

## Arabic Courses at International Language Institute (ILI), International House, Cairo.

International Language Institute is part of the Worldwide Organization of International House, London which now has 150 member schools worldwide. We were established in 1975 and now, as a specialized Arabic Language school, are the exclusive Arabic provider in the International House World organization portfolio. Our customers average some 30 different nationalities at any time so we are a real cosmopolitan community. Our clients include many prominent universities who send their students on study abroad programs, language training for all members of the New Zealand Embassy Middle East mission, teaching British diplomats from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, work with missions from Spain, the UN and the European Union, teacher training for the Ministries of Education in Brunei and Malaysia as well as contracts with the British Army in Beaconsfield, the Naval Academy and Defense Language Institute of the USA and of course, hundreds of businesses and individual students from all walks of life. We provide courses in Arabic from beginner to advanced levels, university study abroad programs, tailor-made courses for diplomats, organizations and companies.

Our courses start monthly and we guarantee to offer 9 course levels of both Egyptian Colloquial Arabic (ECA: spoken Arabic) as well as Modern Standard Arabic (MSA: educated reading and writing Arabic), from beginners to advanced levels. With some 200-300 full time students monthly from all over the world, we have the capacity to do this. We have already completed our first series of 5 books, *Kallimni Arabic, (spoken Arabic)* are currently developing our second course *Lughatuna Al-Fusha (Reading and Writing)* published by the American University Press.

The ILI Building is well situated within easy access to the city. ILI has 24 air-conditioned classrooms, a café and restaurant and a student study room and free internet center. The building has recently been completely refurbished and air-conditioned and offers excellent facilities to the students.



**Certificates and recognition:** ILI issues detailed course certificates with clearly defined course objectives and assessment information. Our course levels are matched to the Common European Framework and the American ALTE standards. Most universities accept our assessment as part of their students' grading, and several American universities are giving credits for courses that their students attend at ILI. We are a private language institute, and although we are affiliated to International House, this does not automatically give our courses an accredited status. However, to date we have been successful in negotiating recognition when it is required.

**Grants and scholarships:** ILI support students if applying for grants and scholarships and they are usually successful. Our affiliation to a reputable organization like International House greatly enhances our reputation and many students have been successful in obtaining grants from their university, the EU or through government funds. We can provide documentation in support of applications.

**Books and materials.** In addition to our published course books, ILI has a comprehensive range of student textbooks, CDs and workbooks. These books and materials have been developed in-house over the years, as most commercially produced course materials are either impractical or un-workable. As our staff are 'International House' teachers, they readily understand the needs of the language learner - hence our development of courses and materials never ends, and our books and materials really help our students to 'listen, speak, read and write'.

**Accommodation, airport meeting, apartments.** A full service is available and an agents outline is attached.

**Brochures and posters are available,** as well as power point presentations, and, of course, our website. Practical useful information for students (and agents) can be found under 'Information for New Students', 'Cost of Living' and 'FAQ's' found on the front page.

**Commissions:** details are found in the agent's agreement and charted below on the 'quick reference guide'.

**Arabic Courses:**

There are 3 standard types of courses. Sunday to Thursday  
Class sizes average 8 - 10 students. Maximum 16.

- Egyptian Colloquial Arabic (spoken). ECA
- Modern Standard Arabic (reading and writing). MSA
- Combined ECA and MSA

**MORNING CLASSES: FULL TIME.** Classes run from 9.00am to 2.30pm. Sunday to Thursday.

ECA courses are offered 10 hours per week for 1 month (4 weeks)

MSA courses are offered 15 hours per week for 1 month

Combined courses are offered 25 hours a week for 1 month

EVENING CLASSES. **PART TIME.** Classes run twice a week.

ECA courses are offered 4 hours per week for 8 weeks.

MSA courses are offered 6 hours per week.

Combined courses are offered 10 hours a week.

Full educational details of standard courses can be found below, or on our website. Agents should note, however, that we are also able to offer Media Arabic which is particularly relevant to journalists and the media in this day and age in the Middle East! We are able to be flexible, and have had considerable experience in putting together special courses and have run several successful 'language and tourism' courses for groups.

### **Why study Arabic in ILI in Egypt?**

*'There is no better way to study a language than amongst those who speak it every day'.*

Few schools or institutes in the Middle East are able to provide properly trained teachers of Arabic as a Foreign Language or the range of facilities and resources as we do. In addition our customer care, services and residences are of a totally international standard.

