Egyptian Arabic Level 1

How long does the course last?
45 hours of tuition - 3 parts of 15 hours each
Part 1: 15 hours
Part 2: 16-30 hours
Part 3: 31-45 hours
The length of each part depends on the type of language course.

Evening Language Courses: Lessons take place once a week over 10 weeks and last 1.5 hours each.
Saturday Language Courses & Evening Fast-track Language Courses: Lessons take place once a week over 5 weeks and last 3 hours each.
Summer Fast-track Language Courses: Lessons take place twice a week over 2.5 weeks and last 3 hours each.
Summer Intensive Language Courses: Lessons take place 5 times a week and last 3 hours each.

Who is the course for?
The course is aimed at a wide range of students with a general interest in Arabic. No prior knowledge of Arabic is required as the course is for complete beginners.

What are the objectives of the course?
To acquire basic language skills and to achieve the equivalent of A1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), entry level of the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF).

By the end of the course you will:
• be able to communicate in very basic everyday-life situations, including greetings, daily activities, finding your way, telling the time and date, making simple purchases, ordering a meal, etc
• be able to understand very simple oral and written texts and ascertain specific information on simple topics
• have developed an insight into Arabic-speaking life, culture and society

How is the course taught?
A communicative approach is used. All four skills (speaking, reading, listening and writing) are practised, with the main emphasis on speaking.
Students engage in interactive language activities, participating in group and pair work according to a syllabus based on systematic grammatical progression.
Students will also be offered guidance in self-study and set optional homework tasks.
Students will have access to KEATS, King’s e-learning platform.
**What variety of Arabic do you teach?**

The course will be taught in Colloquial Arabic widely spoken in Egypt.

**What course can I do next?**

After completing all three parts of this course, students should be ready to join Egyptian Arabic Level 2 course at the MLC.

**Course outline**

**Part 1**

**Topics**
Personal information  
Family  
Jobs/occupations  
Things/objects in the house

**Functions**
Introducing oneself and others  
Talking about what you do  
Asking questions  
Describing objects and rooms  
Making polite requests

**Grammar**
Feminine and masculine words  
Possessive endings (attached pronouns)  
Definite and indefinite nouns  
Personal pronouns (I, you, we, he, she)  
Demonstrative pronouns  
Question Words  
Adjectives I

**Alphabet and sounds**
Letters of the alphabet  
Long vowels  
Short vowels  
Joining letters and handwriting practice

**Part 2**

**Topics**
Towns and cities  
Countries and capital cities  
Nationalities  
Numbers 1-10  
Colours  
Eating and drinking
**Functions**
Describing your town/city
Asking for directions
Describing geographical position
Talking about where you came from
Giving your telephone number and address
Buying things in the market
Describing what you have
Ordering food and drink in a restaurant
Talking about the past

**Grammar**
The negative
Idafa constructions
Adjectives II
Personal pronouns
How much? How many?
Past Tense

**Part 3**

**Topics**
Numbers 11-100
Weather
Trips/holidays
Time
Everyday activities
Means of transportation
Days of the week
Months of the year

**Functions**
Describing the weather
Talking about a trip/vacation/holiday
Telling the time
Asking and answering questions about everyday activities
Comparing things
Talking about work
Talking about future plans

**Grammar**
Comparatives and superlatives
Word order and verbs
The Future tense
Learning resources

Textbook and exercise book

Students are expected to purchase their own textbook. An exercise book may also be recommended. The teacher will supply additional material, both tailor-made and taken from other sources (textbooks, newspapers and new media).

Recommended additional material
- Egyptian Colloquial Arabic Verbs: Conjugation Tables and Grammar Paperback – (2012)
- Arabic Voices 1: Authentic Listening and Reading Practice in Modern Standard Arabic and Colloquial Dialects: Volume 1 Paperback – (2014) - by Matthew Aldrich

For a list of bookshops where you may be able to purchase text books please see our web page:
http://www.kcl.ac.uk/artshums/depts/mlc/about/facilities/shops.aspx

Online language learning resources
https://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/modern-language-centre/language-resources-centre.aspx#ad-image-0

Independent study

Research indicates that successful language learners revise new material and review their progress on a regular basis. The Language Resources Centre (LRC), situated in room K-1.072 in level minus one of the Strand Building, houses a wide collection of learning material including text and grammar books, magazines and newspapers, CDs, DVDs, and self-access e-learning language programmes.

During term time the LRC facilitates free speaking practice sessions as well as a range of workshops on language learning. For a list of topics and all dates and times, including the opening hours of the LRC, please go to the website: http://www.kcl.ac.uk/artshums/depts/mlc/lrc/LRCindex.aspx

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