



Bay Area Arabic Academy

Information Session - 2026-27



Our Mission

At Bay Area Arabic Academy, our mission is to promote the Arabic language, promote its cultural heritage, promote Arabic language learning opportunities in the local community, and provide quality Arabic instruction for Junior high and High school students in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Our Journey

- 10 years in operation
 - Approved at FUSD and NUSD
 - Received accreditation from WASC - May 2024
 - 300 Students graduated
 - 35 students currently enrolled
 - Dedicated staff
 - 3 Teachers and 3 TAs
 - 4 administrators - Volunteer
 - Initiatives for holistic improvement of academy
 - Professional development programs for teachers
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Curriculum - Design and Recommendations

- Design
 - We designed our curriculum in collaboration with experts from UC and CSU
 - Worked with Dr Hatem Bazian, Lecturer in Arabic, Department of Near Eastern Studies, UC Berkley
 - Worked with Sumaya Berzrati, Professor of Arabic, Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures Department, CSU Northridge
- Recommendations
 - Received letters of recommendation from UC and CSU
- We use famous textbooks “Al-Asas” textbook series
- Use supplemental materials and worksheets designed by the instructors.

Courses Offered

- Arabic 1
 - This course aims at giving the students an introduction to the speaking, reading and writing of Elementary Arabic language.
- Arabic 2
 - This course aims at giving the students intermediate understanding to the speaking, reading and writing conventions of Intermediate Arabic language.
- Arabic 3
 - This course aims at giving the students advanced understanding to the speaking, reading and writing conventions of Advanced Arabic language.

Teaching Staff

- Seena Almahan
 - She is the lead teacher and program director.
 - She has California Subject Examination for Teachers (CSET) for Arabic 1, 2 and 3.
 - She also has 8+ years of teaching high school in addition to experience teaching at elementary and middle school levels.
 - She also has experience creating A-G syllabus for the past 9 years of her experience. Her A-G Arabic syllabus was accepted when Averroes high school applied to be an Accredited school.

Teaching Staff

- Mutaz Khalf
 - Over a decade experience as an Arabic educator
 - Master's degree in Engineering

When To Register

- This is meant for Jr High and High School Students
- Caveat if registering when student is in Grade 7
 - Must complete all 3 levels so Arabic 3 shows on Grade 9 transcript
 - If you drop after Arabic 2, then you will not see any credit in high school transcript and would not satisfy the requirement

High School and UC Requirements

- High school graduation requires 2 years for foreign language
- The UC and CSU school student require 2 years of foreign language in high school, and 3 years are recommended.
- We strongly recommend to complete 3 years

Class Location and Schedule

- We host all of our classes in-person at ILM Academy
- Twice per week sessions
 - Tuesdays: 5:30 pm-7:00 pm
 - Saturdays: 11:00 am-1:00 pm
- In addition to a main instructor, we will also be having one or more T.A's as needed in the classroom
- Extended office hours outside class times to make sure students are able to get their questions answered in a timely manner

Academic Calendar

- Important Dates
 - Last day to register : **August 14th, 2026**
 - First day of Bay Area Arabic Academy : **Saturday, August 15th, 2026**
- Detailed Academic Calendar published on our website
<https://www.arabicacademy.us/>
- We follow FUSD academic calendar.
- All holidays, breaks (Spring, Winter) align with FUSD calendar

Course Fees

- The cost of the program is
 - Book and Registration Fees: \$100
 - Program Fees: \$1000 a year.
- Methods of payment
 - Credit Card
 - ACH
 - By Check : Please make your check payable to "ICF" and write your student's name and class level (1/2/3) in memo field. Students can give the check to their teachers or anyone in the admin team

Classroom Management

- Use of modern technology for classroom management
- Extensively use Canvas - Please accept canvas invitation
 - Classroom management activities
 - Communication
 - Attendance
 - Grading
 - Quiz
 - Classwork and homework submission and tracking

Course Administration

- Parent-teacher meeting every semester
- Admin team available in-person every Saturday during class hours
- Feedback is highly encouraged and appreciated

Grading

- Midterm: 20%
- Group project and presentation of conversational sentences: 20%
- Finals: 20%
- Attendance, homework, quizzes: 40%.
- Grades
 - A=91%-100%
 - B=81%-90%
 - C=71%-80%
 - D=61%-70%

FAQ

- Course Load
 - The course load and requirements are comparable to other language courses by your local school district.
 - Students will receive 5 credits per semester for taking Arabic. So 10 foreign language credits per year.
- Student Teacher Ratio
 - To maintain a high standard of learning and the best classroom experience, we will be keeping a very small student teacher ratio. We cap registration so that the instructors:students ratio is 1:20
- For more see FAQ Section on our website <https://www.arabicacademy.us/>

Q & A



Teaching Staff

- Souad Djilani
 - Souad Djilani has been an Arabic teacher for over a decade
 - She earned her bachelor's degree in Biology
 - After she moved to the U.S. in 2001, she started teaching Arabic at Fame Public Charter School. She also has taught Arabic at several schools.