

# SUGGESTED SYLLABUS FOR ALIF BAA

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*The following syllabus is designed based on three 50-min sessions (MWF) and a one 75 min session on Thursday. You need to modify it according to your program's needs and circumstances.*

- Thursday, Sept. 1:**     **In class:** Introduction to the course. Presentation and discussion of course objectives and syllabus.
- Friday, Sept. 2:**     **In class:** Practice the letters and sounds, the greetings on the DVD, “*Saying Hello*” and transliteration.  
**Homework:** Buy *Alif Baa* and read Preface pp. vii-x and Introduction pages 1-8. Read all the letters in the introduction section and listen to them on the DVD. Study the transliteration chart on p.7. Read Culture section “*Saying Hello*” p.26 and listen to it on the DVD.
- Monday, Sept. 5:**     **LABOR DAY-- NO CLASS**
- Wednesday, Sept. 7:**    *Unit One*  
**In class:** Dialogue “*Ahlan wa Sahlan*”.  
**Homework:** Read, listen, and write pages 9-17(until end of drill 4), hand in drills 1, 2, 3, 4. Review Culture “*Saying Hello*” on p.26 and DVD.
- Thursday, Sept. 8:**    *Unit One*  
**In class:** Drills 5, 6, 10, 13, 14.  
**Homework:** Read, listen, and write pages 17-27, hand in drills 7, 8, 9, 11, 12.
- Friday, Sept.9:**        *Unit Two*  
**In class:** “Arabic dialects” on DVD and drill 6  
**Homework:** Read, listen, and write pages 28-35(until sukuun), hand in drills 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

- Monday, Sept. 12:**     *Unit Two*  
**In class:**     Drills 9 and 12, and dialogue “*HaDritik min maSr?*” on DVD.  
**Homework:**    Read, listen, and write pages 35-39, hand in drills 7, 8, 10, 11. Study the vocabulary on p. 38 and listen to the vocabulary section on the DVD.
- Wed, Sept. 14:**     *Unit Three*  
**In class:**     Drills 6 and 9 and practice the Vocabulary.  
**Homework:**    Read, listen, and write pages 40-50, hand in drills 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8.
- Thurs, Sept. 15:**    *Unit Four*  
**In class:**     Drill 6 and previous vocab. Dialogue: “*Izzayy HaDritik?*”  
**Homework:**    Read the explanation, listen to all listening exercises, watch on your DVD how the letters are written and practice the letters in your book from pages 51— 57. Hand in drills 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
- Friday, Sept. 16:**   *Unit Four*  
**In Class:**     Drill17 and “*SabaaH l-Kheer.*”  
**Homework:**    Read the explanation, listen to all listening exercises, watch on your DVD how the letters are written and practice the letters in your book from pages 58—64. Hand in drills 7, 8,10, 11, 12, 13, 14. 15,16.
- Monday, Sept.19:**    *Unit Four and Five.*  
**In Class:**     Drills 18 (unit four), 12 (unit five) and dialogue “*Izzayyak?*”  
**Homework:**    Read the explanation, listen to all listening exercises, watch on your DVD how the letters are written and practice the letters in your book from pages 65—74. Study the vocab on page 65 with the DVD for use in class, Hand in drills 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9,10, 11.
- Wed, Sept. 21:**     *Quiz. Units 1-4.*  
**Homework:**    Prepare for the quiz and work with one partner to prepare a short skit. The skit will be presented in class after the quiz. It needs to contain new vocab and greetings we have learned from the DVD dialogues that we have covered.
- Thurs, Sept. 22:**    *Unit Five.*  
**In Class:**     Drill 12. Read Signs on DVD and “*al-Hamdu lillaah.*”  
**Homework:**    Read the explanation, listen to all listening exercises, watch on your DVD how the letters are written and practice the letters in your book from pages 75— 80. Hand in drills 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19. Also bring your DVD to class.

Friday, Sept. 23: *Unit Five.*

**In Class:** Drill 24

**Homework:** Hand in drills 20, 21, 22 on Page 81. Study the vocab on pages 82—83 in the book and on the DVD. Read the “Culture” section on page 85.

Monday, Sept. 26: *Unit Six.*

**In Class:** Dialogues: “*tasharrafnaa*” and “*Tayyib, itfaDDali.*”

**Homework:** Read the explanation, listen to all listening exercises, watch on your DVD how the letters are written and practice the letters in your book from pages 86— 94 (end at drill 7). Hand in drills 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.

Wed, Sept. 28: *Unit Six*

**In class:** Listening Ex 6 (expressions with “*Allah*”) and vocab.

**Homework:** Read the explanation, listen to all listening exercises, watch on your DVD how the letters are written and practice the letters in your book from pages 94 —102. Hand in drills 8, 9, 10, 11. Learn the new vocab and be ready to **use them in class** the following day.

Thurs, Sept. 29: *Unit Seven.*

**In class:** Drill 2, dilogue“*itfaDDal (i)*”, signs.

**Homework:** Read the explanation, listen to all listening exercises, watch on your DVD how the letters are written and practice the letters in your book from pages 103— 113 (Until Drill 8) Hand in drills 1, 3 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

Friday, Sept. 30: *Unit Seven*

**In class:** Drill 11, Scene 9 “*Yalla,*”and Culture: Coffee Time.

**Homework:** Read the explanation, listen to all listening exercises, watch on your DVD how the letters are written and practice the letters in your book from pages 113 — 120. Hand in drills 9,10, and learn vocab. Write five sentences about things you love and five sentences about things you don’t love (10 total).

Monday, Oct. 3: *Unit Seven & Eight*

**In class:** Vocab Unit Seven, Drill 6, 8, 9 Unit Eight.

**Homework:** Read the explanation, listen to all listening exercises, watch on your DVD how the letters are written and practice the letters in your book from pages 121—126. Hand in drills 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 9. Review all the vocab items you have learned until now.

Wednesday, Oct 5: *Unit Eight*

**In class:** Drill 9, 10, 11.

**Homework:** Read the explanation, listen to all listening exercises, watch on your DVD how the letters are written and practice the letters in your book from pages 127, learn vocab on page 129 & 130.

Thurs, Oct 6: *Unit Eight*

**In class:** Pronouns, Drill 12 DVD. Signs. Scenes 10, 11.

**Homework:** Go the BBC website or any Arabic radio website and listen to the stream. Write down at least 20 letters you hear and any words. Review vocab on page 129.

Friday, Oct 7: *Quiz. Unit 1-8; Listening to an Arabic song.*

Monday, Oct. 10: *Unit Nine*

**In class:** Drills 1 & 6 and scene 12 from the DVD.

**Homework:** Read the explanation, listen to all listening exercises, watch on your DVD how the letters are written and practice the letters in your book from pages 131-135; study the expressions and the vocabulary on p.136, read the Culture p. 140. Hand in drills 2, 3, 4, & 5.

Wed., Oct. 12: *Unit Ten*

**In class:** Drills 1 & 5

**Homework:** Read the explanations on pp. 141-149, listen to all listening exercises, watch on your DVD how the *تتوين* is written, and practice it in your book. Hand in drills 2(do it in book and then Xerox), 3, and 4 (do it in book and then Xerox).

Thurs, Oct. 13: *Unit Ten*

**In class:** Read the signs on DVD.

**Homework:** Write a paragraph similar to what is on p.149 and send it as a voice message on Learn Link to your professor. Let your voice be loud and clear. Read Culture pp. 150-151.

Bring your كتاب جديد : *al-Kitaab fii Taa'allum al-'Arabiyya* Part I and read the **Preface**.

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