

Syllabus: MSA Reading

ECTS: 4ⁱ

🕒 2hr/w

🌐 Arabic

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Course Objectives

By the end of this course. Students will be able to:

- Use reading strategy in order to enhance their understanding of a text.
- Analyses an article or a short story.
- Differentiate between facts and opinion when reading an article.

Course Description

This course consists of articles from newspapers in addition to two short stories and one poem. The course aims to enhance students' reading skill by exposing them to reading strategies such as skimming, scanning and guessing. Through skimming strategy, student will learn how to identify the main idea of the text and through scanning they will be able to extract detailed information from the text.

Using the schemata theory (the back ground information the students have about one subject), teacher will prepare the students for reading the text as a pre-reading stage. In the reading stage, students, in groups, will read and discuss the text using reading strategies under the supervision of the teacher. In the third stage (post-reading), students will reflect on the text and do homework at home.

The course will cover themes such as current events in Egypt, immigration and human rights.

Course Materials

The materials of this course are extracted from various newspapers and website, in addition to two short story by Naguib Mahfouz and Il-Tayyib Salih and a poem by Palestinian poet Mahmoud Darwish.

Requirements

From the teacher:

- 1) Providing constant feedback.
- 2) Answering students' questions.
- 3) Ensuring participation by all in class activities.

From the students:

- 1) Regular attendance.
- 2) Active participation in the class.
- 3) Performing the assigned homework in time (not doing your homework will effect your final grads)
- 4) Studying the assigned material constantly in order to prevent accumulation.
- 5) Inform the instructor in advance in case of not being able to attend classes for any emergency.

Evaluation



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For the evaluation of your performance, you will be evaluated on your class participation, your homework, and your performance in the midterm and the final exams. This implies that the whole learning process is evaluated and not the end product only represented in the exams. Accordingly, the grading system will be as follows:

	LP	SP
Attendance	10%	15%
participation	20%	20%
homework	25%	35%
midterm exam	15%	-----
Final exam	30%	30%

ⁱ 2.5 EC for short programme.