



Training Offer 2026–2027 Semester and Annual Sessions

Semester 1 :

13 weeks of classes and one week of exams
The year begins with placement tests from September 27 to 29, 2026.
Classes start on Sunday, October 4, 2026.
End of Semester 1: Thursday, January 28, 2027.

For students enrolled in the annual session: stay in Luxor from Sunday, January 31 to Friday, February 12, 2027.

Semester 2 :

13 weeks of classes and one week of exams
The semester begins with placement tests for new students, from Sunday, February 14 to Tuesday, February 16, 2027.
Classes start on Sunday, February 21, 2027.
End of Semester 2 and the academic year: Thursday, June 10, 2027.

Our training program is divided into three levels:

Beginner: : divided into two sub-levels

→ For students with no prior knowledge: target level at the end of the course A2;

→ For students with some basic knowledge of Arabic: target level at the end of the course B1;

Intermediate: target level at the end of the course B2;

Advanced: target level at the end of the course C1.

Our class groups consist of between 7 and 15 students. The training program includes a core of mandatory courses, to which optional courses may be added.

I. Core Curriculum of Compulsory Courses

A. Semester 1 : from October 4, 2026, to January 28, 2027

Beginners: 336 hours (208 hours of *Fusha* and 128 hours of dialect)

Intermediate and Advanced: 362 hours (234 hours of *Fusha* and 128 hours of dialect)

Weekly Breakdown of Hours	Details of the Course Offerings	Level Groups			
		Beginner		Intermediate	Advanced
		From A1 to A2	From A2 to B1	From B1 to B2	From B2 to C1
Modern Standard Arabic (MSA) 16 to 18 hours per week	Introduction to Writing and Reading (The first three weeks are dedicated exclusively to acquiring writing and reading skills.)	16 h			
	Modern Standard Arabic – Written	6 h			
	Modern Standard Arabic – Oral	6 h			
	Grammar	4 h	4 h	4 h	4 h
	Written press		6 h	4 h	4 h
	Audiovisual press		6 h	6 h	6 h
	Contemporary Literature			4 h	4 h
Egyptian Dialectal Arabic (EDA) 12 hours, then 8 hours per week (During the first six weeks, students have 12 hours of Egyptian Arabic per week, which helps them become independent more quickly)	Everyday Communication and Grammar	12 to 8 h	12 to 8 h	12 to 8 h	8 to 4 h
	Dialectal Literature				4 h

B. Semester 2 : from February 21 to June 10, 2027

Absolute Beginners: 336 hours (208 hours of *Fusha* and 128 hours of dialect)

Beginners: 312 hours (208 hours of *Fusha* and 104 hours of dialect)

Intermediate and Advanced: 338 hours (234 hours of *Fusha* and 104 hours of dialect)

Weekly Breakdown of Hours	Details of the Course Offerings	Level Groups			
		Beginner		Intermediate	Advanced
		From A1 to A2	From A2 to B1	From B1 to B2	From B2 to C1
Modern Standard Arabic (MSA) 16 to 18 hours per week	Introduction to Writing and Reading (The first three weeks are dedicated exclusively to developing writing and reading skills.)	16 h			
	Written Modern Arabic	6 h			
	Oral Modern Arabic	6 h			
	Grammar	4 h	4 h	4 h	4 h
	Written press		4 h	4 h	4 h
	Audiovisual press		6 h	6 h	6 h
	Contemporary literature		2 h	4 h	4 h
Egyptian Dialectal Arabic (EDA) 12 hours, then 8 hours per week (During the first six weeks, students have 12 hours of Egyptian Arabic per week, which helps them become independent more quickly)	Everyday communication and grammar	12 to 8 h	4 h		
	Dialectal literature		4 h	4 h	4 h
	Songs and poetry (quatrains)			2 h	2 h
	Media and social debates			2 h	2 h

C. The Luxor Internship

The Luxor internship is mandatory and is only open to students enrolled in the annual session. For one week, the program moves to Upper Egypt in Luxor for an intensive linguistic and cultural immersion focused on the region. Issues specific to this part of the country are explored through a schedule of meetings and classes organized around themes defined for each session. All training during the internship is conducted in Egyptian Arabic.

The program covers the following topics: tourism, customs and traditions, agriculture, art, and architecture.

Each day is structured around three main activities :

- A two-hour **morning lecture** in Egyptian Arabic;
- Followed by an **on-site visit** directly related to the lecture topic. These sessions are led by professionals or local experts in the relevant fields;
- A **two-hour evening class** to prepare for the next day's lecture, taught by DEAC instructors.

Between these sessions, students have time dedicated to their research. In fact, this program involves group work (two to three students per group), which is assessed by the instructors upon their return to Cairo.

The first week, from Saturday to Friday, is dedicated to the advanced and intermediate groups.

The second week, from Saturday to Friday, is dedicated to the absolute beginner and false beginner groups.

The DEAC covers: hotel accommodations with half-board, lectures, entrance fees for program-related visits, and transportation from the hotel to the sites.

Subject to health and security conditions, if the Luxor internship is cancelled, it will be replaced by a week of classes.

II. Tutoring and Optional Courses

1. Tutoring:

The program, offered in either the annual or semester sessions, allows students to have one individual class per week in Egyptian Arabic and another in Modern Standard Arabic. Each class lasts thirty minutes. The student focuses on the topics they need.

2. Optional Courses:

Students can also choose two options of two hours each per week. If there are available spots in an option, a student may enroll in more than two options. Options only begin from the 7th week of Semester 1 and the 2nd week of Semester 2.

List of available options:

Dialect : Theatre, Egyptian cinema, Tales and Proverbs, Egyptian Song, Egyptian Dance, Dabkeh

Modern standard Arabic: Translation, Contemporary History, Classical Literature, Arabic through Song, DEAC's *Dad* Magazine, and Writing Workshop

The DEAC reserves the right to cancel an option during the year in exceptional cases, such as the unavailability of instructors or guest speakers for the option concerned. Options are only offered if at least five students are enrolled.