

CURRICULUM

The Study Path

المسار الدراسي

Not a list of courses but a road: four stages, each one resting on the one before it, from a student who cannot yet read a vowelised line to one who parses the shawāhid of the Alfiyya.

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STAGE 1

Stage one — the language itself

المرحلة الأولى : اللغة

Before a single rule of Nahw: read Arabic until it is not a code to be broken. Two books of the Madinah series, taught wholly in Arabic, and roughly a year of steady weekly study. Do not begin the Aḡurrūmiyya on a language you cannot yet read aloud.

These are taken in order: finish the first before you open the second.

دروس اللغة العربية — الكتاب الأول

Madinah Arabic, Book One

Foundation · 8 lessons

دروس اللغة العربية — الكتاب الثاني

Madinah Arabic, Book Two

Foundation · 6 lessons

Stage two — the two foundations, together

المرحلة الثانية: التأسيس

Now the primers. Take al-Ajurrūmiyya and the foundations of Šarf in the same term, one lesson of each per week: the syntax names what the word does in the sentence, the morphology names what the word is. Memorise the matn of the Ajurrūmiyya as you go; understanding follows memorisation here, not the reverse.

These two are taken side by side, not one after the other.

المقدمة الآجرومية

The Ajurrumiyya — foundations of Nahw

Foundation · 8 lessons

أساس الصرف

Foundations of Šarf

Foundation · 6 lessons

Stage three — consolidation

المرحلة الثالثة: التثبيت

The third Madinah book closes the language series while Qaṭr al-Nadā re-reads every chapter of the primer with its evidences and its exceptions. By the end of this stage the student should be reading an unvowelled classical text and supplying its endings himself.

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دروس اللغة العربية — الكتاب الثالث

Madinah Arabic, Book Three

Intermediate · 6 lessons

قطر الندى وبلّ الصدى

Qatr al-Nada — intermediate Nahw

Intermediate · 6 lessons

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STAGE 4

Stage four — the long texts

المرحلة الرابعة: التمكن

The Alfiyya with Ibn ‘Aqīl’s commentary — a thousand lines that hold both sciences, and a year of work at the least. Balagha is read alongside it, not before: a man who cannot parse a sentence has no business ruling on whether it is eloquent.

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ألفية ابن مالك

The Alfiyya of Ibn Malik

Advanced · 6 lessons

علوم البلاغة

The Sciences of Eloquence

Advanced · 6 lessons