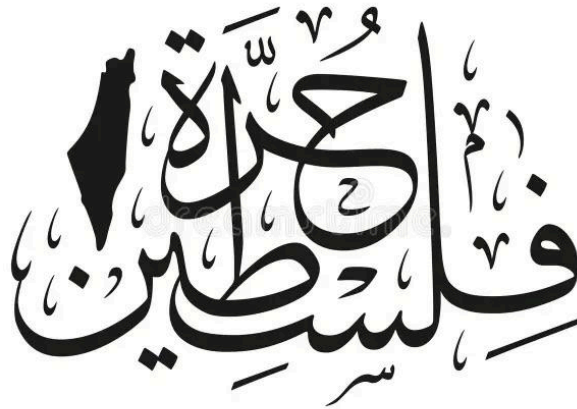


# OBE/PSAN - Mandarin courses - April-July 2025

Orange Blossom Education (OBE):  
*Arabic Language Courses* (Summer 2025)

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# Overview

- **Orange Blossom Education (OBE)** is excited to announce five Arabic courses designed for those interested in learning Arabic for community building and organizing.
- These courses will introduce beginners to the fundamentals of Arabic while also critically examining the politics and cultural aspects associated with the language.
- The language curriculum will loosely follow CEFR A1 and A2.

## Course information

- **Sign-up form:** <https://forms.gle/aVuHrm2dUkfN88QE8>
- All course times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST) / Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).
- All courses are online.
- Prices:
  - Sliding scale of what you can afford: 365~475 USD. Each course includes 24 hours of language learning and weekly seminars, plus homework and feedback.
  - If attending seminars only, 120~160 USD / 12 seminars; 235~315 USD / 24 seminars
- A significant portion of our proceeds will be donated to:
  - Palestinian families in Gaza on [our list](#)
  - [The Sameer Project](#)
  - [RASHD 拉希德公益](#), an aid network run by Chinese Muslims in Egypt.
  - **Sadaqah: Gaza Aid Initiative**, a mutual aid network run by Palestinian students in China.
- Language and Culture seminars, included in the courses (topics are subject to change):
  - Arabic Linguistic Diversity: from Qur'anic Arabic to Spoken Arabic Varieties
  - The historical context of the word "indigenous" in Arabic
  - The theme of "sumud"(steadfastness) in the context of the Palestinian Resistance
  - The History of Arabic Language
  - Tatreez (Palestinian embroidery) as a language form
  - Language Ideology on Code-switching Between Arabic and English
  - Language and Gender

*See full list of schedule and topics:*

 *Arabic Language and Culture Seminars [Summer 2025] - preliminary schedule and topics*

## Course schedule

*All courses are ONLINE on Zoom and listed in the Eastern Time Zone.*

### **MSA101: Modern Standard Arabic for Absolute Beginners**

- Instructor: Ms. Karimi
- 6:40pm - 8:30pm, Mondays, *June 16th - September 1st*
- Language and Culture Seminars (can attend either or both):
  - 12:10 - 1:00pm, Saturdays, *June 21st - September 6th*
  - 12:10 - 1:00pm, Sundays, *June 22nd - September 7th*

### **MSA102: Modern Standard Arabic for High Beginners**

- Instructor: Dima
- 10:10am - 12:00pm, Sundays, *June 22nd - September 7th*
- Language and Culture Seminars (can attend either or both):
  - 12:10 - 1:00pm, Saturdays, *June 21st - September 6th*
  - 12:10 - 1:00pm, Sundays, *June 22nd - September 7th*

### **PSL101: Palestinian Arabic for Absolute Beginners**

- Instructor: Dima
- 10:10am - 12:00pm, Saturdays, *June 21st - September 6th*
- Language and Culture Seminars (can attend either or both):
  - 12:10 - 1:00pm, Saturdays, *June 21st - September 6th*
  - 12:10 - 1:00pm, Sundays, *June 22nd - September 7th*


### **PSL102: Palestinian Arabic for High Beginners**

- Instructor: Dima
- 1:10 - 3:00pm, Saturdays, *June 21st - September 6th*
- Language and Culture Seminars (can attend either or both):
  - 12:10 - 1:00pm, Saturdays, *June 21st - September 6th*
  - 12:10 - 1:00pm, Sundays, *June 22nd - September 7th*

## EGY101: Egyptian Arabic for Absolute Beginners

- Instructor: Alia
  - 1:10 - 3:00pm, Sundays, *June 22nd - September 7th*
  - Language and Culture Seminars (can attend either or both):
    - 12:10 - 1:00pm, Saturdays, *June 21st - September 6th*
    - 12:10 - 1:00pm, Sundays, *June 22nd - September 7th*
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## How to choose a course

- Courses ending in 101 are designed for students with no prior exposure to Arabic.
- Modern Standard Arabic (MSA) is often used in formal contexts, such as reading newspapers, listening to news on the radio, and conducting business communication. Spoken varieties, such as Palestinian and Egyptian Arabic, are often used in day to day communication, e.g. in informal contexts.
- Please see  OBE: Arabic Language Courses (Summer 2025) - FAQ if you have any specific questions, such as:
  - If you wish to enrol in MSA102, see the question ***“Should I enroll in MSA101 or MSA102?”***
  - If you wish to enrol in PSL102, see the question ***“Should I enroll in PSL101 or PSL102?”***

During the first two weeks, you're welcome to switch to another session, if you feel the course level is not right for you. Please reach out to [contact.us@orangeblossomeducation.ca](mailto:contact.us@orangeblossomeducation.ca) if you have any questions.