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黎巴嫩语. A separate intensive Lebanese 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, historic, and cultural sites in Beirut and throughout Lebanon.

Courses

**SIN 101 - Elementary Arabic (8 credits)**
Students at this level study units 1 through 10 of Al-Kitab, Part One, which introduces the Arabic alphabet and sounds, and the first ten chapters of the textbook Al-Kitab, Part One. This elementary 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 review their language and cultural ties with their ancestors’ land.
The course is open to the general public; students of Middle East studies, business people, embassy officials and children of returning nationals enrolled in the Middle East. This course includes five hours per week of Lebanese Dialect. A separate intensive Lebanese Dialect eight credit course is also offered (with sufficient enrollment).

**SIN 102 - Upper Elementary Arabic (9 cr.)**
Upper Elementary Arabic was added to the SINARC program in 2008 to meet the needs of students in between novice and low 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 verbs conjugation.
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 wide variety of supplementary exercises that introduce vocabulary and expressions useful for daily life situations.
Students registering for Elementary Arabic must also register for Arabic Letters and Sounds, and the first two chapters of Al-Kitab, Part Two.

**SIN 201 - Intermediate Arabic I (8 credits)**
Students placed in the intermediate 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 at a competency level equivalent to intermediate 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 202 - Intermediate 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 limited vocabulary and have mastered basic Arabic syntax and morphology. Class sessions aim to help students develop their skills in Arabic and increase their ability to engage in productive discourse and to handle a variety of communicative tasks.

Students are asked to converse on most daily-life situations, write descriptions and argumentation and read a variety of style.

Students at this level study units 21 through 30 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 limited vocabulary and have mastered basic Arabic syntax and morphology. Class sessions aim to help students develop their skills in Arabic and increase their ability to engage in productive discourse and to handle a variety of communicative tasks.

Students are asked to converse on most daily-life situations, write descriptions and argumentation and read a variety of style.

Students at this level study units 21 through 30 of Al-Kitab, Part One and the first two chapters of Al-Kitab, Part Two.

**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 limited vocabulary and have mastered basic Arabic syntax and morphology. Class sessions aim to help students develop their skills in Arabic and increase their ability to engage in productive discourse and to handle a variety of communicative tasks.

Students are asked to converse on most daily-life situations, write descriptions and argumentation and read a variety of style.

Students at this level study units 21 through 30 of Al-Kitab, Part One and the first two chapters of Al-Kitab, Part Two.

**SIN 111 - Upper Elementary Arabic (8 cr.)**
Students registering for Upper Elementary Arabic must also register for Arabic Letters and Sounds, and the first two chapters of Al-Kitab, Part One. This course aims at bringing students up to intermediate-level proficiency in the four language skills: speaking, reading, writing and listening.

The 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 review their language and cultural ties with their ancestors’ land.
The course is open to the general public; students of Middle East studies, business people, embassy officials and children of returning nationals enrolled in the Middle East.

This course includes five hours per week of Lebanese Dialect. A separate intensive Lebanese Dialect eight credit course is also offered (with sufficient enrollment).

By the end of the course, students are able to handle many daily-life situations, such as identifying self and others, identifying familiar objects and people, telling time, asking for directions, describing places of residence and national origins, ordering food and drink, etc. Class covers lessons on vocabulary and useful daily-life expressions, as well as AlFab:basic introduction to Arabic language and sounds, and the first two chapters of the textbook Al-Kitab, Part One.

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 112 - Upper Elementary Arabic (9 cr.)**
Upper Elementary Arabic was added to the SINARC program in 2008 to meet the needs of students in between novice and low 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 verbs conjugation.
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 wide variety of supplementary exercises that introduce vocabulary and expressions useful for daily life situations.
Students registering for Upper Elementary Arabic must also register for Arabic Letters and Sounds, and the first two chapters of Al-Kitab, Part Two.

**SIN 203 - 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 limited vocabulary and have mastered basic Arabic syntax and morphology. Class sessions aim to help students develop their skills in Arabic and increase their ability to engage in productive discourse and to handle a variety of communicative tasks.

