CIEE in Amman, Jordan

Course name: Colloquial Jordanian Arabic, Beginning I
Course number: ARAB 1003 A JORD
Programs offering course: Summer Arabic Language
Language of instruction: Arabic
U.S. Semester Credits: 3
Contact Hours: 45
Term: Summer 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. 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. 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

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.
**Weekly Schedule**

**Week 1**
Lesson 1: nice to meet you + wh questions
Lesson 4: Numbers.
Lesson 5: Money
Lesson 2: Taxi, grammar
Lesson 3: what do you study at university?
Presentation
Lesson 4: possessive pronoun
Activity: Hummos and Falafel Restaurant

**Week 2**
Conjugation: to go
Lesson 5: adjectives
Verbs conjugation
Lesson 6: Time, month, date
Quiz

**Week 3**
Lesson 6: Clock, My birthday, The Weather
Lesson 11: My routine
Lesson 12: The Family
Presentation
Midterm

**Week 5**
Lesson 7: dinner & Lunch, I am inviting you!
Lesson 7: you’re all welcome, sweet shop
Presentation
Lesson 8: I’ll direct you
Quiz

**Week 6**
Lesson 16: Colors, clothes, at clothes shop, you can have it, looking sharp
Presentation
Lesson 9: In a rush
Lesson 10: Isn’t it so?

**Week 7**
Review
Final presentations
Final exams
Readings

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