



ARABIC COURSE

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Ottoman Summer Program offers Arabic classes in the afternoons. The goal of these classes is to provide students with skills to help read and understand Ottoman texts. Therefore, the classes will not be conducted as a regular course of Modern Standard Arabic, but rather revolve around classical Arabic grammar. It will concentrate on reading texts, but also give some emphasis on listening and speaking.

Elementary Level (Novis Low, Novis Mid and High on the ACTFL scale)

Texts prepared by the instructor with an emphasis on grammar and vocabulary frequently used in Ottoman Turkish will be introduced at this level.

At the end of the course, students will learn basic grammatical concepts, mainly, present tense, past tense and verbal nouns (Forms Table). They will learn how to create simple dialogues, ask and answer questions, form short sentences and solve basic grammatical structures, such as verbal and nominal sentences, adjective phrases, and definitive phrases.

Intermediate Level (Intermediate Low, Mid and High on the ACTFL scale)

Authentic texts will be considered for this course, through which students will be exposed to new grammatical features. The texts will reflect the common vocabulary used in Ottoman Turkish. The course is student-based during which students will be requested to read and discuss the content of the given texts. Weeks will be themes-based. A topic will be assigned each week to guarantee learning vocabularies and terms on variable topics. The Forms Table will be a standard tool to refer to during the readings and discussion sessions.

By the end of the course, the students will be able to form sentences of intermediate complexity, recognize Arabic words and discern their roots in Ottoman texts.

Placement Exam

An interview will be held and a short exam will be given by the instructor on the first day of classes.