

**NVCC COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY
ARA 103- BASIC SPOKEN ARABIC I (3 CR.)**

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Teaches oral communication and introduces cultural mores and customs to students with no prior instruction in the language.

Lecture - 3 hours per week

GENERAL COURSE PURPOSE

Beginning Spoken Arabic is a conversational course for students with no previous Arabic. The focus is on communication skills, practical vocabulary, and cultural patterns. There are brief, simplified explanations of the structure of the language. This course does not fulfill the foreign language requirement for the AA degree.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. understand simple spoken Arabic within the limited context
2. carry on a simple conversation with correct pronunciation
3. be aware of cultural patterns, including social patterns of behavior and current events

MAJOR TOPICS TO BE COVERED

The student will learn practical vocabulary in contextual communication patterns. The structure of the language will be explained in simplified terms in the context of the spoken skills developed. Topics and situations to be covered may include:

- A. Personal Identification
- B. Weather
- C. Health and Welfare
- D. House and Home Education
- E. Travel
- F. Family Life
- G. Earning a Living
- H. Community/Neighborhood
- I. Shopping
- J. Physical Environment
- K. Meal-taking/Food/Drink
- L. Cultural information about Arabic Speaking Countries