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 relearn their native language and cultural ties with their ancestors’ land. The course is open to public subject to sufficient enrollment. Students of Middle East studies, business people, embassy officials and children of Lebanese expatriates stationed in the Middle East.

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

By the end of the course, students are able to handle many daily-life situations, such as identifying family members, social entities, familiar objects and people, telling time, asking for directions, describing places of residence and national origins, ordering food and drink, etc. Classes cover conversational Arabic, which can be transferred to the students’ home institutions for credit evaluation. LAU is charted by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York and is accredited by NEASC.

**SIN 201 - Intermediate Arabic I (8 credits)**

Intermediate Arabic is added to the SINARC program in 2008 to meet the needs of students in between novice and 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 basic verb formations.

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 for the course. Students are regularly given practice assignments that involve writing, speaking and listening activities.

**SIN 202 - Intermediate Arabic II (8 credits)**

Students placed in the advanced 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 and at a competency level equivalent to intermediate-mid 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 style.

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 301 - 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 high vocabulary and have mastered basic Arabic syntax and morphology. Class sessions aim to help students master their proficiency in Arabic language.

This course is designed for students who have attained intermediate level proficiency in Modern Standard Arabic. Students are regularly given practice assignments that involve using the dialect outside the classroom.

**SIN 302 - Advanced 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 high vocabulary and have mastered basic Arabic syntax and morphology. Class sessions aim to help students master their proficiency in Arabic language.

**Overview**

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 Intermediate 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.

**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 Baalbek, Tyre and Anjar, the Jack Genta gardens of Lebanon and the historical palaces in Byblos and Druze Al-Qamar, in addition to a tour to South Lebanon.

These tours are carried out as part of the culture units 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 (except to be determined).

**Transfer Credits**

Students who register for and successfully complete any of the intensive courses receive 8 hours of university credit. On the basis of student performance, LAU provides letter grades, which can be transferred to the student’s home institution by the textbook Al-Kitab, Part One.

**Transfer Credits**

Enrollment permitting, the SINARC program will offer an intensive, eight-credit course in Intermediate Dialect. This course is designed for students who have attained intermediate level proficiency in Modern Standard Arabic. Students are regularly given practice assignments that involve using the dialect outside the classroom.

**Excursions**

This course is designed for students who have had some exposure to the dialect. The class 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 once per day Monday through Friday.

**Transfer Credits**

This course is designed for students who are enrolled in the intensive Intermediate Dialect class. The class is designed to help students bridge between their knowledge of the Modern Standard Arabic and the Lebanese dialect through various means of interpretations of newspaper articles and current issues as presented through the media media available in Lebanon and the Middle East.
**Lodging & Facilities**

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.

**Costs**

- Tuition ($343 per credit) $2,344
- Dorm (sharing) $1,124
- Round-trip tickets to Beirut, fees plus one overnight $325

**Total** $4,823

*Single occupancy at the LAU dorm is $525 extra, depending on availability.

Meals, round-trip travel to Beirut, books, and supplies are not included. Round-trip tickets to Beirut cost approximately $1,200 from New York and approximately $600 from Europe. We urge participants to make travel plans as early as possible in order to take advantage of discounted prices. Participants are required to purchase comprehensive health insurance, unless they can provide evidence of comparable coverage. Health insurance for coverage over the duration of the program may be purchased through LAU upon arrival for $84.

The SINARC program costs are non-refundable, unless the program is canceled by the university for unforeseen reasons. Non-refundable deposits - 6 week program is $220.

**Travel & visas**

The 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 Hariri 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 (U.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**

- Standard Arabic (all levels), session one 09:00 - 10:30
- Coffee/Juice break 10:30 - 11:00
- Standard Arabic (all levels), session two 11:00 - 12:30
- Lebanese Dialect, level I 02:00 - 03:20
- Lebanonse Dialect, level II 03:00 - 04:00

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