CIEE in Amman, Jordan

Course name: Colloquial Jordanian Arabic, Advanced I
Course number: ARAB 3003JORD
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. Perform daily tasks such as ordering food, getting a cab, asking & giving directions, greeting people
2. Speak the Jordanian dialect and understand the structure of it and differentiate it from the MSA such as ﺑدي، ﻋﺷﺎن، ﺑﻌدﯾن，هﻼ and more
3. Listen to some conversations and understand the main topic and express their thoughts in basics topics
4. Understand some of the cultural differences such as the dress code, endearing phrases, religious phrases and the responses of each
5. Introducing themselves, talk about their families, where they are from, what they study, their hobbies.

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. 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**
Introduction
Greetings
Nice to meet you!
Grammar: Masculine and feminine
Daily homework

**Week 2**
In a taxi
Money
Rules of numbers
Conversation: on the phone
Grammar: Negative forms
Grammar: conjugation of “I want”
What are you studying at university?
Daily homework

**Week 3**
Time
Weather
Adjectives
Grammar: conjugation of “I go”
Activity:
- At a restaurant
- Lunch & dinner
- At a sweet shop
Daily homework

**Week 4**
My daily routine
Family
Grammar:
- Connectors
- “Awan” Form 2
- The passive form
Daily homework

**Week 5**
“I am in a hurry”
Grammar: Conjugation
On the street – harassment
Body parts
At the clinic
**Week 6**
At a clothes store
Daily homework
Reviews

**Week 7**
Final presentations
Final exam

**Readings**

1- Sho Fi Ma Fi (Part 3), Dr. Najeh Abu-Orabi

2- Outside material that will help you to understand the Jordanian culture better for example: Songs, Movies and Proverbs