Attention!

This is a representative syllabus. The syllabus for the course you are enrolled in will likely be different. Please refer to your instructor’s syllabus for more information on specific requirements for a given semester.
Arabic 5628: Classical Prose
Meeting Time/ Location:

This course is designed to serve as a bridge between intermediate Arabic language learning and the advanced study of Arabic literature. It offers a sequence of targeted readings from classical prose, and a collaborative environment for going through them with methodical attention to grammatical principles. There is a critical component to the course (to be engaged in a short final paper), but its main goals are practical. If you leave the course with a more nuanced appreciation for the forms and conventions of classical Arabic prose, and are better equipped for future research, our learning goals will have been met.

There are no books required for purchase. All materials will be supplied from online sources and made available via Carmen Courses. These include Wright’s *Grammar of the Arabic Language* (Content > Reference materials), which will be our arbiter in all matters of grammar.

Tu Jan 12
Th Jan 14 al-Zamakhshari, *al-Kashshaf* (re: Sūrat Ābasa 80:1-10)

Tu Jan 19
Th Jan 21 Hadith Umm Zar (from Sahih Muslim, Kitab Faḍā'il al-saḥāba)

Tu Jan 26
Th Jan 28 Ibn Ishāq and Ibn Hishām, *al-Sīrat al-nabawiyya*

Tu Feb 2
Th Feb 4

Tu Feb 9
Th Feb 11 Ibn Kathir, *al-Sīrat al-nabawiyya*

Tu Feb 16

Tu Feb 23
Th Feb 25 Reports of Juḥā and Abū ʿAlqama in al-Jāḥiẓ

Tu Mar 1
Th Mar 3 TAKE-HOME MIDTERM DUE IN CLASS
Reports of Juḥā in *al-Baṣā'ir wa-ʾl-dhakhā'ir* of Abū Ḥayyān al-Tawḥīdī

Tu Mar 8
Th Mar 10
Tu Mar 15       SPRING
Th Mar 17       BREAK

Tu Mar 22       Reports of Rābi‘a al-'Adawiyya
Th Mar 24       in al-Bayān wa 'l-tabyīn of al-Jāḥiṣ

Tu Mar 29       and Ḥiyāt ‘ulūm al-dīn of al-Ghazālī
Th Mar 31

Tu Apr 5        al-Muḥāṣibī, Kitāb al-'Aql
Th Apr 7

Tu Apr 12       Readings from Ḥayāt al-ḥayawān TBD by class vote
Th Apr 14

Tu Apr 19
Th Apr 21

Due date of final paper (~6-8 pages): Thursday, April 29

Grade assessment                                Percentage of Final Grade
Take-home midterm exam                           20%
Final paper                                      30%
Attendance/participation                         50%

(There is no final exam in this class.)

Academic Misconduct
It is the responsibility of the Committee on Academic Misconduct to investigate or establish procedures for the investigation of all reported cases of student academic misconduct. The term “academic misconduct” includes all forms of student academic misconduct wherever committed; illustrated by, but not limited to, cases of plagiarism and dishonest practices in connection with examinations. Instructors shall report all instances of alleged academic misconduct to the committee (Faculty Rule 3335-5-487). For additional information, see the Code of Student Conduct (http://studentlife.osu.edu/csc/).

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