South Asia Summer Languages Institute  
University of Wisconsin, Madison WI  

Advanced Urdu Summer  
2020  

Instructor: The instructor for the intensive Advanced Urdu course is Jameel Ahmad  

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Course Website: Course Canvas  

Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 A.M to 10:50 A.M, MWF 1:00 PM to 1:50 PM (CST) and by appointment  

Class Times and Place: M-F 11:00 A.M – 1:00 P.M (Break 12:00 PM – 12:10 PM) CST  

Required Texts and Dictionaries.  

Required Texts:  

• Urdu Nama, News Reader, Ghazal Reader, Introductory Urdu Vol.2 by C.M Naim and other handouts.  

(All these materials will available in pdf format on the Course Canvas)  

Suggested Dictionaries:  

• Urdu into English: Standard twenty first Century Dictionary by Bashir Ahmad Qureshi. 
• English into Urdu: Standard twenty first Century Dictionary by Bashir Ahmad Qureshi.
AND

Optional Dictionaries:

- Advanced twentieth century dictionary: English into English into Urdu by Abdul Haq & Anjuman's Urdu-English dictionary = Anjuman kī Urdu-Angrezī lug āt / martabah Abdul Haq

Online Urdu dictionaries:

- **Online Urdu to Urdu Dictionary** (Urdu Lughat اردو لغت) for later use an excellent source.
- Rekhta.org

Overall Goals for the Course:

The main objective for the Intensive Advanced Urdu course sequence is enabling students to develop proficiency in Urdu in each of distinct language skills, namely, speaking, reading, writing, listening, and knowledge of systematic Urdu grammar. The course is designed in such a way to enable students to develop their abilities with each of these skills in a parallel manner. There will be sustained emphasis on the systematic development of vocabulary, study of Urdu grammar, especially complex sentence formations. At the end of the course students will be able to comprehend and talk about social and abstract issues. Students will also be able to read and appreciate, to some extent, Urdu literature major genres such as short stories, news items, articles of general interest, ghazal, nazam and dohe etc. During the course the student will be introduced to some Urdu literary figures such as Sa’adat Hasan Manto, Patras Bukhari, Ghalib, Mohammad Iqbal, Faiz Ahmad Faiz etc.

The primary text is selected from different literary sources for reading and listening. It includes Urdu literary books, Urdu newspaper, web, magazine, comics/cartoons etc. and for listening, materials will be drawn from film songs and scenes, T.V serial clips, ghazal, qawwali etc. Related material will be made available on the course canvas.

During the course students will also learn about South Asian society in general including the culture and etiquette of the Urdu speaking community in Pakistan, India and abroad.

Grading:

The final grade for Intermediate Urdu is based on the following factors:
• Written homework assignments (25%);
• Dictations and listening (10%);
• Class tests and quizzes (25%);
• Final comprehensive examination (10%);
• Two project presentations (10%)
• Spoken drills, attendance, class participation (20%).

Your two lowest homework grades and the (one) lowest dictation score will be forgiven. There is no midterm examination.

**Policy on Late Homework Assignment, Missed Quizzes and Related Matters:**

Each written homework assignment will be graded on a ten-point scale. Missing or unexcused late homework will earn a grade of zero. Makeup examinations will be given only under exceptional circumstances, such as serious illness (with documented proof, as doctor’s note) or another emergency. All homework assignments are to be turned in *at the beginning* of class on the day due.

Classes will begin promptly at 11:00 A.M (CST) and students are expected to log in class on time. Students should take note of the dates and times of dictations, quizzes and class tests. There will regular updates on Course Canvas.

**Policy on Handwriting:**

Neatness counts. You are expected to write all of your Urdu in an acceptable handwriting and upload or email as suggested. There will be typed homework as well. Students are advised to keep a folder to place the corrected and graded homework, quizzes, dictations and tests etc. in order.

**Attendance and Student Responsibility:**

Students enrolled in Advanced Urdu are expected to attend all class sessions and are held responsible for material covered in those sessions. If for any reason you are unable to attend a class session, it is your responsibility to find out from another student what was covered in missed session and whether any assignments or instructions were given out while you were absent. Attendance will be taken in each class.

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY and UW Code of conduct Policy:**

Please read the University of Wisconsin’s policies on academic integrity.
https://conduct.students.wisc.edu/misconduct/academic-integrity/

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