College of Europe
Collège d'Europe
Brugge Natolin

ECTS CARD

STUDY PROGRAMME	ACADEMIC YEAR	SEMESTER
EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies	2021-2022	1 & 2

COURSE TITLE
Arabic

COURSE PROFESSOR	COURSE ASSISTANT
Lore BAETEN	N/A

NATURE OF COURSE (COMPULSORY, OPTIONAL)	ECTS CREDITS
Compulsory language course	4.5

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION
Arabic (& explanations in English)

1. COURSE OBJECTIVES

The aim of this Arabic language course for beginners is to reach the equivalent of an A1 level according to the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

At the end of this course, the student will be able to
- have a basic understanding of the unvocalised writing system of Standard Arabic
- master morphological and syntactical basic structures to the extent that she/he is able to
    - understand and use familiar, everyday expressions and very basic phrases
    - introduce herself/himself and others
    - ask and answer questions about personal details
    - read and write in a basic way
    - interact in a simple way when the others talk clearly
    - know the principles of consulting a dictionary

2. LEARNING OUTCOMES

The course objectives tie in with the following learning out comes of the programme **EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies**:

2.7 The graduate is able to communicate in the foreign language followed as part of the curriculum according to the target level specified for that language course

3. COURSE CONTENTS

First semester: introduction to Arabic, pronunciation, alphabet, everyday vocabulary, etc.
Second semester: present tense verb, pronouns, single and plural nouns, numbers, adverbs, etc.

Please refer to the intranet course page for access to the full course outline.

4. TEACHING METHOD

Students are expected to regularly attend the class, to participate actively in the exercises in class, to prepare the required homework and to give oral presentations.

During the course, speaking, listening, reading and writing will be practiced through a variety of exercises, and basic grammatical notions and syntaxes will be given. The vocabulary used comes from the field of general culture and knowledge.

The unjustified absence from coursework which counts towards the mark of the course, will result in a mark of 0 for that part of the continuous assessment (the student will only be excused in case of illness based on a medical certificate to be provided to the Academic Office). The student must inform the professor in advance of any absence.

5. COURSE MATERIAL

The principal teaching and working manual is the textbook Al-Kitaab along with material compiled by the professor herself. This material will gradually be made available on the intranet or handed out in class.

6. EVALUATION

This course is assessed on a 'pass/fail' basis:
- pass: no mark will be attributed, and the CEFR level of graduation will be mentioned on the transcript.
- fail: a mark is attributed and mentioned on the transcript and will be taken into consideration in the calculation of a possible compensation.

The mark is composed of the following elements:
- continuous assessment throughout the course (50%)
- final examination at the end of the course (50%): written exam of 2h

In case of a second-session resit (2h), the written exam counts for 100% of the final mark.

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