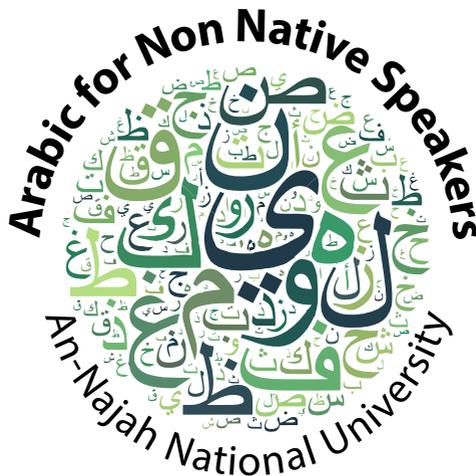


# Arabic for Non Native Speakers Institute

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## Introduction

An-Najah's Arabic for Non-Native Speakers Institute provides students with the best language learning resources for their mastery of the Arabic language, immersing them in Palestinian life and culture and integrating them into campus life. Students not only take classes at An-Najah, but become part of the community on campus and in the beautiful city of Nablus. Students' learning goes beyond the classroom as they enjoy monthly field trips that expose them to the diverse cities and landscapes of Palestine.

Our placement exam ensures that each student receives the level of instruction that s/he needs. Through our programs, students will be equipped with the appropriate vocabulary and terminology to competently explore such subject matters as economics, politics, daily life, and culture in Arabic. The Institute's director, Dr. Raed Mustafa Abdulraheem, has designed Arabic textbooks which are in use at top Arabic programs across the world. The primary method of Dr. Raed's teachings is to limit the learner's use of their native language as much as possible. Through this method of immersion, the Institute strives to enable students not only to learn Arabic, but to think and live in it. With the completion of the programs, students are equipped with the Arabic skills they need to communicate effectively with native speakers, read, write, and develop their professional capacities.

The Arabic for Non-Native Speakers Institute was specially established to teach students Arabic while providing insight into the literature, culture, history, and politics of the Middle East. To this end, there exists a set of didactic goals the institute seeks to achieve.

## Institute Goals

First and foremost, we teach students how to articulate, read, and write Arabic sounds (phonemes) along with the lexicon, grammar, and structure necessary to develop the four language skills: reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Furthermore, we emphasize cultural competence in our students by introducing them to the Palestinian community, its customs, traditions, geography, and cultural and intellectual formation. These opportunities also provide students with useful information on Arab heritage and its literary, historical, and ethical elements. Our Institute aims to produce students who are able to use their language skills in a variety of personal and professional settings, and as such, we equip students with a strong background in contemporary political, economic, and ecological terminology. In addition, we emphasize the vocabulary necessary to understand Arabic language sciences: ilm al-nahw ('the science of syntax'), ilm al-sarf ('the science of morphology'), literature, rhetoric, and criticism.

Our multifaceted approach provides students with a broad, in-depth understanding of the Arabic language and culture, putting aside students' native language as much as possible and encouraging students to experience Arabic first-hand by interacting frequently with native speakers. Our courses instill in students not only an understanding of the Arabic language, but a greater understanding and capability of language learning in general. Above all, we seek to ensure that students are meeting their own goals for language acquisition and cultural awareness, allowing us to produce confident and proficient speakers, listeners, readers, and writers of the Arabic language.

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# Academic Programs

## 1. The Arabic for General Purposes Program

This program's courses aim to teach a full understanding of the Arabic language including modern Arabic, standard Arabic, and colloquial Arabic.

Based on the results of the placement exam, students take one of 4 levels:

Level 1 - The Elementary level

Level 2 - The Intermediate level

Level 3 - The Advanced level

Level 4 - The Professional level

Each level takes one semester to complete.

## 2. The Arabic for Specific Purposes Program

The Institute also offers specialized programs in Arabic that serve more specific needs than the general program.

These programs include Teaching Arabic for Academic Purposes Program, Arabic Literature Program, Media Language Program and the Palestinian Colloquial Speech Program. These programs are described in detail below.

### A ) Teaching Arabic for Academic Purposes Program

Courses offered through this program depend on signed agreements between the Arabic for Non-Native Speakers Institute and other companies or institutions. Although the courses may vary based on arrangements between the institutions, the program is usually taught through the following courses:

- Listening and Conversation (1) & (2) (4 creditable hours each)
- Arabic Literature (1)& (2) (4 creditable hours each)
- Palestinian Colloquial (1)& (2) (3 creditable hours each)
- Arabic Grammar (1)& (2) (4 creditable each)
- Writing and Communication (1)& (2) (2 creditable hours each)
- Reading through Arabic Media (1 creditable hour)
- Graduation Project (2 creditable hours)



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عندئذ وافق المشتري  
عادت إليه.

