CIEE Amman, Jordan

Course name: Media Arabic (in Arabic)
Course number: ARAB 3007 AMJO
Programs offering course: Middle East Studies
Language of instruction: Arabic
U.S. Semester Credits: 3
Contact Hours: 45
Term: Spring 2020

Course Description

Media Class is a course that discusses the most recent and important events both regionally and internationally by referring to various media sources either written or visual.

In addition, a single news material would be discussed by referring to multiple news agencies making comparisons between them many media-related vocabularies will be thoroughly concerned.

Learning Objectives

By the end of this session, students should be able to:
1. Understand the most important media-related vocabulary
2. Combine each news institution’s ideology with that institution specific way of presenting the news material to its viewers
3. Discuss political, economic and social issues fluently and efficiently
4. Able to follow a single news material in different sources

Course Texts

There is no specific text for this class. Instead, students will receive reports and news articles continuously from newspapers, magazines, news websites. In addition, they will be provided with web links to view some visual materials that is closely related to the issue of interest.

Course Prerequisites

This course requires from students to know a large number of words and terms and compositions press and media related to subjects, such as politics, economy, diplomacy and international relations, wars and conflicts, political parties and regimes in the world.

In addition, to be familiar with officials’ names in a number of countries and their positions, as well as a number of international institutions.

It is essential that students are familiar with the media and tools as knowledge of the names of Arab newspapers and magazines and Arab satellite channels, and international news agencies and Arabic.
Methods of Instruction

- Based teaching in this decision on the texts of news and news reports written and audio, and it will be dealt with reading and listening, discussion and dialogue.
- Gives students a news story to read it at home and then discuss it in class after clarifying the meanings of words and difficult compositions.
- Students are asked to follow the news to the issue of what, by reading in the newspaper, or listen to the satellite channel, and then speaks of each student in the class what they read or heard.
- Cost of each student to pursue the subject (political, or economic, or social, or otherwise) during the quarter to write a newspaper report presented in the last chapter in front of the class.

Assessment and Final Grade

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Course Requirements

Homework

Homework is due in class on the date noted on the weekly plan schedule and should be handed in at the beginning of each period. Students are expected to keep all handouts and organize them so that they can use them again in the future.

Attendance and Class Participation

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. It is essential that you attend every class in order to not fall behind. 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.

Quizzes

There will be a number of quizzes throughout the semester to check that students have adequately prepared for class, learned the vocabulary and structures.
Oral presentations

The students will be engaged in numerous communicative activities, which include frequent class presentations about different topics covered during the course.

Midterm Exam

The midterm exam will be divided into two parts; one is written, and the other is an oral presentation on a topic assigned by the instructor.

Final Exam

At the end of the term, there will be a final exam that includes a set of articles and questions including text analysis.

Final Project

Students will choose a topic of their interest and produce a research paper according to the guidelines provided by the instructor. In addition, students must present their paper to the class.

Weekly Schedule

Week 1

1.1 Introduction

Arabic and Jordanian Media – الصحافة والإعلام العربي- الصحافة والإعلام الأردني
News Resources - مصادر المعلومات- وكالات الأنباء العربية والدولية
Activities: Discussion نقاش
Homework:
- Prepare the Article: the future of the political Jordanian system

Reading:

1.2 Jordan News: politics, economics, international relations

أخبار الأردن- سياسياً- اقتصادياً- العلاقات الخارجية الصحافة الأردنية
News report + article: Jordan: One Thousand Solar Powered Mosques الأردن.. ألف مسجد يعمل بالطاقة الشمسية نص صحفي + تقرير تلفزيوني
Homework:
- Prepare your presentation about the article

Reading:
- Skynews, 2018: الأردن.. ألف مسجد يعمل بالطاقة الشمسية www.skynewsarabia.com/video/1212673
Week 2

2.1 Presentations
Cont. Jordan News
Homework:
- Listen to the news and write about one article and why you were interested in.
- Study for quiz

2.2 Vocab quiz
Middle East News Report: البشير يدعو المعارضة إلى المشاركة في انتخابات حرة ونزية
Discussion
Homework:
- Prepare the article on Iran and its Effect in the Region

