

General Department Information

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences is the backbone of the different university colleges in offering both General Educational Requirements, including Arabic, English, and Islamic Studies and a wide range of free elective courses in the domains of anthropology, philosophy, psychology, sociology, history, literature and foreign languages. The department contributes research in the domains of the humanities and social sciences and supports the college and university's mission in serving the community.

Humanities and Social Sciences Course Descriptions

ISL 101 Islamic Studies I

Cr Hr: 2 Prerequisite: None

Introduces Islamic culture and stresses its importance and contribution to humanity. It addresses Sharia Law in terms of sources, underpinnings, and objectives. It also enhances students' faith in the viability of Sharia Law and its all-inclusiveness. The course counts as the social science component of the university's General Education Requirements.

ISL 102 Islamic Studies I

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ISL 112 Islamic Studies II

Cr Hr: 2 Prerequisite: ISL 101

Discusses both community and family systems in Islam, their underpinnings, and mechanisms for reform. It examines the problems these systems encounter and shatters misconceptions about them. It also presents the application of Sharia Law in pertinent contexts. The course counts as the social science component of the university's General Education Requirements.

ISL 113 Islamic Studies II

Cr Hr: 2 Prerequisite: ISL 102

Islamic Medical Jurisprudence introduces the importance of learning medicine in Islam and presents the Islamic legislative rulings related to various medical issues. It also includes the principles of jurisprudence and their legislative objectives. It presents contemporary medical issues and Islamic legislative stances. The course counts as the social science component of the university's General Education Requirements.

ARB 101 Arabic Language I**Cr Hr: 2 Prerequisite: None**

Concentrates on developing Arabic language skills in areas related to paragraph writing, orthography, punctuation, style, vocabulary, and conversation in Standard Arabic. It enhances students' literary appreciation and provides morphological and syntactic insight into text analysis. This course counts as a humanities course in the university's General Education Requirements.

ARB 101 IN Arabic language I Intermediate Level**Cr Hr: 2 Pre-requisites: None**

Is offered to students who have studied 4-6 years of Arabic at school or students who have not studied Arabic after the sixth grade. It focuses on dictation rules, basic grammar, literary appreciation, searching the lexicon, and paragraph writing.

ARB 101NN Arabic language I for Non-natives**Cr Hr: 2 Pre-requisites: None**

Is offered to students whose native language is not Arabic, or students who have studied three years or less of Arabic at school. The course introduces the fundamental elements of the Arabic language within a cultural context. Emphasis is placed on the development of basic language skills, vis., listening, speaking, reading, and writing, in addition to grammar and contextual vocabulary.

ARB 102 Arabic Language I**Cr Hr: 2 Prerequisite: None**

Concentrates on developing Arabic language skills in areas related to paragraph writing, orthography, punctuation, style, vocabulary, and conversation in Standard Arabic. It enhances students' literary appreciation and provides morphological and syntactic insight into text analysis. This course counts as a humanities course in the university's General Education Requirements.

ARB 112 Arabic Language II**Cr Hr: 2 Prerequisite: ARB 101**

Focuses on developing students' Arabic language skills to higher proficiency levels in various domains, including essay writing, and conversation in Standard Arabic. The course also introduces the different literary schools and their respective characteristics. It counts as a humanities course in the university's General Education Requirements.

ARB 112 IN Arabic language II Intermediate Level

Cr Hr: 2 Pre-requisites: ARB 101 IN

As a continuation of ARB 101 IN, ARB 112 IN focuses on Arabic syntax, semantics, report and essay writing, and literary appreciation and evaluation.

ARB 112NN Arabic language II for Non-natives

Cr Hr: 2 Pre-requisites: ARB 101 NN

Continues and builds upon the fundamental elements of Arabic within a cultural context. Continued emphasis on the development of basic language skills, vis., listening, speaking, reading, and writing in addition to grammar and contextual vocabulary.

