

IB SL Arabic Language Acquisition

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Course Description:

Arabic Language B SL 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. The course allows students to access the target language by studying it as a beginner or as someone with prior experience of the language. Those who pass the course at standard level should be able to follow university courses in other disciplines in the language B that is studied.

The following main topics are covered:

- Global Issues: pollution, causes and effects, migration, global warming, desertification, the problem of water, poverty and famine
- Social Relationships: Arabic family, friendship, women and work, customs and traditions, social celebrations
- Leisure: sports, hobbies, and travel
- Communication and Media: Radio and TV, advertisement, internet and social websites, controversial issues, the impact of media on youth in Arab countries, and the cinema
- Health, Food, and Sports: diet and nutrition, obesity, indoor and outdoor sports, effects of sports on health