بتفمسك من الحزن إلى الأندلسي

## B ) Arabic Literature Program

For students well versed in speaking and reading Arabic, we offer the Arabic Literature Program. In this course, students will study and analyze ancient and modern Arabic texts, novels, plays, and short stories. They will also study the autobiographies and the lives of the most prominent Arabic writers. Additionally, students will be provided with the most critical concepts that enable them to analyze and discuss Arabic literature at an advanced level.

## C ) Media Language Program

This program introduces students to the special language used in Arabic media. The course covers the diverse media platforms and topics in the Arab world including weather news, deaths, special events, sports, advertisements, economics, and politics. In each of those topics, the students will be equipped with the special vocabulary and jargon used for discussing them in media. Special emphasis is placed on language used to describe politics and how it is used in caricature, slogans, propaganda, and banners.

## D ) Palestinian Colloquial Speech Program

The goal of this program is to be fully equipped to communicate in Palestinian society and culture. The program teaches the unique dialect of Palestinian Arabic including its grammar, expressions, nuanced vocabulary, and situation usage. Students also learn the dialect through local jokes, songs, proverbs, poetry, stories, and games.

## 3. The Immersion Program

### The program and its goals:

This program is devoted to fully immersing students in Palestinian culture and the Arabic language. The students are integrated in An-Najah's campus life by connecting with the students and the local community in Nablus and giving students an interactive education with Palestinian culture. By familiarizing themselves with Palestinian society and its traditions, students break down barriers separating them from the community and their understanding of Arab society is no longer defined by stereotypes.

### Immersion strategies:

The program utilizes social and cultural interactive programs to immerse students in Palestinian society. Classes are taught exclusively in Arabic and students are not spoken to in their native language.

The teachers of the program are trained specifically for using immersive methods in their classes and ensure that students are not overwhelmed but are able to apply these methods effectively.



## Tools and methods:

Students' education is supplemented with contemporary political literature and newspapers to teach modern political vocabulary and students are required to carry out applied field research and one-on-one interviews.

The program organizes social occasions that introduce students to people in the local community and facilitates their involvement in the university's activities, groups, and clubs. Students are encouraged to participate in the university's literary and creative works journal, publishing their Arabic short stories or poetry. The course also incorporates seminars based on student interest. Like our other programs, students also enjoy regular field trips around Palestinian cities and to Palestinian homes.

## Teaching Strategies

**The Institute's programs were designed to depend on different key elements that give students the best language learning experience.**

- **The Place**

The Institute is located in the library in the recently constructed new campus and offers a comfortable place where you can find a calm and appropriate atmosphere for learning.

- **The Teachers**

Our teachers have been chosen from the best graduates of An Najah's Arabic department. They have all been formally trained in teaching Arabic for non-native students and possess great experience in this field.

- **Methods**

The Institute uses books and materials written especially to teach students Arabic in the most efficient yet thorough way possible. They were written using the latest methods of teaching Arabic for non-native students that cover the different linguistic skills: listening, reading, speaking, and writing, as well as, linguistic competence in the society. The Institute strongly emphasizes immersion, only using English to explain the most abstract concepts. The courses cover standard Arabic, the colloquial dialect and modern Arabic in addition to seminars on subjects such as Arabic cooking, calligraphy etc.

- **Placement Exam**

The students are placed in classes suited to their level and proficiency of Arabic, a level determined by the placement exam. This ensures that students never feel either too overwhelmed and outperformed by their peers or bored and unstimulated.



- **E-learning**

All classrooms are equipped with the latest electronic devices to help facilitate the teaching process. A state of the art computer lab is available for students where they can conduct research, watch Arabic films, and use the latest software.

- **Immersion**

Translation is strongly discouraged and concepts will always be explained in Arabic when possible. Although at first it may seem a little overwhelming, this method has proven effective and students learn quickly and thoroughly. The program also facilitates cultural immersion offering housing with Palestinian families, free monthly field trips, and local language learning partners.

## Extracurricular Activities

Palestine provides a rich atmosphere in which to study Arabic and this is not wasted by the Arabic for Non-Native Speakers Institute. Students will always find themselves busy with new weekly activities organized by the Institute such as social and cultural activities, field trips, olive picking, or enjoying a home-cooked meal with a Palestinian family.