We have attracted large numbers of students from all walks of life wishing to develop their cultural as well as linguistic understanding by studying in Egypt. We have students from all over the world, Europe, Australia, USA, Japan and the Far East, and have provided them with flexible courses that meet their individual. ILI was the first International House language institute in the region to focus on the teaching of Arabic. As part of IH worldwide organization, we only provide teaching of the highest recognized standard by qualified native speakers. Small classes enable us to maintain a friendly relaxed atmosphere. We have built on our professional reputation and providing quality language training for 35 years.



**Egyptian Colloquial Arabic (ECA)** is the spoken language of Egypt and the most widely understood Arabic dialect in the Middle East. We try to give students a working knowledge of ECA to enable you to accomplish everyday tasks, to chat in Egyptian Arabic and as you improve, to exchange opinions and hold real conversations with native speakers. Another objective of our courses is to give you a working knowledge of the Arabic script to make your life easier. Our focus is communicative. We follow the situational language teaching methodology where the spoken language is presented through situations that do not require translation.

### WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

We have structured our ECA courses from level 1 (Beginners) to level 10 (Advanced) and by the end of each level you should be able to:

<b><i>Beginners ECA:</i></b>	Ask and give personal information about people – shop – give instruction to a taxi driver– talk about jobs – tell time – deal with money and numbers.
<b><i>Early Elementary ECA</i></b>	Introducing oneself – family members – adverb of place - polite requests – asking about address – routine verbs – shopping – short planning – flat hunting – colours – clothes.
<b><i>Elementary ECA</i></b>	Talk about weather – hobbies – suggestions – invitations – ordering in restaurants – likes and dislikes – talking about future and past events – complaints of physical illnesses.
<b><i>Early Intermediate ECA</i></b>	Biographies – describe cities and buildings – talking about change between past and present – disapproving with people – talk about past personal experience – ask services – invitations.
<b><i>Intermediate ECA</i></b>	Reported speech – apologies – asking help – borrowing – complaining – talk about accomplishments – expressing positive and negative opinions – describe feelings and emotions –narration of stories.
<b><i>Upper Intermediate ECA</i></b>	Talk about historical events – comparisons – express personal opinion – idioms to express duration of events – agreeing and disagreeing – giving advices –assumptions – probabilities and conditionals – asking for help – giving reasons.
<b><i>Post Intermediate ECA</i></b>	Borrowing – complaining – talking about landmarks and monuments – using passive forms – idioms to express doubts – exaggerations – describe personalities – guessing – talking about personal experiences.
<b><i>Advances levels ECA</i></b>	Express subtle sophisticated ideas – put feelings into language – use exaggeration and flattery – engage in lively exchanges – understand some of the cultural influences on the language.

**MODERN STANDARD ARABIC**

**Modern Standard Arabic (MSA)** is the written language of Arabic. It is developed from Classical Arabic which is the language of the Holy Quran. MSA is the language of newspapers and the media. It is a 'living' language, drawn up by educated people and intellectuals. The objective of our MSA courses is to enable you to read and write at an appropriate academic level, and to enable you to follow current day-to-day events in the Middle East and North Africa. Our MSA courses also serve as an introduction to the enormous wealth of Arabic literature.

**COURSE AIMS**

<b><i>Pre-MSA</i></b>	Using a variety of classroom activities, this course will enable you to build up the basic skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking as well as developing language acquisition skills. Grammar is not presented explicitly at this stage.
<b><i>Beginners MSA</i></b>	This level aims to enhance the understanding and production, both written and spoken, of different patterns of nominal sentences, present and future tenses of verbs conjugated with single pronouns, negation of nominal and verbal sentences and useful basic vocabulary.
<b><i>Early Elementary MSA</i></b>	This course expands on the teaching points of the previous level in teaching tenses with plural nouns. The level also deals with all essential morphological rules related to verb conjugation, such as weak roots and the ten forms of Arabic verbs as well as sentence structures. All grammar and morphology presentations are contextualized in relevant situations which expand the basic lexicon.
<b><i>Elementary MSA</i></b>	This level prepares the participant with essential newspaper expressions and vocabulary. This level expands on the morphological aspects of vocabulary. "Masdars", active and passive voice, reported statements, conjunctions and complex sentences. This will enable students to understand and use them in meaningful contexts.
<b><i>Early Intermediate MSA</i></b>	This level details sentence formation, compound and complex sentences and related syntax, i.e. connectors, clauses and accusatives. It expands more on morphology as active and passive participles.
<b><i>Intermediate MSA</i></b>	Students will be exposed to different styles of semi-authentic texts with the aim of building a more specialized lexicon and expanding on grammar taught in previous levels. This level also enforces oral and written skills through a variety of classroom activities.
<b><i>Upper Intermediate MSA</i></b>	This level exposes the student to a wide range of topics which cover a variety of areas such as Politics, Economics & History. It focuses in expanding grammar such as different uses of "Masdars", using different verb types and conditionals.
<b><i>Post Intermediate MSA</i></b>	This level is aiming at fluency in reading and enables the participant to cope with short texts of different styles by using a wide range of topics. Grammar points are generated from the text. The student consolidates and expands on all grammar and morphological rules taught in previous levels.
<b><i>Advanced levels MSA</i></b>	In these levels, students are exposed to a variety of texts which enrich their knowledge of sophisticated vocabulary. The levels also widen the scope of the students' understanding of different written styles; i.e. the informative, argumentative, philosophical, scientific and literary styles which are used at different times by different writers. These authentic texts enable students to have a deeper analytical view of Arabic grammar and syntax problems. Students also recycle old structures and enhance and develop their writing and listening skills.

