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Saint Joseph University of Beirut
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Center for Arabic Research and Studies

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CENTER FOR ARABIC RESEARCH AND STUDIES (CREA)

The Center for Arabic Research and Studies (CREA) provides Arabic language and cultural education for all, regardless of their linguistic backgrounds and educational levels. It welcomes both Arabic and non-Arabic speakers, including university students and the broader public.

CREA training courses and certifications

- 1- Immersive teaching:** Modern Standard Arabic (MSA) and Lebanese Dialect (LD) learning through tailored curricula and immersive teaching techniques.
- 2- Innovative teaching methods:** Continual integration of innovative resources to foster dynamic learning experiences, including practical work methods, language enhancement, and terminology research.
- 3- Teacher training:** Dedicated program for training Arabic language instructors, focusing on contemporary and effective teaching methodologies.
- 4 Certifications:** Development of certification tests, such as the Foreign Arabic Language Diploma (DALE) and the Specialized Arabic Language Diploma (DALS) to assess language proficiency and enhance academic and professional opportunities.

Exciting learning programs

Modern Standard Arabic (MSA): Comprehensive instruction in MSA including both oral and written comprehension and expression.

Lebanese Dialect (LD): Engaging curriculum focused on learning the LD, fostering cultural immersion and facilitating fluid communication in local settings.

Qualified teaching team

Our team comprises highly qualified and experienced educators dedicated to creating an engaging and motivating learning environment.

Dynamic teaching method

Our teaching method is dynamic and action-oriented, centered around task completion. We prioritize situational communication, speaking skills, phonetic correction, interactive exercises, and cultural activities to enhance learning.

Flexible and adapted schedules

At CREA, we offer flexible course schedules to accommodate diverse needs. Whether you prefer on-campus or distance learning courses, we have you covered. You can opt for small group sessions or individualized instruction. Choose between intensive or extensive courses tailored to your preferences and specific learning requirements.

DALE – DALS

Foreign Arabic Language Diploma
Specialized Arabic Language Diploma

Objectives

Under the auspices of the Center for Research in Translation Studies, Arabic Terminology and Languages (CERTTAL), faculty members of the Center for Arabic Research and Studies (CREA) affiliated with the Faculty of Languages and Translation (FdLT) of Saint Joseph University of Beirut, have developed the **DALE and DALS** tests.

These certification tests, already implemented in partner institutes and universities abroad, are designed in accordance with proficiency levels (A1.1 to C2) outlined in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

The tests evaluate proficiency in Modern Standard Arabic, focusing on the four language skills: oral comprehension and expression, written comprehension and expression.

The assessed levels include :

- DALE 1: CEFR levels A1, A2 and B1.
- DALE 2: Levels B2, C1 and C2.

As for the DALS, it assesses the ability to communicate effectively in Modern Standard Arabic across various professional domains such as healthcare, science, law, tourism, hospitality and catering industry.

Contents

The DALE and DALS tests entail a total duration of 3 hours and consist of four mandatory tests: oral comprehension, written comprehension, and written expression, which are administered on campus. The oral expression test is conducted individually with a CREA examiner, either on campus or remotely.

Target audience

The DALE is designed for individuals aged 15 and over who are seeking reliable, recognized validation of their skills in Modern Standard Arabic or Specialized Arabic, whether for academic, professional, or personal purposes.