



CIEE Amman, Jordan

Course name:	Contemporary Arab Media
Course number:	COMM 3003 AMAL / ARAB 4004 AMAL
Programs offering course:	Advanced Arabic Language
Language of instruction:	Arabic
U.S. Semester Credits:	3
Contact Hours:	45
Term:	Spring 2020

Course Description

This course 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 Prerequisites

Students are required to be familiar with 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, students should know the names of official in a number of countries, the names of international institutions, officials and their related jobs.

It is essential that students are familiar with the media in the region; knowledge of the names of Arab newspapers and magazines as well as Arab satellite channels, and international news agencies.

Methods of Instruction

- Teaching is based on the texts of news and news reports (written and audio) and it will be used for reading, listening and discussion.
- Give students a news story to read at home and then discuss it in class after clarifying the meanings of words and difficult compositions
- 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
- Pursue a subject (political, economic, social, or otherwise) during the semester to write a newspaper report and present it in the class.



Assessment and Final Grade

Homework	15%
Mid-term Exam	15%
Participation	20%
Final Exam	20%
Quizzes	15%
Term's Project	15%

Course Requirements

Homework

Homework is due in class on the date noted on the weekly plan schedule and should be handed into the folder on my desk at the start 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. Quizzes are usually after each unit.

Oral presentations

The students will be engaged in numerous communicative **activities**, which include frequent class presentations. These activities and assignments will be graded (e.g. will be asked to skits/plays, oral presentation, etc.).

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: Introduction

1.1:

- Press and Arab Media الصحافة والإعلام العربي
- The Jordanian Press and Media الصحافة والإعلام الأردني

1.2:

- Arab and International News Agencies مصادر المعلومات وكالات الأنباء العربية والدولية
- Expressions (internet)

Homework:

- Use the vocabs and expression in a paragraph
- Read th new article.

Week 2

2.1:

- Syria: الجيش السوري يقصف إدلب ومسلحو المعارضة يستعدون لهجوم.

Reading: - <http://alrai.com/article/10450228/>- عربي-ودولي/سور يا-ولبنان/الجيش-السوري-يقصف-إدلب-ومسلحو-المعارضة-يستعدون-لهجوم

2.2:

- The volatility of the Syrian economy تقلبات الاقتصاد السوري وأفاقه

Reading: <https://www.aljazeera.net/news/ebusiness/2017/12/31/2017>-تقلبات-الاقتصاد-السوري-وأفاقه

Homework:

- Study the article, and the list of the vocabs.
- Prepare the articles for the next week

Week 3

3.1:

- News Headlines – Local and International

Readgin:

- مسلح يقتل 5 أشخاص بالرصاص قبل ان ينتحر في كاليفورنيا

عربي-ودولي/مسلح-يقتل-5-أشخاص-بالرصاص-قبل-أن-ينتحر-في-كاليفورنيا/<http://alrai.com/article/10451141/>

بحرية الاحتلال تعتقل 3 صيادين بغزة وتصادر مركبهم - صحيفة الرأي

عربي-ودولي/بحرية-الاحتلال-تعتقل-3-صيادين-بغزة-وتصادر-مركبهم/<http://alrai.com/article/10451148/>

3.2:

- watching news from Roya T.V

Homework:



- Write news in 2 paragraphs like the articles we took it in the class
- Prepare the articles for the next week.

Week 4

4.1:

- Happening in Jordan
Readings:
- 4 بنوك تعرضت للسطو المسلح منذ بداية العام الجاري، أخبار رويبا
<https://royanews.tv/news/151557>
- News article about Environment and Recycling

4.2:

- Presentations
- Homework:
- Presentation: every group will talk about one bank in the article and discuss it with other groups
 - Prepare the articles for the next week.

Week 5 Rural retreat

Week 6

6.1:

- The World's Best Countries in Waste Recycling
Readings:
- هذه أفضل دول العالم في تدوير المخلفات
<https://www.argaam.com/ar/article/articledetail/id/488142>

6.2:

- Midterm

Week 7 Spring Break

Week 8

8.1:

- Presentation (every student will present about one country's experience in waste recycling, and try to use the new vocabs)

8.2:

- Early Marriage in Yeman الزواج المبكر في اليمن
Reading:
- <https://raseef22.com/life/2015/08/07/early-marriage-in-yemen/>

Homework:

- Prepare the articles, and read the list of the words.
- Prepare presentation.

Week 9

9.1:

- Cont. Early Marriage in Yemen



- Presentation: Every student present about another country that has the same phenomena as Yemen.

9.2:

- listen to today's the news
- Class discussion

Reading:

- <https://www.alarabiya.net/>

Homework:

- Write 3 paragraphs about another country suffers such as Yemen.
- Read the new article, and read the list of the words.

Week 10

10.1:

- Political parties in Jordan الأحزاب السياسية في الأردن

Reading:

- <https://www.aljazeera.net/specialfiles/pages/44e4d5c3-e1f3-4ca4-972b-11c7f8991b34>

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10.2:

- Every student will presentation about Political party

Homework:

- Prepare for presentation

Week 11

11.1

- Watch a political program: The Opposite Direction (الاتجاه المعاكس) to learn how to make an interview

Reading:

- The Opposite Direction: <https://www.aljazeera.net/program/opposite-direction>

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11.2

- Discussion of the Interview

Homework:

- Interview Practice
- Every group will present about the relation between Jordan, Syria, USA, Palestine

Week 12

12.1:

- The relation between Jordan and other countries

Readings: TBD

12.2

- Sixth Discussion Paper: Rule of Law and Civil State by His Majesty King Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein. الورقة النقاشية السادسة: سيادة القانون أساس الدولة المدنية.

Reading:

”الورقة النقاشية السادسة: سيادة القانون أساس الدولة المدنية

<https://kingabdullah.jo/ar/discussion-papers/>سيادة-القانون-أساس-الدولة-المدنية

Homework:

- Read the new article, and read the list of the words.

Week 13

13.1

- Cont. Sixth Discussion Paper: Rule of Law and Civil State by His Majesty King Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein. الورقة النقاشية السادسة: سيادة القانون أساس الدولة المدنية

13.2

- Article: Accepting Others في قبول الآخر

Reading:

- <http://alrai.com/article/10459619/>كتاب/في-قبول-الآخر

Homework:

- Prepare the articles, and read the list of the words.

Week 14

14.1

- Review

14.2

- Term Project Presentations

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.

- Reuters, 2018. "الجيش السوري يقصف إدلب ومسلحو المعارضة يستعدون لهجوم - صحيفة الرأي" AIRai, May 9th. <http://alrai.com/article/10450228/>عربي-ودولي/سوريا-ولبنان/الجيش-السوري-يقصف-إدلب-ومسلحو-المعارضة-يستعدون-لهجوم
- Jboor S., 2017. "تقلبات الاقتصاد السوري وأفاقه 2017..". AlJazeera, Dec. 31. <https://www.aljazeera.net/news/ebusiness/2017/12/31/2017-تقلبات-الاقتصاد-السوري-وأفاقه>
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- AlKaraki Z., 2018. "في قبول الآخر" AlRai, Nov. 18.
<http://alrai.com/article/10459619/كتاب/في-قبول-الآخر>
- 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.