

## **IB Arabic ab initio**

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### **Course Description:**

Arabic ab initio focuses on the development of students' communicative competence in Arabic and their understanding of the culture(s) of Arabic-speaking countries. Students will learn to communicate about themselves and their immediate environment using simple sentences containing basic language structures. This communication is evidenced in all four language skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) with emphasis on the ability to communicate orally and in writing. This course allows students to access the target language by studying it as beginner learners of the Arabic language. The following themes and related topics provide a framework for the acquisition of the target language. In this framework, students are encouraged to describe, compare and contrast cultural aspects in their own culture with those of the target culture.

### **The following main topics are covered:**

1. Theme: Individual and Society
  - Daily routines, physical appearance, character traits, food and drink, personal expressions, physical health, relationships, and shopping
2. Theme: Leisure and Work
  - Employment, entertainment, cultural events, excursions, leisure, the arts, holidays, media, sports, technology, and transportation
3. Theme: Urban and Rural Environment
  - Environmental concerns, global issues, neighborhood, physical geography, town and services, and weather