Course name: Colloquial Jordanian Arabic, Advanced I
Course number: ARAB 3003 AMJO
Programs offering course: Summer Arabic Language
Language of instruction: Arabic
U.S. Semester Credits: 3
Contact Hours: 45
Term: Summer 2020

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. To know the fundamental grammatical structure of colloquial Arabic and differentiate from MSA.
2. To be able to understand and communicate with native speakers in the local dialect on all aspects of daily life.
3. To recognize the different accent within the Jordanian colloquial dialect and make the appropriate cultural inferences.

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: 10%
4. Mid-term Exam 20%
5. Final Exam: 20%
6. Class participation: 10%
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 will 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.

Midterm Exam

The midterm exam will test the student language skills that were covered in the class.

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
1.1 Self-introduction.
MSA and Colloquial, P.6-P.9
Homework:
- The difference between MSA and Colloquial
1.2 Lesson 1:
"Nice to meet you", P.10-P.12.
WH questions, P.13-P.15.
"What's up?", P.16-P.17
Homework:
- Interview with a Jordanian

1.3 Short quiz.
Possessive pronouns, P.18-P.19.
Lesson 2 (Taxi), P.20-P.22
Homework:
- Prepare a “At a Taxi” role play

Lesson (What did you study at University?), P.25-P.26.
Active participle, P.27-P.28
Homework:
- Interview a Jordanian Student
- Study for Quiz

Week 2
2.1 Short quiz.
Lesson 4 (Numbers and Money), P.29-P.39.
Grammar, P.33-P.36.
Grammar (negation + past tense), P.40-P.41
Homework:
- At the Souk
- Prepare for presentation

2.2 Lesson 5 (Time), P.42-P.53
Presentation "Difficulties in learning a new language, and suggestions for solutions".
Homework:
- Prepare a visit schedule for your friend to visit Amman using time and day
- Study for quiz

2.3 Short quiz.
Lesson 6 (Weather), P.54-P.55.
Grammar, P.56-P.57
Homework:
- Prepare to present a weather forecast

2.4 Lesson 7 (Restaurant), P.58-P.76.
Connectors, P.69
Presentation "Your first day in Jordan".
Homework:
- Tell us a story at a restaurant
- Study for quiz

Week 3

3.1 Short quiz.
Lesson 8 (I'll direct you), P.77-P.81.
Lesson 9 (In a rush), P.82-P.84.
Past participle, P.83.
Connectors, P.84
Homework:
- Talk about a topic using connectors

3.2 Lesson 10 (Isn't so?), P.85-P.88.
Connectors, P.88.
Lesson 11 (My daily routine), P.89
Homework:
- Your first day in Jordan
- Study for quiz

3.3 Short quiz.
Connectors, P.90.
Lesson 12 (The family), P.91-P.96
Homework:
- Study for Midter

3.4 Midterm Exam

Week 4

4.1 Connectors, P.96.
Lesson 14 (At doctor's clinic), P.101-P107
Homework:
- Compare between health care in Jordan vs US

4.2 Lesson 15 (Adjectives), P.108-P.115.
Lesson 16 (Phone calls), P.118-P.130.
Presentation "The perfect family in your opinion, with justification".
Homework:
- Us adjectives to describe your experience in Jordan
- Study for quiz

4.3 Short quiz.
Lesson 17 (Colors & Clothes), P.131-P.145
Homework:
- As Jordanians about clothes shopping in Jordan
4.4 Watching Jordanian movie "Captain Abu Ar-raed".
   Homework:
   - Prepare for class discussion

Week 5

5.1 Discussion about the movie "Captain Abu Ar-raed"
   Homework:
   - Prepare for presentation

5.2 Lesson 18 (Body parts), P.146-P.149
   Presentation "How do you imagine the world in 2050?".
   Homework:
   - "I say put your hands on…"
   - Bring one proverb or common phrase using a body part
   - Study for quiz

5.3 Lesson 19 (Office of airline tickets, Customs), P.150-P.153
   Homework:
   - Tell us an incident that happened at the airport Short quiz.

5.4 Lesson 20 (Animals in proverbs and common phrases), P.154-1157
   Homework:
   - Ask your homestay/Jordanian about animals and a proverb that has an animal in it

Week 6

6.1 Lesson 13 (Harassment and flirting), P.97-100
   Presentation "Marriage in Jordan".
   Homework:
   - Discuss a Social phenomenon

6.2 Watching a Jordanian movie "Transit Cities".
   Homework:
   - Prepare for discussion
   - Study for quiz

6.3 Short quiz.
   Activity: Humans of Amman
   Homework:
   - Find one of the Humans of Amman article and explain to the class

6.4 Activity: Arabic Songs
   Homework:
   - Prepare for the final review
Week 7

7.1 Review
   Homework:
   - Study for the Final Exam

7.2 -Presentation for final.

7.3 Post Test

7.4 Final Exam

Readings:

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