

Arabic Resources

[Basic Language Study Recordings](#)

[Books](#)

[Supplementary Language Study/Culture Recordings](#)

[DVDs](#)

[Videocassettes](#)

[Web Links](#)

Basic Language Study Recordings

Alif Baa: Introduction to Arabic Letters and Sounds 3rd Edition

Brustad, Al-Batal, Al-Tonsi

AR 1.010

Al-Kitaab fii Ta'allum al-ʿArabiyya: A Textbook for Beginning Arabic Part 1 & 2,
3rd Edition

Brustad, Al-Batal, Al-Tonsi

AR 1.009, AR 1.019

Al-Kitaab: A Textbook for Arabic Part 2, 2nd Edition

Al-Batal

AR 1.014

Business Arabic: Language, Culture, & Communication (Intermediate Level)

Rammuny

AR 1.011

Colloquial Arabic of the Gulf and Saudi Arabia

Holes

AR 1.012

Elementary Modern Standard Arabic 1 and 2 Revised Edition

Abboud, McCarus et al.

AR 1.003

Pimsleur: Conversational Arabic

Lessons 1–16

AR 1.017

***Also available are textbooks and audio programs used in past Boston College language courses.**

Books

201 Arabic Verbs

Raymond Scheindlin

Hauppauge, NY: Barron's Educational Series, Inc. © 1978

Advanced Media Arabic

El Mustapha Lahlali

Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press © 2008

Al-Mawrid Dictionary English–Arabic/Arabic–English

Munir Baalbaki & Dr. Rohi Baalbaki

Dar El-Ilm Limalayin © 2007

Al-Kitaab fii Ta'allum al-ʿArabiyya: A Textbook for Arabic Part 2, 2nd Edition

Kristen Brustad, Abbas Al-Tonsi, & Mahmoud Al-Batal

Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press © 2006

Al-Kitaab fii Ta'allum al-ʿArabiyya: A Textbook for Beginning Arabic Part 1, 3rd Edition

Kristen Brustad, Mahmoud Al-Batal, & Abbas Al-Tonsi

Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press © 2011

Arabic Verbs & Essentials of Grammar

Jane Wightwick & Mahmoud Gaafar

Lincolnwood, Chicago, IL: NTC/Contemporary Publishing Group, Inc. © 1998

The Concise Oxford English–Arabic Dictionary

Oxford: Oxford University Press © 1982

A Dictionary of Modern Written Arabic Arabic–English, 4th Edition

Hans Wehr

Edited by J. Milton Cowan

Ithaca, NY: Spoken Language Services, Inc. Otto Harrassowitz © 1994

English Grammar for Students of Arabic

Ernest N. McCarus

The Olivia and Hill Press © 2007, Jacqueline Morton

The Hans Wehr Dictionary of Modern Written Arabic Arabic–English

Hans Wehr

Ithaca, NY: Spoken Language Services, Inc. © 1976

An Introduction to Modern Arabic

Farhat J. Ziadeh & R. Bayly Winder

Mineola, NY: Dover Publications, Inc. © 2003 (unabridged republication)

Language, Memory, and Identity in the Middle East

Franck Salameh

Lanham, MD: Lexington Books © 2010

Marḥabtayn: An Arabic Language Textbook for Intermediate Level

Hisham A. Khalek

Bloomington, MN: Mount Lebanon Publishing © 2011

Moroccan Arabic Phrasebook

Lonely Planet Phrasebooks, Dan Bacon, Bichr Andjar, & Abdennabi Benchehda

Lonely Planet Publications Pty Ltd. © 2008

ISBN: 978-1-74059-187-4

A New Arabic Grammar of the Written Language

J. A. Haywood & H. M. Nahmad
London: Lund Humphries © 1965

Oxford English-Arabic Picture Dictionary 2nd Edition

J. Adelson-Goldstein & N. Shapiro
New York: Oxford University Press © 2009

Standard Arabic: An Elementary-Intermediate Course

Eckehard Schulz, Gunther Krah, & Wolfgang Reuschel
Cambridge: Cambridge University Press © 2000

Supplementary Language Study/Culture Recordings

Business Arabic (Intermediate Level) Language, Culture and Communication

Contains 21 audio and video lessons that details the fundamentals of speaking Arabic in a corporate setting
Approx. 42 minutes long
AR 1.011

Teach Yourself Arabic Conversation

Includes audio, for beginners and new learners. Resource for those who would like to learn the fundamentals Arabic specific to Egypt and the Gulf.
Approx. 3 hours
AR 1.013

DVDs

Abouna

Region 1 (NTSC) DVD

Mahamet-Saleh Haroun (2002)

After Tahir and Amine's father abandons their mother for no apparent reason, the two leave their village in the Republic of Chad and head towards Cameroon to begin to search for him. Entering a local movie theater, they are astonished to see

what appears to be their father in the film. The two decide to steal the reel of film to examine it; however, they are later caught and sent to a strict Koran school to learn discipline. Extremely unhappy in their new school, Amine and Tahir are determined to escape and continue their search. This is a powerful and unpredictable drama from the award-winning director of *Bye Bye Africa*. Available extras include interview with director Mahamet-Saleh Haroun, two film shorts by Mahamet-Saleh Haroun: *Goï Goï* and *B 400*; original theatrical trailer; and liner notes by film critic Phil Hall (*Film Threat*, *Wired Magazine*).

