



Visiting Professor Program Academic Year 2024/2025

TEACHING COMMITMENT: 18 hours

COURSE TITLE

Arabic Literature – Introduction to pre-modern Arabic Literature

TEACHING PERIOD

2nd term

SCIENTIFIC AREA

Arabic language and literature

LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH

English

COURSE SUMMARY

The course aims at introducing the students to the study of pre-modern Arabic literature from the pre-Islamic era up to the Ottoman preceding the nahḍa. Given the vastness of the period in question, the course has a general character, it introduces some fundamental and distinctive genres and motifs of pre-modern Arabic literature, as well as some essential authors. Part of the course will be devoted to linguistic sciences such as metrics, literary criticism, and rhetoric.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of the course the students:

- will have learned the rudiments of the development of pre-modern Arabic literature and its periodisation;
- will be able to recognise the genres and motifs of Arabic poetry and to recognise its prosody;
- will be able to recognise the genres and motifs of prose;

translate some selected texts and explain their formal characteristics;
will know the rudiments of the development of linguistic sciences such as metrics, literary criticism,
and rhetoric.

VISITING PROFESSOR PROFILE

Excellent skills in Classical Arabic literature and linguistic sciences at the interface with literature,
i.e., literary criticism, rhetoric and metrics.

CONTACT REFERENT

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