



CIEE Rabat, Morocco

Course name: Moroccan Colloquial Arabic - Beginning I
Course number: ARAB 1005 MORC
Programs offering course: Rabat Arabic Language
Language of instruction: Darija and English
U.S. Semester Credits: 3
Contact Hours: 45
Term: AL Summer 2019
Professor:

Course Description

This course is designed to begin to learn how to properly and effectively communicate in Moroccan dialect. Students will be introduced to words, phrases, expressions, and structures used in everyday life. They will also be introduced to Moroccan culture, and be informed on the cultural context of communication in order to better communicate with Moroccans.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, students should be able to:

- Effectively carry out simple, everyday activities such as going to the store and taking a taxi.
- Know the conjugation and structure of Moroccan Arabic.
- Become more familiar with Moroccan culture and customs through language

Course Prerequisites

None

Methods of Instruction

- Textbook: Moroccan Arabic, by the Peace Corps Morocco.
- Additional Materials: Handouts of texts, dialogues and exercises provided by the teacher.

Assessment and Final Grade

The final grade is assessed by the following criteria:

Participation	30%
Homework Assignments	20%
Attendance	20%
Quizzes/ oral presentations	10%
Talent show	10%
Final written exam	10%

Course Requirements

Attendance and Participation:



Students are required to participate in all class activities. Students are expected to show good attitude and respect towards the language, the culture, instructors, and classmates.

Participation does not mean that you have to have the right answer. It means that you try to find an answer and take the initiative to learn from others and to help them learn as well.

If you are absent from class, you will receive a “0” for that day’s attendance and participation. Please inform your instructor AND the Resident Director by email if you are going to be absent as soon as possible before--not after--the class you will miss.

Arriving late to class is disruptive so it is expected that you are in class and ready to start work when class time begins.

Participation points will be deducted for tardiness. If you arrive more than 30 minutes late for class you will receive a “0” for that day’s class participation and it will count as an absence in applying the absence policy.

Homework Assignments

Assignments that are not turned in on due day, will not be accepted by instructor and may result in a deduction from final grade. Homework is not graded for correctness, but rather for punctuality and effort.

Quizzes/ mid-term oral presentations

There will be a number of quizzes throughout the semester; two written quizzes: one at the end of the second week, and the second at the end of the fourth week of the program, that will include components of reading comprehension, vocabulary, grammar, and listening comprehension.

Quizzes may also consist of a take-home composition or home-preparation for a short oral presentation in class.

Talent Show

In pairs, students are expected to prepare a 10-15 minute oral presentation in Darija to be done in class in front of classmates. Presentations will take place during final day of the program.

Final one on one oral interviews

Each student is supposed to have an interview of 10- 20 minutes with the instructor at the last day of the program.

Week 1: **Session 1**



- ✚ Greetings
- ✚ Activity: practice/ Introduce yourself to Host Country Nationals
- ✚ Grammar: Independent & Possessive pronouns
- ✚ Exercise: page 11

Week 2:

Session 2

- ✚ Review greetings
- ✚ Personal information
- ✚ Homestay useful expressions
- ✚ Vocabulary: Harassment
- ✚ Masculine & Feminine
- ✚ Grammar: the possessive pronoun
- ✚ Q/A

Session 3

- ✚ Demonstrative Adjectives & pronouns
- ✚ Prepositions
- ✚ Directions
- ✚ More useful language with host family/ transportation

Session 4

- ✚ Family members
- ✚ Review
- ✚ Numbers/ combination with nouns
- ✚ Activity: Role plays about family
- ✚ Homework: Host family members

Week 3:

Session 5

- ✚ Question words
- ✚ Useful verbs/ command/ TPR
- ✚ Homework: In the community questionnaire

✚ Quiz 1

Session 6

- ✚ Money/ numbers
- ✚ At the Hanut/ Hanut items
- ✚ Activity: role plays practice
- ✚ Grammar: verb” to want”, is there...? Do you have...?
- ✚ Activity: Shopping From the Hanut/ Application

Session 7

- ✚ Time expressions(days of the week, month of the year, and seasons)
- ✚ Past tense (Regulars)
Past tense: Time table _ dialogues _ writing short paragraph_ Building stories..etc
- ✚ Homework : write a small paragraph about a past event

Week 4:

Session 8

- ✚ Vocabulary: Clothes_ colors
- ✚ Bargaining: Useful expressions
- ✚ Outdoor activity: shopping (Bab LHad)
- ✚ Assignment: take pictures, prices, names...ect

Session9

- ✚ Debrief shopping experience
- ✚ Review regular past tense verbs
- ✚ Past tense (irregulars)
- ✚ Listening/ speaking and writing activities

Session 10

- ✚ Time/ numbers
- ✚ Exercises for practice
- ✚ Useful language: God phrases
- ✚ Activity: dialogues/ scenarios

Week 5:

Session 11

- ✚ Grammar: Reflexive verb: To Like
- ✚ Likes and dislikes
- ✚ Mid-term exam (Oral presentation)
- ✚ Activity with host family: Going to the Café

Session 12

- ✚ Present tense/ daily routines
- ✚ Book's exercises
- ✚ Teacher's activities

Session 13

- ✚ Body parts/ adjectives
- ✚ Compare and contrast
- ✚ Listening activity
- ✚ Drawing/ speaking

Week 6:

Session 14

- ✚ Present tense (part II)
- ✚ Weather forecast/ weather conditions
- ✚ Grammar: Reflexive verb: To Need/ have/ should/ must
- ✚ Make plan for trips

Week 7:

Session 15

- ✚ Future plans
- ✚ Time expressions
- ✚ Activities for practice
- ✚ Listening and speaking: Moroccan song
- ✚ Quiz 2

Session 16

- ✚ Cooking session rghayf

- ✚ Cooking verbs and vocabulary
- ✚ Homework: video shopping and cooking with host family

Session 17

- ✚ Linking words/ conjunctions
- ✚ Listening : video about Chefchaoun
- ✚ Tourism: advertise for the best city/ famous areas in Morocco
- ✚ Discussion/ asking questions

Week 8:

Session 18

- ✚ Conditional
- ✚ Direct and indirect object pronouns/ preposition endings
- ✚ Have you ever/ I have never
- ✚ Activities and handout for practice

- **Session 19 (Wednesday, July12)**

1:00-2:30 communicate change it was actually 2 hours

- ✚ Preparation for final exam and talent show
- ✚ Q/A

- **Session 20 (Thursday, July 13) (Final Written Exam/ talent show)**

2:00-5:00 communicate change it was actually 2 hours

- ✚ Final one on one oral exam
- ✚ Preparing tea
- ✚ Darija Talent Show