Study Center in Amman, Jordan

Course name: Communicative Colloquial Jordanian Arabic
Course number: ARAB 0001 AMJO
Programs offering course: Summer Middle East Studies
Language of instruction: Arabic
U.S. Semester Credits: 1
Contact Hours: 15
Term: Summer 2019 (Sessions I&II)

Course Description

Essential for functioning in everyday life, Colloquial Jordanian Arabic is the language of spoken communication and is used in domestic, intimate, and informal settings in the home, the workplace, and among friends and acquaintances. This course introduces students to the grammar and vocabulary of the Jordanian dialect and builds on the instruction provided in the Modern Standard Arabic language course. This course includes intensive portions during orientation to impart basic survival skills, then continues with regular classroom sessions.

Learning Objectives

By the end of this session, students should be able to:
1. Deal with the conjugation of Arabic colloquial
2. Interact within the Jordanian society
3. Speak simple Arabic words
4. Know about Jordan; its weather, food and cloths, and become more familiar with the customs and traditions of the Jordanian society.

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: 20%
4. Final Exam: 20%
5. Attendance and 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) | Lesson 1: Greetings, nice to meet you and WH questions  
| Lesson 2: Numbers  
| Lesson 3: Money |
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| Week (2) | Lesson 4: Taxi, grammar  
| Lesson 5: what do you study at university?  
| Hummos and Falafel Restaurant  
| Lesson 6: possessive pronoun |
| Week (3) | (to go) conjugation  
| Lesson 7: adjectives  
| Verbs ( conjugation )  
| Lesson 8: Time, month, date. |
| Week (4) | Lesson 9: Clock, My birthday, The Weather  
| Lesson 10: My routine  
| Lesson 11: the Family |

### Readings

*Sho Fi Ma Fi (Part 1)*, Dr. Najeh Abu-Orabi