

ARSA01, An Introduction to Syrian Arabic I, 7.5 credits

Introduktion till syrisk arabiska I, 7,5 högskolepoäng

First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2023-12-13 (U 2023/1015). The syllabus comes into effect 2024-03-01 and is valid from the autumn semester 2024.

General information

The course is offered as a freestanding course. It can normally be included in a general qualification for both first and second-cycle studies.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Main field of study

Specialisation

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G1N, First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, students shall be able to

Knowledge and understanding

- describe Syrian Arabic's relation to Standard Arabic, in particular as regards phonology,
- describe the most basic structure of Syrian Arabic as regards word formation, declension patterns and syntax,

Competence and skills

- use the Arabic alphabet,
- understand simple spoken Syrian Arabic and ask questions within the framework of essential everyday vocabulary,

- read and translate simple texts in Syrian Arabic using dictionaries and other aids,
- apply basic grammar and essential vocabulary to formulate and orally present short dialogues in simple everyday situations in intelligible Syrian Arabic,

Judgement and approach

- critically relate to questions that concern linguistic norms,
- relate Syrian Arabic to issues concerning ethnicity and cultural diversity.

Course content

The course provides an introduction to the variety of Arabic, or Arabic dialect, that is currently spoken in Syria, among other places. Emphasis is placed on listening comprehension and vocabulary and, to a certain extent, written proficiency. The basic grammatical structure of Syrian Arabic is also addressed. The course begins with an introduction to the Arabic alphabet, in which differences between normative Standard Arabic pronunciation and Syrian Arabic phonology are highlighted.

The course consists of the following modules:

1. The Arabic Alphabet and Syrian Arabic Sounds and Word Formation (2.5 credits),
2. Introduction to Syrian Arabic, Part 1 (5 credits).

Course design

The teaching consists of proficiency training seminars/exercises and lectures. Attendance at seminars/exercises is compulsory as is at least 80% attendance at lectures, and completion of all written assignments.

The opportunity to compensate for missed compulsory components is offered to students who have been unable to participate in compulsory components due to circumstances out of their control such as accidents, sudden illness or similar. This also applies to students who have missed teaching sessions due to elected office duties e.g. as student representative.

Assessment

Module 1 is assessed through a written examination at the end of the module and through continuous assessment.

Module 2 is assessed through a) continuous assessment with active attendance, b) oral examination and c) written examination. A grade of Pass for the continuous assessment segment requires active participation at a satisfactory level in at least 80% of the teaching sessions. The opportunity to compensate for missed components takes the form of oral and written assessment.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

Grades

Grading scale includes the grades: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction

For the grade of Pass on the whole course, the student must have been awarded at least this grade on all modules. For the grade of Pass with Distinction on the whole course, students must also have been awarded this grade on at least 5 of the course's 7.5 credits.

Entry requirements

General requirements

Further information

- The course is offered at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.
- The course requires good proficiency in Swedish and proficiency in English.
- The number of credits allocated for course content that is shared in whole or in part with another course can only be credited once for a degree.
- For further details, see current registration and information materials.
- Module names in Swedish:
 1. Det arabiska alfabetet samt ljud och ordbildning i syrisk arabiska (2.5 hp),
 2. Introduktion i syrisk arabiska, del 1 (5 hp).