



Teaching Arabic as a Foreign Language (TAFL) Course
Sunday 5 January – Wednesday 15 January 2020

Course description

The TAFL course is an intensive course devoted to the methodology of teaching Arabic to non-native speakers. It addresses both the practical aspects of teaching Arabic as a foreign language and the underlying linguistic and cognitive processes.

The course will start with theories of second-language acquisition and a theoretical background on methods of teaching foreign languages, before moving to the practical aspects of teaching the four language skills (reading, writing, listening, and speaking). In addition, it will focus on a number of important questions confronting the teacher of Arabic as a foreign language, such as teaching grammar, designing a syllabus, and writing lesson plans.

Goals and objectives

- To help the participants enhance their teaching skills based on recent research on foreign language teaching.
- To familiarize participants with different approaches and methods for teaching foreign languages in general and Arabic in particular.
- To provide participants with knowledge of key concepts and recent discussions regarding the process of teaching Arabic to non-native speakers.
- To familiarize the participants with strategy-based learning.
- To discuss strategies for feedback and evaluation of the various skills in an Arabic as a Foreign Language class.
- To help participants to note the challenges teachers of Arabic face today.

Instructors

Adel Abdelmoneim and Heba El Ramly teach Egyptian Colloquial and Modern Standard Arabic to Bachelor and Master students at the Netherlands-Flemish Institute. They rely not only on their classroom experience, but are formally trained in TAFL as well.

Course format

This is an interactive course. The participants will discuss topics introduced by the instructor, based on readings and their own teaching experiences. The course will also contain a practical part, in which every participant will be required to teach a class in each of the four language skills, as well as design a syllabus and lesson plan for a course of his/her choice.

Target audience

The course is aimed at teachers of Arabic (or future teachers of Arabic) with varying levels of experience (teaching experience not required), who are interested in developing and enhancing their teaching skills in the framework of the latest trends in foreign language teaching. A BA in Arabic Studies (or similar) is required.

About the institute

The Netherlands-Flemish Institute in Cairo is an academic institute located on the cosmopolitan island of Zamalek in the heart of Egypt's bustling capital. It is one of five Dutch Scientific Institutes Abroad (NWIB) and is supported by the Research Fund–Flanders (FWO–Vlaanderen). NVIC provides services to six Dutch and two Flemish universities, among them undergraduate and graduate programs in Arabic and Islamic Studies as well as Egyptology and Archaeology.



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Course fee

EUR 550 for participants affiliated to institutions supporting the NVIC.

EUR 600 for non-affiliated participants.

An 'early bird' discount of EUR 50 is offered to participants applying and paying their fees before 1 October 2019.

To ensure optimal class interaction we will allow a maximum of 10 people to enter this course. A minimum of 5 students is required for the course to take place.

Teaching Materials

A reader of recommended literature, on both foreign language teaching in general and teaching Arabic in particular, will be provided to participants via an online repository. This literature serves as a theoretical background to the course.

Every participant is also invited to bring his/her own teaching materials for discussion purposes.

Certification/ECTS

Each participant will receive a certificate at the end of the course. The course equals 5 ECTS credits. If the participant wants to validate the course at her/his home university as part of a study program, an ECTS "transcript of records" will be provided. Participants are requested to check in advance with their home institutions if additional documents are required for recognition and validation of the ECTS records.

Application

Please send in the application form, a motivation letter and your CV to info@nvic.leidenuniv.nl before 1 December 2019. After doing so, you will receive additional practical information regarding your stay in Cairo, as well as payment details.

More info: NVIC info@nvic.leidenuniv.nl