Reading:
- BBC Arabic, 2017: www.bbc.com/arabic/media-46722832

Week 3

3.1 Middle East News: ايران وتأثيرها الإقليمي في منطقة الشرق الأوسط
Homework:
Write a paper about what we discussed in the class and what are your opinion and why

Reading:
- Rawabet Center, 2018: www.rawabetcenter.com/archives/60757

3.2 Cont. ايران وتأثيرها الإقليمي في منطقة الشرق الأوسط
Homework:
- Watch the video on The Iranian Influence in Iraq is a Threat for Israel

Week 4:

4.1 Discussion: النفوذ الإيراني في العراق يهدد إسرائيل
Reading:

Homework:
- Prepare the news article: The Most Prominent Economic Crises in the World

4.2 Economic Crisis: أبرز الأزمات الاقتصادية التي شهدها العالم
Reading:
- أبرز الأزمات الاقتصادية التي شهدها العالم. 2015, صفاء فطيس. www.alhayat.com/article/691399

Homework:
- Watch the report about the American-Chinese Economic Crisis https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MJh7N4wDlv8
Week 5
5.1 Discussion about the American-Chinese Trade War
   Reading: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MJh7N4wdlv8
   Homework:
   - Answer the worksheet about the news report

5.2 In-class worksheet
   Cont. the article
   Homework: Prepare your presentation
   - Prepare questions about what studied

Week 6
6.1 Midterm presentations
   Homework: Study for Midterm

6.2 Midterm Exam

Week 7  Spring Break

Week 8
8.1 Women and Politics: لأول مرة في تاريخ أمريكا. 3 نساء عربيات يفنن بعضوية الكونجرس
   Discussion
   Homework:
   - Watch the Video www//akhbaar24.argaam.com/article/detail/415949

8.2 Worksheet about the Video

Week 9
9.1 Cont. Women and Politics
9.2 Class Discussion with guest speaker
   Homework:
   - Write a paper about your opinion on the topic

Week 10
10.1 Today in the News
   Discussion
   Homework:
   - Prepare the article about Human Trafficking
   Reading:
   - www.un.org/ar/events/humantrafficking/background.shtml
10.2 Human Rights: 
Discussion
Homework:
- Watch the video and answer the questions
- Prepare your presentation

Reading:
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RtABBg7SPZI

Week 11:
11.1 Presentations
Today in the News
Discussion
Homework:
- Study for quiz

Reading:
- AlRai Newspaper
  http://alrai.com/

11.2 Quiz
Weather Forecast:
Sports News:

Readings:
- Arabia Weather: https://www.arabiaweather.com/
- Al Jazeera Sport: https://sport.aljazeera.net/

Week 12
12.1 Weather and Sport News
Discussion
Homework:
- Watch BBC Trending
- Answer questions about the video

Reading:
- BBC Trending, 2018
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s8TrG1N9CB8

12.2 Video Discussion

Reading:
BBC Trending, 2018
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s8TrG1N9CB8

Week 13
13.1 Ramadan:
Homework:
Prepare your questions

Readings:
- Wasm Online, 2017. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eXr6V1mvHPE

13.2 Final Project Presentations

Week 14
14.1 Final Project Presentations
14.2 Review

Week 15 Final Exam

Readings

This material will always be up-to-date, because it depends on the news of recent political in Jordan, the region and the world.

- طقوس رمضان حول العالم العربي والإسلامي. 2017. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eXr6V1mvHPE
- إعلان زين بثير جدلا في الخليج. YouTube, May 15. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s8TrG1N9CB8
- Wasm Online, طقوس رمضان حول العالم العربي والإسلامي. YouTube, May 29. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eXr6V1mvHPE

- Students will be asked to follow news from various media resources such as newspapers: Al-Ra’i, Al-Dostoor, Al-Gad, and Al-Sabeel, Al-Ahram, Al-Hayat, and Al-Quds Al-Arabi and satellite TV: Al Jazeera, BBC, Al-Arabia, CNN.