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SUMMARY

TAFI master's degree holder with experience teaching Arabic to Arab and non-Arab international students. I am looking to capitalize on my experience teaching Emirati Arabic and living in the UAE for four years to pass on both language and local culture to young learners of the language growing up or living in the region.

EDUCATION

The American University in Cairo: MA Teaching Arabic as a Foreign Language (GPA: 3.52) *August 2023*

- **Thesis:** *Segmental error gravity in L2 Arabic speech comprehensibility and accentedness*
- **Relevant coursework:** Material Development, Language Assessment, Second Language Acquisition

The American University in Cairo (AUC): Center for Arabic Study Abroad (CASA) fellowship *May 2021*

- **Relevant coursework:** Advanced Translation (Arabic-English, English-Arabic), Quranic Studies

New York University Abu Dhabi (NYUAD): BA Psychology, Minor in Arabic Language *May 2020*

- **Capstone project:** *Indirect measures of attitudes to colloquial dialects of Arabic*
- **Relevant coursework:** Psychology of Language, Psychotherapy and Counseling

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor: Elementary Arabic Reading and Writing at ALI@AUC, Cairo, Egypt *Feb – May 2023*

- instructed 3 international exchange students reading and writing in Modern Standard Arabic (MSA)
- incorporated reading aloud and dictation as support skills for reading and writing
- implemented peer dictation as an interactive task that combines reading aloud and dictation
- introduced WhatsApp to make reading and writing interactive

Teaching Assistant: Advanced Listening & Speaking, Intermediate MSA, AUC, Cairo, Egypt *Sep – Dec 2022*

- facilitated class discussions and group work for 15+ international exchange students in two courses
- managed digital gradebook on Blackboard for two courses, convinced instructor of its usefulness
- advised course instructor on material and topic selection

Instructor: Elementary Arabic Reading and Writing at ALI@AUC, Cairo, Egypt *Feb – May 2022*

- provided individualized instruction to one international exchange student in MSA reading & writing
- developed, administered and graded exams and quizzes to track student progress
- textbooks: *Uktub al-'arabiya: Beginners Writing Skills in Modern Standard Arabic; Al-Kitaab, Part 1*

Teaching Assistant: Intensive Emirati Arabic at NYUAD, Abu Dhabi, UAE *Jan 2020*

- provided individualized grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation instruction to 10+ students
- mediated between students and Emirati homestay host families
- coordinated with guest speakers and arranged their payment
- communicated with media, photographers, and NYUAD Public Affairs office
- documented extracurricular activities on course Facebook page in English and Arabic

Undergraduate Peer Tutor: Arabic Department at NYUAD, Abu Dhabi, UAE *Oct 2017 – May 2020*

- provided individualized grammar and pronunciation instruction outside class
- led exam review sessions for groups and entire classes of students
- facilitated group and pair work in Arabic classes

SKILLS

Languages: *Arabic:* Nativelike; *English:* Nativelike; *Hungarian:* Native; *German:* Superior (C1)

Computer: learning management systems (Blackboard); survey building (Qualtrics); sound editing

Interpersonal: public speaking, active listening, intercultural competence, patience

Professional: reflective teaching, lesson planning, exam development, grading, research, data analysis