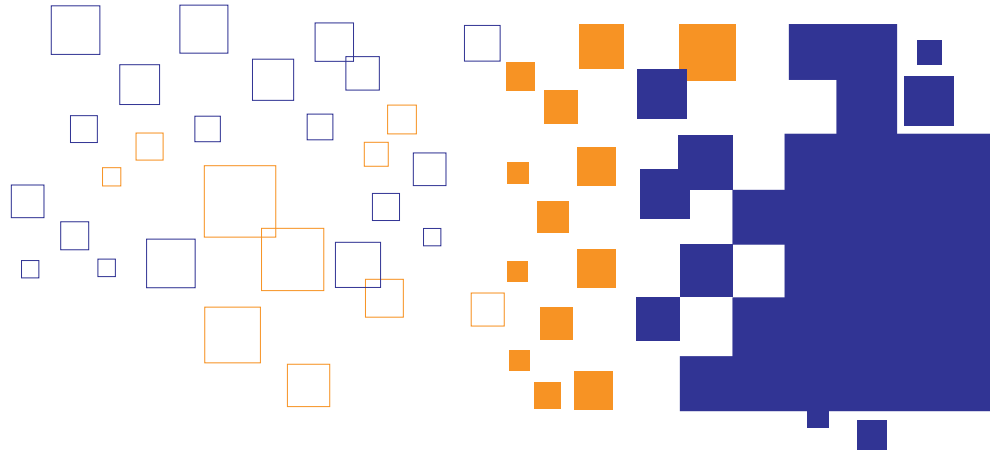





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Online Arabic Program is a vital online program and a turning point in the history of teaching Arabic to non-native speakers. The program is a new learning model offered by the Saudi Electronic University to teach the Arabic language. I may go as far as to suggest that the program makes learning Arabic as a foreign language readily available anywhere, anytime, the world over. Because of a program of such nature, the beauty of the Arabic language may be experienced around the globe.

Rector of Saudi Electronic University
Dr. Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Mosa

The sun of Arabic is rising in the world





Arabic Language

Language is a bridge between cultures. It goes beyond being merely a means of communication among the people of a nation; it is a vast reservoir of cultural diversity and rapprochement, a channel of understanding between cultures, and a means of fostering wider cooperation among nations.

The Arabic language has played a major role in preserving human culture. Now spoken in 22 countries by 422 million people it has long been a major influence on humanity. It is also a universal language used by more than one and a half billion Muslims around the world, and one of the six languages of the United Nations, celebrated by UNESCO each year.

There has been an increasing demand from speakers of other languages for learning Arabic for various purposes. There is now an urgent need, in today's world, for cultural and civilizational communication between Arabs and other peoples around the globe.

At the present time, there is a lack of a comprehensive and integrated online program in the field of teaching Arabic to non-native speakers that can offer an advanced educational curriculum with placement and standardized tests, while addressing possible deficiencies in traditional Arabic language learning institutes. Moreover, there is an urgent need to effectively promote teaching Arabic to non-native speakers in order to promote Saudi Arabia's role in the dissemination of Arab and Islamic culture that promotes understanding and peaceful coexistence among all nations and cultures.

Since the Saudi Ministry of Education has also been a keen promoter of the Arabic language, the Saudi Electronic University has taken an important step to meet the demands above by making a quantum leap in the field of teaching Arabic to non-native speakers, adopting an advanced approach and program by implementing the Arabic-Online.net initiative, a pioneering initiative of e-learning of Arabic at both a regional and global level.

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Vision: Disseminate Arabic worldwide.

Mission:

Provide quality education for non-native speakers of Arabic, meet the latest international standards and best practices in learning and teaching languages, through a pioneering online approach that helps spread the Arabic language and culture around the world.

The program is an important breakthrough and a turning point in the history of teaching Arabic to non-native speakers, and will undoubtedly lead to a new paradigm in cultural understanding.

Arabic-Online.net will allow non-native speakers of Arabic to learn this world language. It will also offer overseas Arabic speakers and their offspring, who live in non-Arabic environments and consequently may be found wanting in terms of vocabulary and reading and writing skills, an opportunity to address these deficiencies.

Arabic-Online.net will meet the needs of teaching Arabic to non-native speakers by providing a non-traditional online integrated program that allows Arabic study anywhere in the world, transcending time and space constraints, as well as travel and movement impediments.



Objectives of Arabic-Online.net

1. Meet the needs of the field of teaching Arabic to non-native speakers by providing a comprehensive and integrated online program, presenting an advanced educational curriculum with placement and standardized tests in the most advanced language teaching format.
2. Meet the increasing demand from speakers of other languages for learning the Arabic language.
3. Contribute to the dissemination of the Arabic language, enhance its role, promote its privileged status as a universal language, and consolidate the role of Saudi Arabia in serving Arabic.
4. Contribute to the dissemination of Arab and Islamic culture, actively participate in the promotion of mutual understanding and co-existence among different cultures, and meet the need for cultural communication between Arabic speakers and other peoples around the globe.
5. Present Arabic to non-native speakers in its modern standard and functional form, focusing on everyday usage.
6. Help develop the field of teaching Arabic to non-native speakers by presenting online content that meets world standards.
7. Present an integrated, interactive and modern e-learning of Arabic to speakers of other languages.





