

ARABIC 216

LANGUAGE & CULTURE: CAIRO AND ITS SEVEN LAYERS OF CIVILIZATION

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Students in this course will learn about the history and intricacies of the Arab culture through the specific example of Cairo. Cairo is the largest city in the Arab world, and it has a particularly rich history represented in its mosques, churches, and monuments, as well as in its people in their daily life. This is a content-based course, incorporating authentic texts and literary sources as well as external voices. The course integrates the sociolinguistic reality of Arabic diglossia by engaging students into educational material representing both written Arabic (MSA) and spoken Egyptian Arabic.

Pre-requisite: Arabic 121-3, or permission of the instructor.

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