



Ottoman Summer Program

Arabic Class

Arabic Class Program description:

ANAMED's Ottoman Summer Program offers Arabic classes in the afternoons. The goal of these classes is to provide students with skills to help read and understand Ottoman texts. Therefore, the classes will not be conducted as a regular course of Modern Standard Arabic, but rather revolve around classical Arabic grammar. It will concentrate on reading texts, but also give some emphasis to listening and speaking. There are two levels of Arabic offered:

Beginner Level (Novis Low, Novis Mid and High on the ACTFL scale)

Mo–Th 2:45-5pm

Texts prepared by the instructor with an emphasis on grammar and vocabulary that were frequently used in Ottoman Turkish will be introduced at this level. Present tense, past tense and verbal nouns (Forms Table) are some of the topics that will be covered. The students will also learn to make simple dialogues.

Intermediate Level (Intermediate Low, Mid and High on the ACTFL scale)

Mo–Th 2:45-5pm

Authentic texts will be considered as a tutoring tool, through which students will be exposed to new grammatical features. The texts will reflect common vocabulary used in Ottoman Turkish. The Forms Table will be a standard tool at this as well. By the end of the course, the students will be able to form sentences of intermediate complexity, recognize Arabic words and discern their roots in Ottoman texts.

Teaching method

The class is student based. An interactive method of tutoring is the basis of fulfilling the goals for each class outlined above.

Placement Exam

An interview will be held and a short exam will be given by the instructor on the first day of classes.