The Language Centre module information for inter-faculty language modules

Culture of Arabic Language
(Autumn Semester – 10 credits)

Module code: MLAC1112   LK1CAL
Available: Autumn Semester
Total Credits: 10
Module Convenor and Tutor: Dr Ahmed Meliebary

Description: This module provides students with a basic insight into Arabic culture beginning with a general introduction to Arabic as a language before exploring geographical/historical/linguistic areas around which the culture has evolved. It is expected that knowledge gained through the course will enable students to take up Arabic language modules offered by the Language Centre, for example Inter Faculty Stages 1, 2, and 3 depending on their level of language. Students are expected to take an active part in their learning, which does involve preparation before class, active participation during, and follow-up work after, in order to learn and gain a better understanding of Arabic.

Topic Areas

1. Pre-Islamic Arabia and the Arabs.
2. The Arabic Heartland and Arabs in the world.
3. General introduction to Arabic as Language: Placing it within the genetic classification of languages.
4. Arabic Phonetics: Developing the skill of using transliteration schemes for Arabic sound units Based on IPA.
5. Arabic Grammar: Overview of Arabic as an inflected language and how this fact impacts on its syntax and morphology.
6. Cultural characteristics of Arabic
7. Arabs: Stereotypes and myths.
8. Arabic traditions customs and costumes

Assessment:

Oral presentation 20%
In class presentations

Written exam 80%
Held in the main examination period