CIEE Amman, Jordan

Course name: Colloquial Jordanian Arabic, Advanced II  
Course number: ARAB 3004 AMJO  
Programs offering course: Middle East Studies  
Language of instruction: Arabic  
U.S. Semester Credits: 3  
Contact Hours: 45  
Term: Fall 2019

Course Description

This course is designed to learn to communicate effectively in Jordanian dialect. Students will be introduced to words, expressions and structures used frequently in everyday life, they will also be introduced to the Jordanian culture and how to deal with locals.

Learning Objectives

By the end of this session, students should be able to:
1. To know the fundamental grammatical structure of colloquial Arabic and differentiate from MSA.
2. To be able to understand and communicate with native speakers in the local dialect on all aspects of daily life.
3. To recognize the different accent within the Jordanian colloquial dialect and make the appropriate cultural inferences.

Course Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for this course.

Methods of Instruction

This course emphasizes a communication-based method of instruction. Students are expected to be active-learners, coming to class prepared to activate vocabulary and grammar through group activities. Instead of lecturing, instructors primarily facilitate these communication-based activities and guide student learning.

Assessment and Final Grade

1. Homework: 20%  
2. Oral Presentations: 20%  
3. Short Quizzes: 10%  
4. Mid-term Exam: 20%  
5. Final Exam: 20%  
6. Class participation: 10%
Course Requirements

Homework

You are expected to turn your homework in on-time on the day that it is due. If you do not, the instructor can refuse to except your work or reduce your grade on the assignment.

Oral Presentations

Students will be asked to prepare and present various types of graded oral presentations, such as skits, dialogues, and formal presentations. The instructor will provide the students will clear guidelines and expectations for these oral presentations so that the students can prepare accordingly. Students may prepare scripts or outlines for these presentations but they should be prepared to deliver the presentations without reading from them verbatim.

Quizzes

There will be a number of minor quizzes throughout the semester to check that students have adequately prepared for class by learning new vocabulary or grammar lessons.

Midterm Exam

The midterm exam will test the student language skills that were covered in the class.

Final Exam

The final exam is comprehensive, testing student's mastery of all vocabulary and grammar covered in the course. While the exam requires students to respond to written questions, emphasis will be on listening comprehension and oral production.

Attendance and Class Participation

It is essential that you attend every class in order to not fall behind. Within three days of your absence you need to submit an Absence Notification Form to the CIEE Resident Staff. If your absence is excused they will give you an Excused Absence Confirmation that you should show to your instructors. At the end of the semester, one unexcused absence will be dropped for each student. If you come to class late it will reduce your participation grade. If you are more than 20 minutes late for class it will be considered an absence. In order to get the most out of each class, it is very important that you are prepared, alert, and engaged during class activities. In-class activities are designed with the assumption that you already studied the vocabulary and grammar explanations at home and are prepared to activate that knowledge in class.
**Weekly Schedule**

**Week 1**

1.1 Self-introduction.  
   MSA and Colloquial, P.6-P.9  
   Homework:  
   - Homework given by the instructor

1.2 Lesson 1:  
   "Nice to meet you", P.10-P.12.  
   WH questions, P.13-P.15.  
   "What's up?", P.16-P.17  
   Homework:  
   - Homework given by the instructor

**Week 2**

2.1 Short quiz.  
   Possessive pronouns, P.18-P.19.  
   Lesson 2 (Taxi), P.20-P.22  
   Homework:  
   - Homework given by the instructor

2.2 Grammar, P.22-P.24.  
   Lesson (What did you study at University?), P.25-P.26.  
   Active participle, P.27-P.28  
   Homework:  
   - Homework given by the instructor

**Week 3**

3.1 Short quiz.  
   Lesson 4 (Numbers and Money), P.29-P.39.  
   Grammar, P.33-P.36.  
   Grammar (negation + past tense), P.40-P.41  
   Homework:  
   - Homework given by the instructor

3.2 Lesson 5 (Time), P.42-P.53  
   Presentation "Difficulties in learning a new language, and suggestions for solutions".  
   Homework:  
   - Homework given by the instructor

**Week 4**

4.1 Short quiz.  
   Lesson 6 (Weather), P.54-P.55.  
   Grammar, P.56-P.57  
   Homework:  
   - Homework given by the instructor

4.2 Lesson 7 (Restaurant), P.58-P.76.
Connectors, P.69
Presentation "Your first day in Jordan".
Homework:
- Homework given by the instructor

Week 5
5.1 Short quiz.
Lesson 8 (I'll direct you), P.77-P.81.
Lesson 9 (In a rush), P.82-P.84.
Past participle, P.83.
Connectors, P.84
Homework:
- Homework given by the instructor

5.2 Lesson 10 (Isn't so?), P.85-P.88.
Connectors, P.88.
Lesson 11 (My daily routine), P.89
Homework:
- Homework given by the instructor

Week 6
6.1 Short quiz.
Connectors, P.90.
Lesson 12 (The family), P.91-P.96

6.2 Midterm Exam

Week 7 Fall Break

Week 8
8.1 Connectors, P.96.
Lesson 14 (At doctor's clinic), P.101-P107
Homework:
- Homework given by the instructor

8.2 Lesson 15 (Adjectives), P.108-P.115.
Lesson 16 (Phone calls), P.118-P.130.
Presentation "The perfect family in your opinion, with justification".
Homework:
- Homework given by the instructor

Week 9
9.1 Short quiz.
Lesson 17 (Colors), P.131-P.145
Homework:
- Homework given by the instructor

9.2 Watching Jordanian movie "Captain Abu Ar-raed".
Week 10
10.1 Discussion about the movie "Captain Abu Ar-raed"
   Homework:
   - Homework given by the instructor

10.2 Lesson 18 (Body parts), P.146-P.149
   Presentation "How do you imagine the world in 2050?".
   Homework:
   - Homework given by the instructor

Week 11
11.1 Short quiz.
   Lesson 19 (Café, Barbershop, Salon), P.150-154
   Homework:
   - Homework given by the instructor

11.2 Lesson 19 (Chat, Roastery shop, Careers, Gym), P.155-160
   Presentation "Marriage in Jordan".
   Homework:
   - Homework given by the instructor

Week 12
12.1 Watching a Jordanian movie "Transit Cities".
   Homework:
   - Homework given by the instructor

12.2 Lesson 20 (Office of airline tickets, Customs), P.161-P.164
   Homework:
   - Homework given by the instructor

Week 13
13.1 Short quiz.
   Lesson 20 (The hotel, Money exchange store), P.164-P.167
   Homework:
   - Homework given by the instructor

13.2 Lesson 21 (Animals in proverbs and common phrases), P.168-P.171

Week 14
14.1 Review
   Homework:
   - Study for Midterm

14.2 Final Exam
Readings:

- Outside material that will help you to understand the Jordanian culture better for example: Songs, Movies and Proverbs.