CIEE Amman, Jordan

Course name: Continued Conversations in Colloquial Arabic
Course number: ARAB 3005 AMJO
Programs offering course: Middle East Studies
Language of instruction: Arabic
U.S. Semester Credits: 3
Contact Hours: 45
Term: Spring 2020

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

Homework: 20%
Oral Presentations: 20%
Short Quizzes: 20%
Final Exam: 20%
Class participation: 20%

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 with 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.

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 Revision
   - Introduction
   - Homework:
     - Prepare for next class (The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. i-vii)

1.2 The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. i-vii
   - Homework:
     - Prepare for next class (The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. ix-xxvii)
     - Worksheet

**Week 2**

2.1 Short quiz
   - The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. ix-xxvii
   - Homework:
     - Prepare for next class (The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 1-3)
     - Prepare for presentation

2.2 Presentation
   - The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 1-3
   - Homework:
     - Homework given by the instructor
     - Prepare for next class (The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 4-6)

**Week 3**

3.1 Short quiz.
   - The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 4-6
   - Homework:
     - Homework given by the instructor
     - Prepare for next class (The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 6-9)
     - Prepare for presentation

3.2 Presentation
   - The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 6-9
   - Homework:
     - Homework given by the instructor
     - Prepare for next class (The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 10-12)

**Week 4**

4.1 Short quiz.
   - The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 10-12
   - Homework:
- Homework given by the instructor
- Prepare for next class (The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 13-15)

4.2 The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 13-15
   Homework:
   - Homework given by the instructor
   - Prepare for next class (The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 16-18)

Week 5
5.1 Short quiz.
   The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 16-18
   Homework:
   - Prepare for next class (The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 19-21)
   - Prepare for presentation

5.2 The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 19-21
   Presentation
   Homework:
   - Homework given by the instructor
   - Prepare for next class (The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 22-24)

Week 6
6.1 The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 22-24
   Homework:
   - Study for Midterm

6.2 Midterm Exam

Week 7 Spring Break

Week 8
8.1 The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 25-27
   Homework:
   - Homework given by the instructor
   - Prepare for presentation
   - Prepare for next class (The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 28-30)

8.2 Presentation
   The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 28-30
   Homework:
   - Homework given by the instructor
   - Prepare for next class (The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 31-33)

Week 9
9.1 Short quiz.
   The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 31-33
   Homework:
   - Homework given by the instructor
- Prepare for next class (The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 34-36)

9.2 The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 34-36
Homework:
- Homework given by the instructor

Week 10
10.1 Activity: Watching Jordanian movie "Captain Abu Ar-raed"
Homework:
- Homework given by the instructor

10.2 Discussion about the movie "Captain Abu Ar-raed".
Homework:
- Homework given by the instructor
- Prepare for next class (The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 37-39)

Week 11
11.1 Short quiz.
The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 37-39
Homework:
- Homework given by the instructor
- Prepare for presentation
- Prepare for next class (The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 40-42)

11.2 Presentation
The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 40-42
Homework:
- Homework given by the instructor
- Prepare for next class (The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 43-45)

Week 12
12.1 The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 43-45
Homework:
- Prepare for presentation
- Prepare for next class (The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 46-48)

12.2 Presentation
The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 46-48
Homework:
- Homework given by the instructor
- Prepare for next class (The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 49-51)

Week 13
13.1 Short quiz.
The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 49-51
Homework:
- Homework given by the instructor
- Prepare for next class (The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 52-54)
13.2 The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 52-54

**Week 14**

14.1 Study for the Final Exam

14.2 Final Exam

**Readings:**

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