

ARABIC 216-0

LANGUAGE & CULTURE: CAIRO

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The topic of this course is Cairo and Its Seven Layers of Civilization. Students will learn about the history and intricacies of the Arab culture through the specific example of Cairo. With a population of over 20 million, Cairo is the largest city in the Arab world. It has a particularly rich history represented in its mosques, churches and monuments, as well as in its people and their daily life. The course material is based on interesting content that allows students to explore and compare in the foreign language broader cultural, social, and political issues. Moving away from a traditional textbook based model to a content-based course, it incorporates authentic texts and literary sources as well as external voices into classes through Video, Skype or Zoom. The authentic texts and literary sources are accompanied by creative language learning exercises designed to help students to function across different registers and genres.

Prerequisite: Arabic 121-3, or instructor's consent.

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