**ECA COURSE LEVELS**

CEF- LEVEL	ILI - LEVEL	ALTE SUMMARY	ACTFL
A1 - Breakthrough Level	ECA1 – Beginners Egyptian Colloquial Arabic	No previous knowledge of the language	Novice Low Novice Mid
A2 - Waystage Level 1	ECA2 – Early Elementary Egyptian Colloquial Arabic	Basic Communication is possible with assistance and simple sentences are understood if spoken slowly and clearly.	Novice High
	ECA3 – Elementary Egyptian Colloquial Arabic		Intermediate Low
B1 - Threshold Level 2	ECA4 – Early Intermediate Egyptian Colloquial Arabic	Can make effective and independent use of the language in familiar situations although there are still lapses in communication	Intermediate Mid
	ECA5 – Intermediate Egyptian Colloquial Arabic		Intermediate High
B2 - Vantage Level 3	ECA6 – Upper Intermediate Egyptian Colloquial Arabic	Use of the Language is consistent and usually appropriate but lapses in fluency and accuracy still occur in complex situations.	Advanced Low
	ECA7 – Post Intermediate Egyptian Colloquial Arabic		Advanced Mid
C1 - Level 4	ECA8 – Early Advanced Egyptian Colloquial Arabic	Have a good command of the language. It is fluent, accurate and well organized with only a few uncertainties in complex and difficult situations. .	Advanced High
	ECA9 – Advanced Egyptian Colloquial Arabic		Superior 1
C2 - Level 5	ECA10 – High Advanced Egyptian Colloquial Arabic	Have an excellent command of the language and can tackle the most difficult tasks.	Superior 2

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**ACTFL** – American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages

## MSA COURSE LEVELS

CEF- LEVEL	ILI - LEVEL	ALTE SUMMARY
A1 - Break-through level	PRE – MSA	No previous knowledge of the language
	MSA1 – Beginners Modern Standard Arabic	
A2 – Waystage Level1	MSA2 – Early Elementary Modern Standard Arabic	Basic communication is possible with assistance and simple sentences are understood if spoken slowly and clearly
	MSA3 – Elementary Modern Standard Arabic	
B1 - Threshold Level2	MSA4 – Early Intermediate Modern standard Arabic	Can make effective and independent use of the language in familiar situations although there are still lapses in communication
	MSA5 – Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic	
B2 - Vantage Level3	MSA6 – Upper Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic	Use of the language is consistent and usually appropriate but lapses in fluency and accuracy still occur in complex situations
	MSA7 – Post Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic	
C1 - Level 4	MSA8 – Early Advanced Modern Standard Arabic	Have a good command of the language. It is fluent, accurate and well organized with only uncertainties in complex and difficult situations
	MSA9 – Advanced Modern Standard Arabic	
C2 - Level 5	MSA10 – High Advanced Modern Standard Arabic	Have an excellent command of the language and can tackle the most difficult tasks

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### Quick reference: who to contact for what.

Subject	Contact	Brochure available?	How to do it.
Booking courses for ECA, MSA or combined courses.	Yasmeen Tarek	Yes. Poster.	Letter, Fax, Email Registration and payment on line via our website.
Booking airport meeting and hotels.	Yasmeen Tarek	Yes. Above document Full information on website.	Letter, fax or email - as above
Teacher training	Mohammad Amer	On website.	Letter, fax or email - as above
Special Arabic Courses.	Hoda Adib	No.	Letter, fax or email - as above
University study abroad courses.	Yasmeen Tarek.	Yes. Special section on website.	Letter, fax or email - as above.
Study / tourist courses.	Yasmeen Tarek	No. Tailor-made. E.g. 2 hours Arabic / day + calligraphy, tours & special visits, country farm trip. Social programme. How to cook Egyptian food, how to dance!	Letter, fax or email - as above. We have done this successfully before but each group is tailored according to needs.

Yasmeen: Operations Manager.

Mohamed: Teacher Trainer.

Hoda: Director of Studies.