Teaching Levels

The teaching levels of this program are based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. The course, therefore, presents, in an integrated module-based format, the four language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing), and the main components of language (sounds, vocabulary and structures). The program also takes into consideration linguistic, communicative, and cultural proficiencies of learners by gradually presenting the material based on learners' proficiency levels. The program combines virtual and self-learning formats, making use of the world language learning platform developed by Rosetta Stone.

The point of departure for Arabic-Online.net is the placement test, where learners would determine what level of classes they should take. The program usually starts with the phonemic awareness component. This stage presents Arabic sounds (the full inventory of Arabic sounds and their articulation is given), Arabic letters and their various graphemic variants. The program is comprised of 16 levels, and achievement tests are indexed to the end of each of 6 stages.

Learners completing the program requirements are offered a certificate of Arabic proficiency for non-native speakers certified by Saudi Electronic University.

Program Levels

16
Levels

Placement
Test

Phonemic
Awareness
Component

Achivement
Test

3

2

1

Breakthrough

Waystage

4

5

6

Achivement
Test

Achivement
Test

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8

7

Threshold

Vantage

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Achivement
Test

Achivement
Test

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Effective
Operational
Proficiency

Mastery

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Standardized Arabic Test

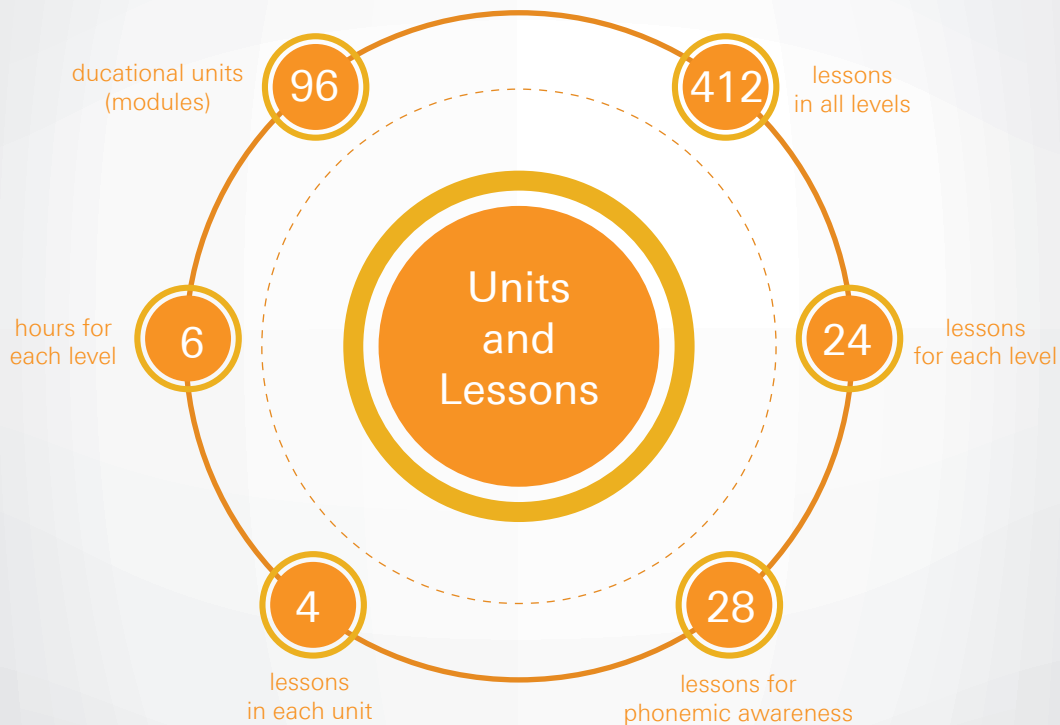
Teaching Hours

Different levels are divided into 96 modules comprising 416 lessons, and each level includes 24 lessons. Out of the total number of lessons, 28 lessons tackle phonemic awareness. The whole program is covered in 980 hours, 60 for each level (48 hours for self-learning, 12 hours for virtual presentation). The program consists of 75% self-learning and 25% virtual classes.

Lesson components

Each level is made up of 6 modules (units), each of which includes 24 lessons, including the main video, vocabulary, structures, reading, conversation, writing as well as various exercises (796 videos, 12000 audio files, 6320 photos, 10076 exercises).





Main listening video



Structures



Vocabulary



Lessons components



Writing



Exercises



Conversation



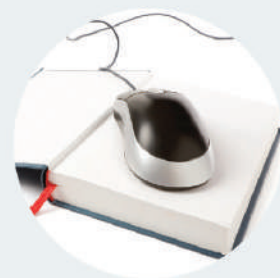
Reading



Employment opportunities

Arabic-Online.net, based on virtual classes, is expected to provide more than 10,000 job opportunities for male and female teachers, substantiating one of the objectives of both the Saudi Ministry of Education and the Saudi Electronic University, namely providing distance learning job opportunities.

Arabic-Online.net is therefore not merely an educational program; it is an all-encompassing vision and mission.





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