### Orientation Week

Students enrolling in the fall semester will attend a mandatory orientation week, one week before classes begin. The orientation is designed to help students feel comfortable and at home in their new environment as soon as possible. Students will take tours around the campuses and the city, showing them where classes will be held, where to get transportation around the city, and how to get food in the markets. An orientation session also equips the students with the most relevant information necessary for living in the West Bank and understanding the culture here. The students will go on historical tours as well, and enjoy a traditional Palestinian dinner at the end of the week. The orientation week ensures that students will feel confident in their new surroundings and will not waste time in getting to know their peers in the program.

### Language Learning Partners

The mastery of any language requires regular practice with a native speaker. Students enrolled in the program are partnered with local students with whom they can meet and practice their Arabic. The carefully chosen volunteers are some of An-Najah's best students and can assist with lessons as well as help with navigating around Nablus and the university campus. The students and volunteers choose a topic related to Arabic culture that they would like to discuss and with such they practice conversation around that issue. The language partners enable students to break down cultural barriers and forge friendships here in Palestine.



## How to Apply

Students who come from companies or institutions with which the Arabic for Non-Native Speakers Institute has signed agreements do not have to worry about the application process, as it is done through co-ordination between the two parties accordingly.

As for other independent students, they have to fill in an application form on the Institute's website through the following link:

**<https://learnarabic-dev.najah.edu/en/registration/apply-now/>**.

Once the applications are reviewed and approved, students receive an e-mail confirming their acceptance and starting arrangements for their travel. Paying tuition fees and registering for courses are done after students arrive at the Institute.

## Tuition Fees

Semester	Tuition Fees (\$)
First Semester	1200
Second Semester	1200
Summer Session	600

**An amount of 50\$ is added to the total to cover other expenses (Textbooks...etc.)**

**Note:** Students also have the option of taking private evening lessons at the cost of 15\$ per hour.

For students who come from companies and institutions with which the Arabic for Non-Native Speakers Institute has signed agreements, fees are paid through arrangements between both institutions.

Other independent students will be provided with an official registration note from the director, Dr. Ra'ed Abdul Raheem, upon arrival. They are expected to take that note and head to the Cairo Amman Bank on the New Campus in order to make a registration deposit. Once the deposit is made, students will receive a receipt of payment. They will need to take that receipt to the Finance Department (Old Campus Administration Building, 1st floor) so that their payment is finalized.



# Academic Calendar

The academic year at ANNU is divided into two semesters and a summer session of 8 weeks. The fall semester runs from the beginning of September to the beginning of January and the spring semester lasts from the end of January to the end of May. The summer session usually starts a few weeks after the end of the spring semester and lasts until early August. Note that taking the summer session is optional.

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<b>Semester</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>
Fall Semester	Beginning of September	Beginning of January
Spring Semester	End of January	End of May
Summer Session	Beginning of June	Early-August

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- An-Najah's Buildings
- Buildings under Execution
- Information Office
- Parking Lots
- Gardens
- Services and Security

