



The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Middle Eastern Studies
ARABIC LANGUAGE SUMMER INSTITUTE, 2010

I – PERSONAL INFORMATION

FULL NAME (IN ENGLISH & ARABIC): EID*:
*Non-UT students may obtain an EID from https://lidmanager.its.utexas.edu/eid_self_help/

CURRENT ADDRESS:

street number street apartment

city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER(S): () - () -

EMAIL ADDRESS:

DOB: PLACE OF BIRTH: TEXAS RESIDENT: Yes No

II – ACADEMIC INFORMATION

NON-STUDENTS

HIGHEST DEGREE EARNED: YEAR:

INSTITUTION:

STUDENTS

INSTITUTION OF CURRENT ENROLLMENT:

YEAR OF STUDY:

Incoming Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate

MAJOR(S)/MINOR(S):

GPA & SCALE (e.g., 3.6/4-point scale):

ARE YOU CURRENTLY AN ARABIC FLAGSHIP STUDENT?: Yes No

IF YES, IN WHICH ARABIC FLAGSHIP PROGRAM ARE YOU CURRENTLY ENROLLED?

Univ. of MI Michigan State Univ. of MD Univ. of OK UT Austin



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III – LANGUAGE STUDY

LIST ALL ARABIC LANGUAGE COURSES IN WHICH YOU ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED

COURSE	HOURS/WEEK	NO. OF WEEKS	INSTITUTION

LIST ALL ARABIC COURSES WHICH YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED

COURSE	HOURS/WEEK	NO. OF WEEKS	INSTITUTION	YEAR

III – LANGUAGE STUDY (CONT'D)

LIST MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRIES VISITED, PURPOSE OF THE VISIT (travel, education, etc.), & YEAR/DURATION:

COUNTRY	PURPOSE	YEAR/DURATION

MARK THE STATEMENTS BELOW THAT APPLY TO YOU:

- I speak Arabic at home (please list your dialect):

- My parents are originally from an Arabic-speaking country.
- I have undertaken religious instruction (Quranic Studies) in Arabic.



IV – STUDY SKILLS & STRESS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

Accepted students should be prepared to study intensively for ten weeks. Due to the rigorous and fast pace of the program, students must be able to perform and function under strenuous circumstances, and positively manage stress so as to meet the requirements of intensive language learning.

STRESS ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS	RESPONSE		
1. Do you plan ahead for tests, papers and other projects, and have a specified time to work on them instead of leaving them to the last minute?	<input type="checkbox"/> Almost Never	<input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> Almost Always
2. Do you set reasonable and attainable goals when you have a large project to complete?	<input type="checkbox"/> Almost Never	<input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> Almost Always
3. Do you have a reward system created for yourself to motivate you to complete difficult or stressful tasks?	<input type="checkbox"/> Almost Never	<input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> Almost Always
4. Do you give yourself breaks in between study sessions (i.e., 5 or 10 minutes for every hour)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Almost Never	<input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> Almost Always
5. Do you give yourself some time each night to plan and organize for the next day?	<input type="checkbox"/> Almost Never	<input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> Almost Always
6. Do you take time to “just relax”?	<input type="checkbox"/> Almost Never	<input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> Almost Always
7. Do you allow yourself to not think about studying when you have set aside time for leisure?	<input type="checkbox"/> Almost Never	<input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> Almost Always
8. Do you get an adequate amount of sleep each night?	<input type="checkbox"/> Almost Never	<input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> Almost Always

IV – STUDY SKILLS & STRESS ASSESSMENT SURVEY (CONT'D)

SHARE WITH US A STRESSFUL SITUATION YOU EXPERIENCED, THE STRATEGIES YOU USED TO MANAGE THIS STRESS, AND THE EVENTUAL OUTCOME:



V – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE UT ARABIC LANGUAGE SUMMER INSTITUTE?