Students are asked to converse on most daily-life situations, write descriptions and argumentation and read a variety of style.

Students at this level study units 21 through 30 of Al-Kitab, Part One and the first two chapters of Al-Kitab, Part Two.

**SIN 204 - 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 limited vocabulary and have mastered basic Arabic syntax and morphology. Class sessions aim to help students develop their skills in Arabic and increase their ability to engage in productive discourse and to handle a variety of communicative tasks.

Students are asked to converse on most daily-life situations, write descriptions and argumentation and read a variety of style.

Students at this level study units 21 through 30 of Al-Kitab, Part One and the first two chapters of Al-Kitab, Part Two.

Transfer Credits

Students who register for and successfully complete any of the intensive courses receive eight hours of university credits. On the basis of student performance, LAU offers transfer credits, which can be transferred to the student’s home institution for credit evaluation. LAU is charted by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York and is also accredited by NEASC.

Excursions

The institute organizes a series of four weekend excursions to historic and scenic sites in Lebanon, such as the cities of Byblos, Tyre and Sidon, the Crusader, Arab and Roman ruins in Basilica, Rabiyat and Anjar, the Qadisha valley, the Cedars of Lebanon and the historical palaces in Baalbeck and Dir Al-Qamar. In addition to a tour to South Lebanon.

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

**SIN 211 - Intensive Lebanese Dialect (8 credits)**
This elementary course is designed for students who are enrolled in the first week, after which students begin reading, speaking and listening to authentic materials.

Students at this level study units 15 through 20 of Al-Kitab, Part One.

By the end of the course, students are able to handle many daily-life situations, such as identifying self and others, identifying familiar objects and people, telling time, asking for directions, describing places of residence and national origins, ordering food and drink, etc. Class covers lessons on vocabulary and useful daily-life expressions, as well as AlFab: basic introduction to Arabic language and sounds, and the first two chapters of the textbook Al-Kitab, Part One.

Students at this level study units 15 through 20 of Al-Kitab, Part One and the first two chapters of Al-Kitab, Part Two.

Enrollment permitting, the SINARC program will offer an intensive, eight-credit course in Lebanese Dialect. This course is designed for students who have attained intermediate to advanced level proficiency in Modern Standard Arabic.

Students are regularly given practice assignments that involve using the dialect outside the classroom throughout Lebanon.

**SIN 105 - Lebanese Dialect, Level I**
This course is designed for students who have had some exposure to the dialect. The aim of this course is to provide students of Modern Standard Arabic an opportunity to learn the basics of the Lebanese Dialect. Students in this level will learn to communicate with native speakers in various daily situations.

Class meets one hour per day, Monday through Friday.

**SIN 106 - Lebanese Dialect, Level II**
This course is designed for students who have had some exposure to the dialect. The aim of this course is to provide students of Modern Standard Arabic an opportunity to learn the basics of the Lebanese Dialect. Students in this level will learn to communicate with native speakers in various daily situations.

Class meets one hour per day, Monday through Friday.

**SIN 107 - Lebanese Dialect, Level III**
This course is designed for students who have had some exposure to the dialect. The aim of this course is to provide students of Modern Standard Arabic an opportunity to learn the basics of the Lebanese Dialect. Students in this level will learn to communicate with native speakers in various daily situations.

Class meets one hour per day, Monday through Friday.

**SIN 108 - Lebanese Dialect, Level IV**
This course is designed for students who have had some exposure to the dialect. The aim of this course is to provide students of Modern Standard Arabic an opportunity to learn the basics of the Lebanese Dialect. Students in this level will learn to communicate with native speakers in various daily situations.

Class meets one hour per day, Monday through Friday.
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 $553 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 ($360 per credit): $2,880
- Dorm (sharing): $1,180
- Tourist entrance fees plus one overnight: $35
- Total: $4,391

- Single occupancy at the LAU dorm is $553 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 $88.

The SINARC program costs are non-refundable, unless the program is canceled by the university for unforeseen reasons.

Travel & visas

The program lasts from June 19 to July 29, 2017. 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

All classes are held in air-conditioned classrooms and lecture halls, Monday through Friday.

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