

# Special Problems: Advanced Topics in Arabic: Arab Women in Social Media Fall 2017

## Course Description

This course is designed for students who have had at least four semesters of Arabic instruction. It explores the impact of social media in the Arab world and particularly women's roles and contributions while focusing on building language skills. Throughout the semester, the student is expected to work on a lengthy research project and on building the required vocabulary to be able to discuss the researched topic.

## Vocabulary lists (20%)

- Throughout the semester, the student will be working on a vocabulary list on google doc where new words or expressions are added throughout the semester. A list of a minimum of 15 words must be emailed to the instructor bi-weekly.
- Vocabulary lists must include words or expressions that you believe are important to know for your research paper or that you came across in your readings.
  - o For nouns, please provide the singular and the plural forms.
  - o For verbs, please list the past, the present and the gerund (MaSdar) forms and the preposition when necessary. Pay attention to MaSdar patterns as you will need to list the verb in the past and the present along with the MaSdar.

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## Research paper (80 %)

- The research paper is approximately 2000 words long and will explore one aspect of Arab women and social media. It will require research and a bibliography.
- It is not a one-step process; rather, it will be based on several drafts which will be edited and polished up until the submission of the final version due on December 11th. The student is expected to email the instructor bi-weekly writing that shows the student's research and progress in writing.

**Grade distribution:**

Vocabulary lists: 20 %

Research paper: 80 %

**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— Fall 2017 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 e-mail 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.