HAVE YOU APPLIED TO ANY OTHER SUMMER LANGUAGE PROGRAMS / INSTITUTES? Yes No

ARE YOU CURRENTLY APPLYING FOR SUMMER FUNDING? (e.g., Fulbright, NSEP, FLAS.) Yes No

WILL YOU REQUIRE STUDENT HOUSING? Yes No

VI – STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The statement of purpose should explain your immediate academic objectives as well as your ultimate professional goals. Please identify your academic major and explain how Arabic fits into your future academic and career plans. Explain also what makes you prepared to and capable of excelling in an intensive summer language program. Your statement should be typed, single spaced, and may not exceed 500 words.

VII – APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

A complete application for the Arabic Language Summer Institute will include:

- Completed application form
- Statement of purpose
- Teacher recommendation waiver & form (p. 5 - 7)
- Transcripts

Deadline: March 15, 2010

Submit all materials by 5pm on the due date to:

Chelsea Sypher
Arabic Flagship Program
Department of Middle Eastern Studies
University of Texas at Austin
I University Station F9400
Austin, TX 78712

If applying from out-of-state, you may submit the application via email to utflagship@austin.utexas.edu. In addition, you must also submit a signed, hard copy to the address above. Questions? Contact Chelsea Sypher, Assistant Director of the Arabic Flagship Program at 512-471-3283 or utflagship@austin.utexas.edu

VIII – TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM

NAME: _____ EID: _____

TO THE STUDENT:

Complete the information below and provide this form to an academic reference of your choosing. The reference should be an instructor who is familiar with your performance in *Arabic*, has judged your academic abilities, and has awarded you a grade in a foreign language course. Your reference should complete the Teacher Recommendation Form below and return it to you in a sealed envelope with his/her signature across the seal. If you are not a student, please consult Chelsea Sypher regarding options for references.

OPTIONAL: I hereby waive any rights of access to this recommendation under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, University of Texas at Austin policy, or any other law, or regulation. I understand that the Arabic Flagship Program does not require me to execute this waiver and is willing to review my application whether or not I sign it.

Signature

Date

TO THE RESPONDENT:

The University of Texas at Austin’s Arabic Language Summer Institute will offer an intensive language learning program for students of Arabic. The ten-week intensive program, running from 3 June to 13 August 2010, is open to the general public and students from other academic institutions as well as UT students.

The summer institute selection committee will carefully review student applications, looking specifically at language learning experience, the teacher’s recommendation, and the student’s ability to perform and function in a stressful environment as associated with intensive language learning programs. Students accepted into the Institute will benefit tremendously from this opportunity, but will have to invest time and effort consistently and seriously for the full duration of the Institute.

RECOMMENDATION OF THIS APPLICANT FOR ARABIC LANGUAGE SUMMER INSTITUTE ADMISSION:

- Strongly Recommend
- Generally Recommend
- Recommend with reservations
- Do not recommend

INDICATE AT WHICH END OF THE SCALE THE APPLICANT FALLS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES. 10 WOULD INDICATE A STUDENT IN THE TOP 5% OF STUDENTS YOU HAVE EVER TAUGHT AT THIS LEVEL:

	Low					High				
Motivation / Commitment	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Class Participation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Performance on Homework	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Attendance and Attitude	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Speed of Learning New Concepts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Current Skill in Arabic	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Language Learning Aptitude	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

BASED ON CLASS PERFORMANCE, APTITUDE, DRIVE, AND SKILLS, HOW LIKELY IS IT THAT THE APPLICANT WILL REACH SUPERIOR LEVEL IN ARABIC OR BEYOND, IN YOUR OPINION:

- Certainly
 Highly Likely
 Possibly
 Unsure
 Not Likely

PLEASE ELABORATE ON YOUR RATING ABOVE:

WHAT DIFFERENTIATES THIS APPLICANT FROM AN AVERAGE HARDWORKING STUDENT IN YOUR CLASS?



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HOW DOES/WOULD THIS APPLICANT HANDLE THE STRESS COMMONLY ASSOCIATED WITH INTENSIVE LANGUAGE LEARNING?

PLEASE INCLUDE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BELOW, WHICH YOU DEEM NECESSARY TO THE APPLICATION:

PRINTED NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT:

Signature

Date
