tourism
6. Literature مجلس العدل

MSA Level 07

Duration	48 hours
Course only:	\$ 330

Modern Standard Arabic Level 7: This level is an upper intermediate course that aims to consolidate the students' previous experience and knowledge about the language. It also aims at increasing the speed and accuracy of gist comprehension of written materials. Toward this end, the students revise and practice the structure of longer and more complex sentences. Students are exposed to longer articles and should be able to understand 50 % of a familiar topic article. In this level the doubled root is revised and the hollow root is introduced and practiced. As for the listening skills, students should be able to understand the gist of a medium size text and understand about 70% with some guidance. Students are also encouraged in this level to express themselves in Arabic through discussions and role-plays.

Course Contents for MSA 7:
Grammar & Morphology:

1. Revision on Imperatives
 2. Revision on inna w anna (connectors) i.e.: من اليسير أنْ
 3. Kana w ikhwatha كان و أخواتها
 4. Hollow roots
- Topics and Literature MSA 7
1. Pollution
 2. Iraq & Terrorism
 3. Literature: جنة الأطفال Naguib Mahfouz

MSA Level 08

Duration	48 hours
Course only:	\$ 330

Modern Standard Arabic Level 8: It's an upper intermediate course. A deeper studying for grammar and morphology. It has the same grammar with more advanced understanding. Also learning new grammar and structure i.e. conditional sentences. In this stage the student covered the main grammar. He can express himself and understand a lot of topics in different subjects.

Course Contents for MSA 8:
Grammar & Morphology 8:

1. Revision of Interrogatives
2. Revision of كان و أخواتها
3. Revision of Hollow root
4. Nouns derived from Type I- اسم الفاعل – اسم المفعول – اسم الأله – اسم المهنة – اسم التفضيل
5. Conditionals

Topics and Literature MSA 8:

1. Youth and Readings
2. TV programmes
3. Television surveys
4. نجيب محفوظ

MSA Advanced Courses

MSA Level 09

Duration	48 hours
Course only:	\$ 330

Modern Standard Arabic Level 9: This level is another upper intermediate course. Students should be encouraged to be critical of word choice and structure as well as contents of articles they read. Students should emerge from this level having acquired a great deal of vocabulary in the topic areas covered. Students should also be encouraged to express themselves in Arabic through discussions. In this level, the conditionals are revised more relative clauses are introduced. Also the weak root is introduced. By the end of this level, students should be able to express opinions, compare and contrast, summarize and synthesize contents of the articles they read.

Course Contents for MSA Level9:

Grammar & Morphology 9:

1. Relative clauses من / ما / مما / حيث
2. Revision of conditionals
3. كاد و أخواتها
4. Connector's و / فـ / أم / أو / وإو الحال
5. Passives
6. Revision of Hollow roots and passive
7. Numbers and cases following them
8. Finally weak roots
9. Detective roots

Topics and Literature for MSA Level 9:

1. Crime
2. Woman's rights
3. Literature مصيفون في السلاسل لتوفيق الحكيم
4. Children's rights and street children
5. Youth problems and health hazards
6. Literature: Zakariyya Tamer النمرور في اليوم العاشر

MSA Level 10

Duration	48 hours
Course only:	\$ 330

Modern Standard Arabic Level 10: These are advanced integrated skills courses that focus on developing proficiency in reading complex material. They also aim at developing the accuracy and complexity of the writing and oral skills to bring them on par with the reading abilities. It is typically oriented to provide for the revision and recycling of vocabulary and structure and the integration of all language skills. Remedial grammar is done through the students' writing. The structures are re-grouped in order to revise them. By the end of this level, students should be able to listen to longer and more complicated listening materials, they should also

develop sensitivity to stylistic aspects of the language and a linguistic flexibility to sustain formal and informal conversation.

Course Contents for MSA Level 10:

Grammar & Morphology 10:

1. Revision of numbers
2. Exceptive Clauses with إلا - غير فقط
3. Revision of finally weak roots
4. Hamzated roots

Topics and Literature for MSA Level 10:

1. Population and random areas
2. Unemployment and strikes
3. Literature: بداية و نهاية لمحمود السعدنى

MSA Level 11

Duration 48 hours
Course only: \$ 330

Modern Standard Arabic Level 11: In this level the student having more profound understanding to Arabic. He can listen to original texts and understand the gist of it. He will be able to read more complicated courses about politics and literature. The student will be able to form complicated sentences and to speak about a named topic.

Course Contents for MSA Level 11:

Grammar & Morphology 11:

1. Revision of finally weak roots & defectives
2. Defectives roots and passives
3. The duals
4. Diptotes
5. The plurals

Topics and Literature for MSA Level 11:

1. Middle East conflicts and Islamic affairs
2. Palestinian and Israeli affairs
3. Literature: الصغیر یذهب للمخیم لغسان كنفانی

MSA Level 12

Duration 48 hours
Course only: \$ 330

Modern Standard Arabic Level 12: The course aims to develop proficiency in communication with good accuracy in manipulating complex structures. Students also acquire increased proficiency in the language of discourse on topics of current issues. In this level the students listen to recordings from the Arabic radio, this may include interviews, short lectures on familiar topics and news items, watch films and documentaries. The students read, demonstrate comprehension and translate accurately into English. They separate the main ideas and details of lesser ones. By the end of this level they can comprehend many

sociolinguistic and cultural references. The students are able to narrate and describe with paragraph-length connected discourse. They can also converse in a clearly participatory fashion. Students are able to comprehend easily and participate effectively in formal and informal conversations with native speakers. Students can communicate facts and talk casually about topics of current public and personal interest, using general and sophisticated vocabulary.

Course Contents for MSA Level 12:

Grammar & Morphology 12:

1. Particles: ما-ل-ف
2. Connectors إذن-إذمن-ثم-لذلك
3. Analysis of Dual
4. Analysis of Plurals
5. Definite and Indefinite
6. Words of multiple application and synonyms
7. Uses-دون سوى عدم و بدون-
8. Only فقط-وحيد-.....
9. Reach-obtain: حصل على-بلغ
10. Inform: أبلغ-أخطر-أفاد-قال
11. The language of arguments
12. حسب-طبقا ل-مع أن-في الواقع

Morphology:

1. Assimilated root
2. A complete revision of morphology is necessary at this point through various mixed drills

Topics and Literature for MSA Level 12:

1. Human Issues
2. Economic Migration
3. Racism
4. Arabic Language
5. Water and resources
6. Ethnology
7. Elections
8. Sudan
9. Conflicts: The Middle East conflicts, Religious conflicts
10. Unemployment and strikes (اضرابات عمالية)
11. Political heroes

Literature:

1. صورة لنوال السعودي.
2. حفنة تمر للطبيب صالح.
3. امرأة مسكينة.