The SINARC summer program at the Lebanese American University’s Beirut Campus offers four levels of intensive courses in Arabic language and culture: Elementary, Upper Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced. Each level provides a total of 20 hours per week of intensive classroom instruction, which includes five hours per week of Lebanese Dialect. A separate intensive Lebanese Dialect eight-credit course is also offered with sufficient enrollment.

Formal instruction in language is enriched by immersion in an authentic cultural context. Cultural activities include weekly lectures on topics related to Arab and Lebanese politics, history, society, and culture, as well as excursions to historic, touristic, and cultural sites in Beirut and throughout Lebanon.

Courses

**SIN 101 - Elementary Arabic (8 credits)**
This course is designed for students who have no knowledge of modern standard Arabic. It also offers a unique opportunity for descendants of Arabic-speaking people to review the language and cultural ties with their ancestors’ land. The course is open to the general public, students of Middle East studies, businesspeople, embassy officials and children of Lebanese families residing in the Middle East.

This course, Arabic language instruction aims for basic proficiency in the four language skills: speaking, reading, writing and listening. The alphabets, phonetics and basic greetings are introduced in the first week, after which students begin reading, speaking and listening to authentic materials.

By the end of the course, students are able to handle many daily-life situations, such as identifying familiar objects and people, telling time, asking for directions, describing places of residence and national origins, ordering food and drink, etc. Class covers lessons on vocabulary and useful daily-life expressions, as well as Alif-Baa introduction to Arabic letters and sounds, and the first ten chapters of the textbook Al-Kitab, Part One.

Students at this level study units 1 through 14 of the textbook Al-Kitab, Part One. The course aims at enabling students to read, write, speak, and listen at a competency level equivalent to intermediate level on the ACTFL scale. Classroom instruction focuses on basic Arabic morphology, syntax and vocabulary building, as well as on reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. Students are asked to comment on most daily-life situations, write descriptions and argumentation and read a variety of styles.

**SIN 102 - Elementary Arabic II (8 credits)**
This course is designed for students who have attained intermediate level proficiency in Modern Standard Arabic.

Students placed in this level have no previous knowledge of Arabic script. They have acquired a rudimentary ability to read and write using Arabic script. They have a limited working vocabulary and a basic understanding of sentence structure and other basic grammatical concepts such as adjective agreement and some verb conjunction.

The course aims at bringing students up to intermediate-level competency in reading, writing, speaking and listening.

Students study lessons 6 through 13 in Al-Kitab, Part One, as well as a variety of supplementary materials to enhance Arabic vocabulary and expressions useful for daily life situations.

Students registering for Upper Elementary Arabic must also register for Lebanese Dialect, Level I or Level II.

**SIN 111 - Upper Elementary Arabic (8 credits)**
Upper Elementary Arabic was added to the SINARC program in 2008 to meet the needs of students in between novice and low intermediate levels. Students in this course have studied approximately one semester of Arabic (or the equivalent) and have acquired rudimentary ability to read and write using Arabic script. They have a limited working vocabulary and a basic understanding of sentence structure and other basic grammatical concepts such as adjective agreement and some verb conjunction.

The course aims at bringing students up to intermediate-level competency in reading, writing, speaking and listening.

Students study lessons 6 through 13 in Al-Kitab, Part One, as well as a variety of supplementary materials to enhance Arabic vocabulary and expressions useful for daily life situations.

Students registering for Upper Elementary Arabic must also register for Lebanese Dialect, Level I or Level II.

**SIN 201 - Intermediate Arabic I (8 credits)**
Students placed in the intermediate level should have taken at least one year of Arabic in college (or the equivalent), and have acquired a basic knowledge of the structure of Modern Standard Arabic language.

This course aims at enabling students to read, write, speak, and listen at a competency level equivalent to intermediate level on the ACTFL scale. Classroom instruction focuses on basic Arabic morphology, syntax and vocabulary building, as well as on reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. Students are asked to comment on most daily-life situations, write descriptions and argumentation and read a variety of styles.

Students at this level study units 15 through 20 of Al-Kitab, Part One and the first two chapters of Al-Kitab, Part Two.

**SIN 202 - Intermediate Arabic II (8 credits)**
Students placed in the advanced level should have completed the equivalent of two or more years of Arabic in college. They have acquired a broad vocabulary and have mastered basic Arabic syntax and morphology. Class sessions aim to help students write essays and conduct interviews, as well as to integrate Arabic discourse and to handle a variety of communicative tasks.