ARB 113 Arabic Language II

Cr Hr: 2 Prerequisite: ARB 102

Focuses on developing students' Arabic language skills to higher proficiency levels in various domains, including essay writing, and conversation in Standard Arabic. The course also introduces the different literary schools and their respective characteristics. It counts as a humanities course in the university's General Education Requirements.

ANT 101 Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology

Cr Hr: 3 Prerequisite: None

The course explores anthropology and its four major sub-branches. It focuses on the significance of sociocultural anthropology for appreciating the diversity of contemporary and past human cultures and creating an awareness of ethnographic research methods and diverse anthropological perspectives. It enhances students' understanding of the similarities and differences among human cultures and their appreciation of cultural constructions of realities.

ANT 102 Entrepreneurial Multiculturalism

Cr Hr: 3 Prerequisite: None

Presents interdisciplinary knowledge on how business cultures evolve in various societies around the world. It also explores why some individuals/social groups are more successful in entrepreneurship than others within the same societies and cross-culturally.

FRE 101 French I

Cr Hr: 3 Prerequisite: None

It introduces the fundamental elements of the French language within a cultural context. Emphasis is placed on the development of the basic language skills, vis. listening, speaking, reading, and writing, in addition to grammar and vocabulary skills.

FRE 112 French II**Cr Hr: 3 Prerequisite: FRE 101**

It builds upon the fundamental elements of the French language within a cultural context. Continued emphasis is placed on the development of basic language skills, vis. listening, speaking, reading and writing in addition to grammar and vocabulary skills.

GER 101 German I**Cr Hr: 3 Prerequisite: None**

It introduces the fundamental elements of the German language within a cultural context. Emphasis is placed on the development of the basic language skills, vis. listening, speaking, reading, and writing, in addition to grammar and vocabulary skills.

GER 103 German 1 for Medical Students**Cr Hr: 3 Prerequisite: None**

The course introduces the fundamental elements of the German language within a medical context. Emphasis is placed on the development of the basic language skills such as listening, speaking, reading, and writing, in addition to grammar and vocabulary skills that aim to prepare for basic communication in a working environment at German clinics and hospitals.

GER 112 German II**Cr Hr: 3 Prerequisite: GER 101**

It builds upon the fundamental elements of the German language within a cultural context. Continued emphasis is placed on the development of basic language skills, vis. listening, speaking, reading and writing in addition to grammar and vocabulary skills.

GER 113 German II for Medical Students**Cr Hr: 3 Prerequisite: GER 103**

The course builds upon the fundamental elements of the German language within a medical context. Continued emphasis is placed on the development of basic language skills such as listening, speaking, reading, and writing, in addition to grammar and vocabulary skills that aim to prepare for basic communication in a working environment at German clinics and hospitals.

HIS 101 Islamic Civilization and Mediaeval Europe**Cr Hr: 3 Prerequisite: None**

The course introduces the foundations of Islamic civilization, its development and prosperity, places of contact between Europeans and Muslims, and means of influence, such as direct contact and the translation of Islamic books in science, medicine, philosophy, literature, and the arts.

PHL 101 A Engineering Ethics**Cr Hr: 3 Prerequisite: None**

It examines the ethical dimensions of engineering practice by appealing to relevant concepts and principles in applied ethics; professional ethics; the philosophy of technology; and science, technology, and society studies. The importance of these principles for good decision-making is highlighted through analysis of the role of engineers in socially and morally complex case study scenarios illustrating practical issues.

PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology**Cr Hr: 3 Prerequisite: None**

The course introduces psychology and its key concepts, theories, research methods, and contributions to the understanding of human behavior. Topics include the nervous system, perception, motivation, learning and memory, social behavior, personality, developmental, and clinical psychology. The course also introduces past and current theories and contributions of eminent psychologists.

SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology**Cr Hr: 3 Prerequisite: None**

Introduces the basic concepts in the field, research methods, and theories. It addresses the interrelations among human societies, individuals, groups, and organizations. Topics include social interaction, social institutions, social stratification, community, and social change strategies. This course elaborates on the social structure of Saudi Arabian society, its social institutions, and stages of social transformation.

Prerequisite: None.

