



UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

ARAMAIC 110 & 399

Introductory Aramaic/110 (3 semester credits or 4.5 CEUs)

An introduction to the language includes learning sounds, writing system, vocabulary and structure of Modern Aramaic. Students will experience the four skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing in a practical context utilizing authentic materials and sources. Students will develop foundational Aramaic proficiency through an introduction to grammar and structural aspects that are necessary for speaking, reading and writing. In addition to grammar, new vocabulary will be introduced and cultural themes will be covered.

At the conclusion of the Introductory/110 course, students will be able to do the following:

- reproduce the sound system of the target language and integrate these sounds into learned utterances.
- use vocabulary for everyday manners and survival in both written and spoken form.
- participate in brief conversations asking and answering simple questions.
- write concise, logical sentences and comprehend simple written passages.
- appreciate the culture.

Advanced Culture/399 (1 credit or 1.0 CEU)

This course may be combined with any target language or may be taken as a stand-alone course. An advanced level of language study which focuses on contemporary cultural themes presented in varying forms. In the context of Aramaic Culture, Advanced Culture 399 provides an understanding of the civilization, culture and customs of Aramaic-speaking people. Students will receive introductory lessons on the Mesopotamian civilizations dating back to the Sumerians. The course also provides students with the traditions of Aramaic-speaking people. Students will be introduced to the geography of northern Iraq as well as the customs in specific villages.