



BLACKWATER LANGUAGE SCHOOL

IRAQI ARABIC

This class is intended to arm the student with the language and cultural knowledge essential to survival in the Middle East and when time is short and results may decide matters of life and death.



INTENSITY— *Live and breathe in Arabic*

Blackwater Language School provides an intensive language learning environment in which participants challenge themselves and learn at a rate beyond normal limits. This intensive experience has proven to be very successful. Because you and your teammates have limited time to study the language and culture of Iraq, we substitute time with intensity. Every student is encouraged to communicate as much as possible in Iraqi dialect Arabic during the entire week-long course. This is no ordinary course of study—it is an endeavor that is emotionally taxing—and rewarding!

SURVIVABILITY— *Cultural Awareness = Situational Awareness*

If you don't understand the culture...you can cause real trouble. Our team of accomplished staff is dedicated to helping students survive and thrive in the subject culture. A series of cultural activities will take place throughout the program. Students will be encouraged to use their new skills as they eat Middle Eastern meals and engage in situational interviews—in the immersive environment. This highly intensive language environment empowers you to immediately put your language skills into action and test the boundaries of your cultural survival skills!

BACKGROUND

This course was developed by **LEIRA Beyond Words** and **Blackwater USA** and is tailor made for Operators, analysts, military and civilian support personnel working with or deploying to Iraq. This course is based on the "Leira Method" developed by Christina Leira to provide a unique language instruction method imparting the maximum amount of language skills and cultural knowledge in a short period of time. It has proven highly effective for language students during the past 15 years at the Naval Special Warfare Command for instructing US Navy Seals.

This is a forty hour course delivered over five days and is intended as a survival course in the target language.

Day 1 Language

Basic Phonetic Sounds
Important Expressions
Greetings - Oral Practice
Numbers
How to Complete a Personal Interview Form

Cultural Awareness

Introduction to the Region
Climate and Terrain
Modern History
Problem Solving Activities

Day 2 Language

Important Questions
Days, Months, and Seasons
Telling Time
Pronouns and Basic Verbs
Formal Commands
Dialog "Introducing Yourself"

Cultural Awareness

Religion in the Area
Political Situation
Economy (Money)
The City and Road Signs
Maps and Danger Signs
Problem Solving Activities

Day 3 Language

Getting through Customs
Tariffs, Stamps, and Travel Documents
Emergencies at the Airport
Food Vocabulary "Please, I want..."
Prepositions of Time and Place
Giving Directions "Getting from here to ..."

Cultural Awareness

Social Etiquette
Do's and Don'ts
Superstitions and Taboos
Food and Drinks of the Area
Proper Eating Etiquette
Problem Solving Activities

Day 4 Language

Parts of the Body
The Hospital and Doctor's Office
Plurals/Possessive Adjectives
Field Emergencies
"My Autobiography" by the Instructor
Text for Personal Presentation by the Students

Cultural Awareness

Basic Body Language
Non-Verbal Communication
Social Gatherings and Festivities
Education, Crime, Women in Society
Means of Transportation
Solving Activities

Day 5 Language

Brief Personal Presentations
Weapons and Munitions
Instructions for Handling Weapons

Cultural Awareness

Social Situation before...
...and After September 11, 2001
Etiquette for Personal Queries

Final Training Exercise: Practical Field Interview

COST: \$1495 includes cultural lunch each training day. Bunkhouse lodging is available at the North Carolina campus. Contact Sales for availability and pricing.

**When time is short and results may decide matters of life and death,
choose the Blackwater Language School.**

Reserve a space for you or your unit; Space is extremely limited.

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