In Chad Arabic and French with optional English subtitles

1 hour 24 minutes

Ajami

Region 1 (NTSC) DVD

Scandar Copti & Yaron Shani (2009)

Explores five different stories set in an impoverished part of Christian and Muslim Arab Tel-Aviv/Jaffa. In these cities filled with residents who often don't have enough to live on, crime is commonplace. Nevertheless, solidarity and cultural understanding leave a glimmer of hope.

In Hebrew and Arabic with optional English subtitles

2 hours

Alif Baa: Introduction to Arabic Letters and Sounds 3rd Edition

Brustad, Al-Batal, & Al-Tonsi

AR 1.010

13 minutes

Al-Kitaab fii Ta'allum al-ʿArabiyya: A Textbook for Beginning Arabic Part 1, 2nd edition

Brustad, Al-Batal, & Al-Tonsi

AR 1.009

52 minutes

Al-Kitaab fii Ta'allum al-ʿArabiyya: A Textbook for Intermediate Arabic Part 2, 3rd Edition

Brustad, Al-Batal, Al-Tonsi
AR 1.019

Bab'Aziz

Region 1 (NTSC) DVD
Nacer Khemir (2008)

A fairytale-like story of yearning and growing. Bab'Aziz is a blind man who reunites with his lively granddaughter to wander the desert in search of the meaning of life.

In Arabic and Farsi with optional English subtitles

1 hour 36 minutes

Business Arabic: Video segments (Intermediate)

Region 1 (NTSC) DVD
AR 1.011

Dr. Raji Rammuny

Units 2–6 (21 lessons)

In Arabic, no subtitles

42 minutes

Captain Abu Raed

Region 1 (NTSC) DVD
Amin Matalqa (2007)

Abu Raed always dreamed of traveling the world and exploring foreign lands. When he finds an old discarded pilot's hat, the neighborhood kids ask about the adventures he's taken. Through a series of events, Abu Raed soon recognizes his calling and the deplorable conditions the kids live in.

In Arabic with optional English, French or Spanish subtitles

1 hour 42 minutes

Mediterranea

Region 1 (NTSC) DVD
Jonas Carpignano (2015)

In French, Italian, English and Arabic with optional English or Spanish subtitles

1 hour 50 minutes

Sof Shavua B'Tel Aviv (For My Father)

Region 1 (NTSC) DVD

Dror Zahavi (2008)

After a failed suicide bomb attempt, a Palestinian terrorist bonds with his target victims. Much to his own surprise, he soon finds himself helping the community. He even becomes slightly attached to them – perhaps a case of “Lima syndrome” (a converse of Stockholm syndrome). He becomes close friends with an Israeli outcast in the community.

In Hebrew & Arabic with optional English subtitles

1 hour 36 minutes

Timbuktu

Region 1 (NTSC) DVD

Abderrahmane Sissako (2014)

In French, Arabic and English with optional English subtitles

1 hour 36 minutes

Videocassettes

***Al-Kitaab fii Ta'allum al-'Arabiyya: A Textbook for Beginning Arabic* Part 1**

1/2" VHS color videocassette to accompany *Al-Kitaab fii Ta'allum al-'Arabiyya: A Textbook for Beginning Arabic, Part One*

Kristen Brustad, Mahmoud Al-Batal, & Abbas Al-Tonsi

Georgetown University Press © 1995

Approx. 56 minutes

Web Links

[Al Jazeera](#)

Worldwide Doha-based broadcaster, funded by the House of Thani, ruling family of Qatar. This news network was lauded by the Index of Censorship for circumventing censorship and contributing to the free exchange of information in the Arab world.

Arabic Desert Sky

Comprehensive portal offering a vast array of Arabic learning resources compiled by a student of Arabic at the American University in Cairo, the University of Texas at Austin, and the University of Jordan. This site offers links, among others, to resources on Standard, Egyptian, Levantine, Syrian, Lebanese, Jordanian, Moroccan, Tunisian, and Mauritanian Arabic.

Arabic keyboard

Online tools to assist in writing and searching in Arabic for users who do not have an Arabic keyboard. Type out questions and immediately search Google, Yahoo!, or YouTube using links built into the keyboard interface.

BBC Languages: Arabic

Language-learning resource from the British Broadcasting Company with lessons, videos, and media links in various languages. Good for beginners.

El-khabar

Algerian daily news in Arabic, English, and French
Archives in PDF format in Arabic only

Madinah Arabic

Online Arabic courses, flash cards, forum, and tuition services. Tutors available over Skype, and corresponding application available on the Apple App Store.

Polly Lingual- Arabic

Beginner & intermediate lessons with a user-friendly interface. Learn basic vocabulary, grammar, sound properties of the language, and even social etiquette and religious customs.

SCOLA Web Services

Access to 160 countries & 200 languages!

- **World TV Online:** 24/7 international broadcast programs on 8 channels, spanning European, Spanish & Portuguese, Mandarin Chinese, Asian, African, Middle East, Southeast Asia-Far East, and Eurasian countries/languages
- **International Radio** in 29 languages

- **On The Street Videos:** over 7,000 videos from 90 countries showing informal native speech in everyday situations
- **People & Places:** over 29,000 photos from around the world
- **Foreign Text:** 200 recurring newspaper and magazine publications in 70 languages
- **Insta-Class:** materials in 52 languages with quizzes and vocabulary already provided
- **Video Editor** create your own video clips in the classroom

To access SCOLA Web Services from any computer on the BC network, go to:

<http://www.scola.org/ipautologin.aspx>

See SCOLA's [Technical Information](#) page to make full use of these Online resources. For more information, including how to access SCOLA Web Services on your iPhone or iPad, contact:

Cynthia Bravo (cynthia.bravo@bc.edu)
Director of the Language Lab