Arabic Heritage Language (AHL) Initial Survey

Institution

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[City, ST. ZIP Code]

Please complete the following survey based on your experiences using Arabic. Thank you for your time.

Cultural and Linguistic Background

1. Where were your parents/caregivers born?
   Mother ______________________________
   Father ______________________________
   Other caregiver (if applicable) ___________________________

2. Where were you born? (City, State, Country) ___________________________
   a. If born outside of the US, how old were you when you came to the US? ________

3. Where did you grow up? (City, State, Country) ___________________________
   a. If multiple locations, from what ages did you live there? List them below.

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4. Did you spend any significant and/or regular periods of time outside of the US during your childhood or teenage years?  
   □ Yes □ No
   4a. If so, for how long? ____________________ years. Where? ____________________
   4b. If so, how often did you speak and/or hear Arabic during this time?
   □ All the time □ Sometimes Arabic and sometimes English □ Mostly English
Exposure to Arabic

Please answer the following questions based on your experiences prior to studying Arabic at a university level.

1. What was the first language you learned at home?

☐ Arabic  ☐ English  ☐ Both Arabic and English  ☐ Other (Specify)__________________

2. Which language(s) was (were) predominantly spoken at home between the adults?

☐ Arabic  ☐ English  ☐ Both Arabic and English  ☐ Other (Specify)__________________

3. Did/do you attend religious services conducted in Arabic growing up?

☐ Often  ☐ Sometimes  ☐ Rarely

4. Up until you started college, in which languages did you speak most of the time with the following members of your family?

a. Parents:

☐ Arabic  ☐ English  ☐ Both Arabic and English  ☐ Other (Specify)__________________

b. Grandparents:

☐ Arabic  ☐ English  ☐ Both Arabic and English  ☐ Other (Specify)__________________

c. Siblings:

☐ Arabic  ☐ English  ☐ Both Arabic and English  ☐ Other (Specify)__________________

d. Other relatives living in the US

☐ Arabic  ☐ English  ☐ Both Arabic and English  ☐ Other (Specify)__________________

e. Other relatives living outside the US

☐ Arabic  ☐ English  ☐ Both Arabic and English  ☐ Other (Specify)__________________
5. Up until you started college, in which of the following settings did you speak Arabic? Check all that apply.

☐ Home
☐ School
☐ Religious Institution
☐ Community Organization/Center
☐ Other (specify) ____________________________

6. Did/do you watch/listen to/read any of the following media in Arabic? Check all that apply.

☐ TV
☐ Films
☐ Music
☐ Newspapers
☐ Internet
☐ Social media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, etc.)
☐ Other (specify) ____________________________

7. Have you ever studied Arabic in any of the following settings? Check all that apply.

☐ Academic institution
   i. If so, for how long? ________________ semesters

☐ Religious institution
   i. If so, for how long? ________________ years/months

☐ After-school or weekend program
   i. If so, for how long? ________________ years/months

☐ Summer program
   i. If so, for how long? ________________ years/months

☐ Other (specify) ____________________________
   i. If so, for how long? ________________ years/months
8. In which languages do you currently speak with the following members of your family?

a. Parents:

☐ Arabic  ☐ English  ☐ Both Arabic and English  ☐ Other (Specify)____________

b. Grandparents:

☐ Arabic  ☐ English  ☐ Both Arabic and English  ☐ Other (Specify)____________

c. Siblings:

☐ Arabic  ☐ English  ☐ Both Arabic and English  ☐ Other (Specify)____________

d. Other relatives living in the US

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Self-Assessment of Language Skills

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Attitudes toward Arabic

1. Do you think that colloquial Arabic (dialect) is suitable in the following platforms (check all that apply):

- Comics
- Printed Ads
- Subtitles in films
- Blogs
- Song lyrics
- Short stories
- Newspaper columns
- Novels
- Poetry

2. What are your reasons for wanting to study Arabic?

3. In the future, how do you intend to use your Arabic skills personally, academically and professionally?