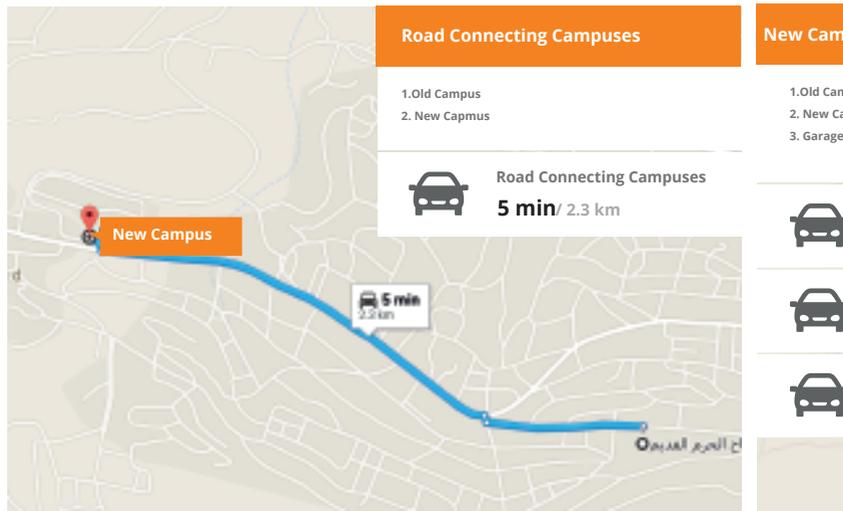
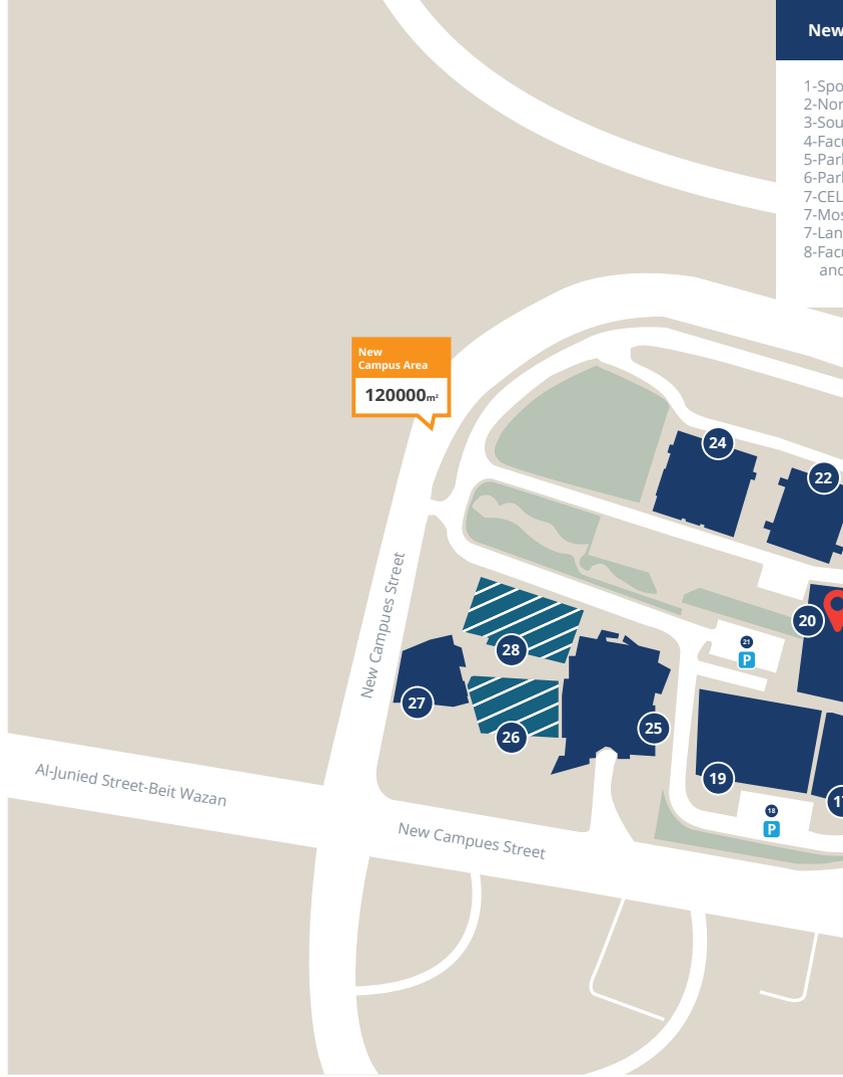


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 North Gate/ Security  
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 Faculty of Physical Education  
 Parking Lot  
 Parking Lot  
 IT Centre  
 Mosque  
 Languages Centre  
 Faculty of Engineering  
 Faculty of Information Technology

9- Faculty of Sciences  
 10-Parking Lot  
 11-Parking Lot  
 12-Parking Lot  
 13-Hikmat Al-Masri Amphitheatre  
 14-Restaurants and Malls  
 15-Main Squire and Garden  
 16-Main Gate/ Security  
 17-Prince Turki Bin Abdul Aziz Theatre  
 18-Parking Lot  
 19-Faculty of Fine Arts

20-An-Najah Radio Station and Broadcasting Channel  
 20-Library  
 20-Cinema  
 21-Parking Lot  
 22-Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences  
 23-Parking Lot  
 24-Faculty of Pharmacy  
 25-IT Korean Palestinian Institute of Excellence  
 26-Faculty of Law  
 27-Scientific Centres  
 28-An-Najah Child Institute



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Campus Location	
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Complex between both campuses	
Wadi Al-Tuffah Road	11 min / 5.2 km
Tunis Street Road	9 min
Rafedia Main Road	11 min / 4.8 km

