

## **Third-Year Arabic ISLA 523(Classical Track)Syllabus Fall 2018**

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**Office Hours:** To be announced. Students can also meet professors outside office hours by appointment.

**Objectives of course:** To give students a solid grounding in Classical Arabic grammar and enable them to cope with a variety of classical texts.

**Required text:** *An Introduction to Koranic and Classical Arabic* by W. M. Thackston (available at Paragraphe bookstore on McGill-College St.)

**Attendance and participation:** Attendance is mandatory. Students are not allowed to miss more than three classes per term. More absences than that (without a serious excuse) will definitely affect your grade (reducing it by a +, e.g. from A to A-) and may lead to not being scheduled for the final exam and thereby failing the course. Please be on time for class. Every time you are late counts as a quarter of an absence.

**Homework:** Students should come to class fully prepared and with all homework assignments carefully completed. Students are required to have two notebooks for their homework. Homework is given full marks if it is complete regardless of how well or poorly it has been translated.

**Oral Presentation:** In the second semester, students will be assigned specific chapters of the Qur'an as well as specific poems to recite either before the class or before the professors. Students are welcome to come to our offices to rehearse ahead of time. Students who fail to present on the date assigned to them will receive a zero.

**Written Project:** In the second semester, students will be assigned a written project to be handed in before the end of the semester. Plagiarism or academic dishonesty will be referred to the appropriate disciplinary officer. Students who fail to submit a written project before the deadline will receive a zero for it.

**Quizzes:** Students should not miss quizzes except in the case of a legitimate absence (illness or religious holiday). Missed quizzes without a legitimate reason will receive a zero.

**Language of Assignments:** Wherever and whenever English is required in assignments (translations), students are welcome to use French.

### **Grading and Evaluation:**

Quizzes: 15%  
Class participation: 15%  
Homework and preparation: 15%  
Oral Presentation: 7.5 %  
Midyear Exam: 15%  
Written Project: 7.5%  
Final Exam: 25%

**Academic Integrity:** McGill University values academic integrity. Therefore all students must

understand the meaning and consequences of cheating, plagiarism, and other academic offences under the code of student conduct and disciplinary procedures (see [www.mcgill.ca/integrity](http://www.mcgill.ca/integrity) for more information).

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September 5: Introduction to course and explanation of Chapters 1 and 2  
Homework\* for Sept. 7: Thackston, Exercices, Chapters 1 and 2  
September 7: Take up exercises, explanations for Chapters 3 and 4  
Homework for Sept. 12: Exercices, Chapters 3 and 4  
September 12: Take up exercises, explanation of Chapter 5  
Homework for September 14: Exercices, Chapter 5  
September 14: Take up exercises, explanations for Chapters 6 and 7  
Homework for September 19: Exercices for Chapters 6 and 7  
September 19: Take up homework, explanations for Chapter 8  
Homework for September 21: Exercices for Chapter 8  
September 21: Take up homework, explanations for Chapter 9  
Homework for September 26: Exercices for Chapter 9  
September 26: Take up homework, explanations for Chapter 10  
Homework for September 28 Exercices for Chapter 10  
September 28: Take up homework, explanations for Chapter 11  
Homework for October 3: Exercices for Chapter 11  
October 3: Take up homework, explanations for Chapters 12 and 13  
Homework for Oct. 5: Chapter 12, Ex. a), c) (1-5) and d)(6-11);Chapter 13, Ex. b)  
Oct. 5: Quiz , explanations for Chapter 14  
Homework for Oct. 10: Chapter 14, Ex. a), b) and c)  
Oct. 10: Take up homework, explanations for Chapters 15 and 16  
Homework for Oct. 12: Chapter 15 a), b) (1-5), Chapter 16, a) and b)  
Oct. 12: Take up homework, explanations for 18 and 19  
Homework for Oct. 17: Chapter 18, a) and b), Chapter 19, Ex. a) and b)  
October 17: Take up homework, explanations for Chapter 20  
Homework for October 19: Chapter 20, Ex. a) and d)  
October 19: Take up homework, explanations for Chapter 21  
Homework for Oct. 24: Chapter 21, Ex. a) (1-10), b) (9-15), c)  
Oct. 24: Take up homework, explanations for Chapters 22 and 23  
Homework for Oct. 26: Chapter 22, a) 1-10, 23, a) and c)  
Oct. 26: Take up exercises, explanations for Chapters 24 and 25.  
Homework for Oct. 31: Chapter 24 a), 25 a) and c)  
Oct. 31: Take up homework, explanations for Chapters 26 and 27  
Homework for November 2: Chapter 26, a) and b), Chapter 27: b)

Nov. 2: Take up homework, explanations for Chapters 28 and 29  
Homework for November 7: Chapter 28, c), Chapter 29, c)  
November 7: Take up homework, explanations for Chapter 30  
Homework for November 9: Chapter 30, a) (5-end)  
November 9: Take up homework, explanations for Chapter 31  
Homework for November 14: Chapter 31, a) and b)  
November 14: Take up exercises, explanations for 32 and 33.  
Homework for November 16: Chapter 32, Ex. a) and c), 33 a)  
November 16: Take up homework, explanations for 34, 35 and 36  
Homework for November 21: Chapter 34, c), 35, a), 36, a)  
November 21: Take up homework, explanations for 37 and 38  
Homework for November 23: Chapter 39 exercises  
November 23: Take up Chapter 39, explanation for Chapter 40  
Homework for November 28: Chapter 40 exercises  
November 28: Mid-year test, first part  
November 30: Mid-year test, second part

- Certain homework assignments may be replaced by hand-outs at the discretion of the instructor.