Reading, writing and listening activities and regular practice on the textbook Al-Kitab, Part Two, with reading of various styles dealing with language, literature, culture, history, and the social sciences.

Students registered for Advanced Arabic must also register for Lebanese Dialect, Level I or Level II.

**SIN 311 - Intensive Lebanese Dialect (8 credits)**
This course is designed for students who have had some exposure to the Lebanese dialect. Enrollment permitting, the SINARC program will offer an intensive, eight-credit course in Lebanese Dialect. This course is designed for students who have attained intermediate level proficiency in Modern Standard Arabic.

Students are required to practice assignments that involve using the dialect outside the classroom throughout the semester.

**SIN 105 - Lebanese Dialect, Level I**
This course is designed for students who have had some exposure to the Lebanese dialect. The aim of this course is to provide students of Modern Standard Arabic an opportunity to learn the basics of the Lebanese dialect. Students in this level learn to communicate with native speakers at various daily situations.

Class meets one hour per day, Monday through Friday.

**SIN 106 - Lebanese Dialect, Level II**
This course is designed for students who have had some exposure to the Lebanese dialect. The course will enable students to practice their speaking skills and improve their pronunciation and fluency. Students will converse on topics involving description narration, and argumentation. Class meets one hour per day, Monday through Friday.

**SIN 311 - Advanced Arabic I (8 credits)**
Students placed in the advanced level should have completed the equivalent of two or more years of Arabic in college. They have acquired a broad vocabulary and have mastered basic Arabic syntax and morphology. Class sessions aim to help students write essays and conduct interviews, as well as to integrate Arabic discourse and to handle a variety of communicative tasks.

Reading, writing and listening activities and regular practice on the textbook Al-Kitab, Part Two, with reading of various styles dealing with language, literature, culture, history, and the social sciences.

Students registered for Advanced Arabic must also register for Lebanese Dialect, Level I or Level II.

**SIN 302 - Advanced Arabic II (8 credits)**
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Students at this level study units 6 through 15 of Al-Kitab, Part One and the first two chapters of Al-Kitab, Part Two.

**SIN 204 - Intermediate Arabic II (8 credits)**
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**Excursions**

The institute organizes a series of four weekend excursions to historic and touristic sites in Lebanon, such as the cities of Byblos, Tyre and Sidon, the Crusader, Arab and Roman ruins in Baalbeck, Yaffi and Anjar, the last grotto and the historical palaces in Beiteddine and Dar Al- Qamar, in addition to a tour to South Lebanon.

These tours are carried out as part of the culture unit in each of the courses and are mandatory for all students in the program. Excursion fees include transportation, entrance fees, and one overnight stay at a mountain resort (excuse to be determined).

**Transfer Credits**

Students who register for and successfully complete any of the intensive courses receive eight hours of university credits. On the basis of student performance, LAU provides letter grades, which can be transferred to the students’ family institutions for credit evaluation. LAU is charted by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York and is also accredited by NEASC.
The program takes place entirely on LAU’s Beirut campus. SINARC students are housed in air-conditioned, double-occupancy rooms. Single occupancy is $500 extra, depending on availability.

During the first week of classes, SINARC students are also issued student ID cards allowing full access to all campus facilities, including library, computer labs, language lab and recreational facilities (indoor Olympic-size swimming pool, indoor basketball court, tennis courts).

Students are also assigned free E-mail accounts and have free access to the Internet throughout the program. All dorm rooms are equipped with WiFi and student lounges have computer stations available free of charge. Laundry facilities are also available in the buildings.

The SINARC program costs are non-refundable, as the program is canceled by the university for unforeseen reasons. *Nonrefundable deposit - 8 week program is $250.

The SINARC program lasts from June 27 to August 5, 2016. Students should plan on arriving in Lebanon at least one or two days before the beginning of classes for orientation. Transportation for arrival and departure between Beirut-Rafic Harriri International Airport and LAU is provided to SINARC students residing on campus free of charge.

US citizens and most European citizens can obtain visas at Beirut International Airport for $35 or 50,000 LL. Please be aware that visas purchased at the airport must be paid in cash ($S dollars are acceptable). Credit cards are not acceptable for purchase of visas at the airport. Visas can also be obtained in advance through the Lebanese consulates in the countries of origin. Citizens of countries other than the U.S. should check with their embassies for information concerning visas to Lebanon.

Class Schedule

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