

# **Special Problems: ARBC 2900 Summer 2020**

## **Course Description**

This course is designed for students who have had the equivalent of three semesters of Arabic instruction and is a continuation of ARBC 2040. It aims at helping students reach mid intermediate proficiency. In this course, students are expected to acquire extensive vocabulary and develop an emergent ability to think at the paragraph level. The course aims to develop students' writing, listening and speaking skills.

## **Grade Distribution**

### **Audio recordings (60%)**

The student is expected to submit three weekly video recordings on canvas, for a total of 18 recordings. Video Recordings are expected to be 1.5 to 2 minutes long. The student can use the canvas video recording feature, inside the recording assignment to record and save the video. Alternatively, a student can use their phone to record the video and then share it on canvas.

For the first 6 recordings, the student is expected to summarize one or more episodes of an Arab TV series they choose to watch.

The last 6 recordings are creative dialogues and are related to the characters in the series.

### **Oral quizzes (20%)**

During the semester, two quizzes will take place via zoom. The first quiz will take place on July 1st and the second on July 22nd. Quizzes consist of a 10 minute interview and are expected to test the students fluency and speaking proficiency.

### **Writing assignments (20 %)**

Students will submit via canvas bi-weekly assignments in which they will describe and analyze social aspects they have noticed in the TV series they are watching. Writing assignments must be a minimum of 75 words and must be posted on canvas.

### **Grade distribution:**

Audio recordings: 60 %

Quizzes: 20 %

Writing assignments 20 %

### **Grading Scale**

90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
59 and below	F

**Here is a list of important links:**

#### **Office of the Registrar— Summer 2020 Registration Guide**

<http://registrar.unt.edu/registration/fall-registration-guide>

This is a link to important dates for adding, dropping, withdrawing, and so forth.

#### **Undergraduate Catalog**

<http://catalog.unt.edu/>

This is a link to the official catalog for all undergraduate students.

#### **UNT Policy Manual**

<http://policy.unt.edu/policy-by-number/1>

This is a link to the official policy manual for faculty and students.

#### **Disability Accommodation**

The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking reasonable accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with a reasonable accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You may request reasonable accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of reasonable accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of reasonable accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class.

Students are strongly encouraged to deliver letters of reasonable accommodation during faculty office hours or by appointment. Faculty members have the authority to ask students to discuss such letters during their designated office hours to protect the privacy of the student.

For additional information see the Office of Disability Accommodation website at <http://www.unt.edu/oda>. You may also contact them by phone at 940.565.4323.

### **Acceptable Student Behavior**

Student behavior that interferes with an instructor's ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Dean of Students to consider whether the student's conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The university's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including university and electronic classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The Code of Student Conduct can be found at [www.deanofstudents.unt.edu](http://www.deanofstudents.unt.edu)

### **Sexual Discrimination, Harassment, & Assault**

UNT is committed to providing an environment free of all forms of discrimination and sexual harassment, including sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. If you (or someone you know) has experienced or experiences any of these acts of aggression, please know that you are not alone. The federal Title IX law makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender are Civil Rights offenses. UNT has staff members trained to support you in navigating campus life, accessing health and counseling services, providing academic and housing accommodations, helping with legal protective orders, and more.

UNT's Dean of Students' website offers a range of on-campus and off-campus resources to help support survivors, depending on their unique needs: [http://deanofstudents.unt.edu/resources\\_0](http://deanofstudents.unt.edu/resources_0). Renee LeClaire McNamara is UNT's Student Advocate and she can be reached through email at [SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu](mailto:SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu) or by calling the Dean of Students' office at 940-565-2648. You are not alone. We are here to help.

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[1] This syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.