



Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology

## ARSA02, An Introduction to Syrian Arabic II, 7.5 credits

*Introduktion till syrisk arabiska II, 7,5 högskolepoäng*

First Cycle / Grundnivå

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### 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 2023/1021). 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*

-                      G1F, First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

### Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, students shall be able to

#### Knowledge and understanding

- describe the basic structure of Syrian Arabic – its word formation, declension patterns and syntax,
- demonstrate basic knowledge of what Arabic dialects are and which function they have in relation to one another and to Modern Standard Arabic,

#### Competence and skills

- read, write and translate simple texts in Syrian Arabic,
- apply basic grammar and vocabulary to formulate dialogues, messages and everyday descriptions in grammatically correct Syrian Arabic,

- analyse basic word formation patterns and inflections,

## Judgement and approach

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

## Course content

In relation to ARSA01, the course provides an advanced introduction to the variety of Arabic, or Arabic dialect, that is currently spoken in Syria, among other places. The course comprises basic vocabulary and basic knowledge of the structure of Syrian Arabic. Major emphasis is placed on listening and reading comprehension, and the student's increased ability to use the language in realistic communicative situations. The role and function of Syrian Arabic in a larger Arabic context are presented and discussed.

The course consists of the following modules:

1. The Basic Structure of Syrian Arabic (2.5 credits),
2. Introduction to Syrian Arabic, part 2 (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

Admission to the course requires ARSA01, An Introduction to Syrian Arabic I or equivalent knowledge.

## 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. Den syriska arabiskans grundläggande uppbyggnad (2,5 hp),
2. Introduktion till syrisk arabiska, del 2 (5 hp).