



University of Colombo

Arabic and Islamic
Civilization Unit

Diploma in Modern Arabic 2025/2026

Modern Arabic Language

Arabic is currently the 5th most commonly spoken native language in the world. It is the official language in more than 20 countries, with more than 375 million native speakers, ranging throughout the Middle East and the rest of the world.

Learning a new language, without doubt, directly benefits your cognitive abilities, especially your memory. Who are bilingual or multilingual have greater critical thinking abilities, are better communicators and have sharper memories.

Learning Arabic will open the gates to Islamic culture and further your knowledge and performance, providing you with a more global and intercultural understanding.

You gain access to a world of exciting and well-paid career opportunities as Government relations specialist, Foreign-service officer, Government translator, Government interpreter, Development program officer, Intelligence analyst.

Duration: One year

Day: Every Saturdays / Sundays

Course fee: 70,000/= Payable in 2 instalment

Medium: Trilingual (Arabic, English,
Sinhala/ Tamil

How to apply

Application form can download at <https://arts.cmb.ac.lk/icu/completed> application with the paid receipt of the application fee Rs. 1500/= and certificates should be scanned and emailed to the Unit through

dipinmodernarabic2023@gmail.com

Further all applicants are required to send duly completed application form with the paid receipt of the application fee under the registered post to Arabic and Islamic Civilization Unit, Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo, Colombo 3 on or before 31st July, 2025.

Please credit your application fee Rs. 1000.00 to University of Colombo main collection account, under the Ref. No. 304151100001, Peoples Bank, Thimbirigasyaya, through any People's Bank Branch.

Course Objectives

- To develop learners' ability to communicate confidently and clearly in the target language.
- To provide learners with the opportunity to understand the people and culture of the natives by knowing modern Arabic.
- To understand the professional contexts and importance of the modern standard of Arabic language in different cultural backgrounds on a global level.

Admission Criteria

- a. G.C.E. A/L with 3 passes or equivalent qualification.
OR
- b. A foundation course equivalent to SLQF level 2, after a minimum of 12 years of schooling.
OR
- c. G.C.E. Ordinary level pass or completion of a Certificate Course in the relevant subject and 2 years' field experience in the relevant field accepted by the Department.

AND/OR, WHERE NECESSARY

- d. Passing the admission/selection test and/or interview

Course Module		
Course Code	Course title	Credit
DMA 101	Basic Arabic	05
DMA 102	The morphology and syntax of Arabic	05
DMA 103	Applied Grammar & Composition	05
DMA 201	Arabic Conversation	05
DMA 202	Reading Comprehension	05
DMA 203	Arabic for Correspondence	05