

AMIDEAST Education Abroad Programs

ARAB 230: Summer Jordanian Colloquial Arabic II A

Syllabus

Credit Hours: 1 credit

Program Location: Amman, Jordan

Course Description

This course is intended for students who have already studied one term of Jordanian dialect and have limited experience with Modern Standard Arabic. This course aims to strengthen all-around proficiency and speaking skills in a wide range of daily situations and common tasks. The course prepares students to understand conversations about personal life and the surrounding environment. In addition, this course exposes the student to real-time speaking. Students learn to converse and describe all major time frames (past, present, and future), as well as to contribute to conversations on a variety of familiar topics, with a high degree of accuracy, clarity and precision in the local dialect. This course builds on vocabulary and concepts studied in previous Modern Standard and colloquial Arabic courses and allows for more advanced practice using colloquial dialect.

Learning Objectives

By the completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Utilize all of the basic structures of colloquial Jordanian Arabic
- Introduce themselves, exchange greetings, give their identity, and name a number of familiar objects from their immediate environment
- Interact and communicate with native speakers on issues related to daily life
- Participate in social interactions, with sensitivity to cultural issues.

Knowledge

This course is designed to assist the students to acquire and demonstrate knowledge about:

- Vocabulary in the local dialect at the intermediate level, including both the vocabulary used in daily interactions with native speakers as well as the terminology associated with academic study
- Complex grammatical forms in the local dialect
- Culturally sensitive usage of language at a sophisticated level.

Skills

This course is designed to assist students in enriching the following skills:

- Ability to read and better understand short phrases and simple texts one encounters daily life in the Arab World
- Ability to converse with greater ease and fluency in colloquial Jordanian Arabic and expand their pool of local vocabulary
- Ability to understand high-frequency social conventions
- Ability to identify isolated words and/or major phrases when strongly supported by context.
- Ability to communicate effectively with people from other cultures.
- Ability to understand some of the differences between formal and colloquial Arabic.

Attitudes

This course helps develop the following attitudes:

- Appreciation of the Arabic language in general
- Cultural awareness to behave appropriately and use the proper colloquial Arabic phrases in various social situations
- Confidence in linguistic and communicative abilities to interact with native speakers
- Desire to pursue further study of the language.

Course Materials

- Qasid colloquial book 2 for intermediate learners, chapters 1-8, plus a DVD

Evaluation and Assessment

Description	Weight	Due Date
Engagement	15%	continuous
Assignments	25%	continuous
Quizzes	20%	Quiz 1: Week 1, Wednesday Quiz 2: Week 3, Wednesday
Presentations	10%	To be assigned by the instructor, topics due weeks 2 and 3
Midterm Exam	15%	Week 2, Wednesday
Final Exam	15%	Week 5, Monday

Engagement

Students are expected to attend all regularly scheduled classes and come prepared to participate fully in class activities. This means doing any listening activities, homework, and learning new vocabulary and structure so that they can actively use them in class.

Overview of Attendance Policy

For Modern Standard Arabic, students are allowed to miss only **4 contact hours** (1 full day of instruction) unexcused before their overall grade is reduced. A student's grade for the course will be lowered by one "mark" for each additional unexcused absence (2 contact hours is equal to one absence). Being absent for more than 4 contact hours will result in **one letter grade deduction from the student's final grade for every 2 hours of unexcused absence beyond the allowed limit**. In other words, if a student misses an additional 2 hours of instruction (for a total of 6 hours of unexcused absences) an "A" will become "A-",

after 8 total hours of unexcused absence an “A” becomes a “B+”; after 10 total hours of unexcused absence an “A” becomes a “B”, etc.; etc.

For Colloquial Arabic, students are allowed to miss only **2 contact hours** unexcused before their overall grade is reduced. A student’s grade for the course will be lowered by one “mark” for each additional unexcused absence (1 contact hour is equal to one absence). Being absent for more than 2 contact hours will result in **one letter grade deduction from the student’s final grade for every 1 hour of unexcused absence beyond the allowed limit**. In other words, if a student misses an additional 1 hour of instruction (for a total of 3 hours of unexcused absences) an “A” will become “A-”, after 4 total hours of unexcused absence an “A” becomes a “B+”; after 5 total hours of unexcused absence an “A” becomes a “B”, etc.; etc.

An unexcused absence is one not caused by illness or otherwise not approved by AMIDEAST staff. An excused absence means written approval from the Program Manager (and sometimes a doctor) justifying the absence. Arriving late to class may also count towards an absence.

The engagement grade will depend on both the quality and the quantity of student’s comments and questions and shall account for 20% of the total course grade

Summary of Attendance Policy

1. Students are expected to do the required reading before class, volunteer for presentations and participate actively in class discussions.
2. Excused absences are determined by the lead AMIDEAST staff member; in some instances a doctor’s certification may be required.
3. Deadlines must be respected, even in cases of excused absences.
4. Students are responsible for getting homework assignments they miss and submitting them in a timely manner. Assignments turned in after the due date will result in a penalty to be determined by the instructor.
5. Any assignments not submitted will result in that assignment being given a grade of 0 (zero).
6. The Attendance Policy is applied until the last day of the program.

Assignments

There will be daily assignments due at the beginning of class on the day assigned by the instructor. Late homework assignments may be checked by the instructor, but will not be given any credit. Students are encouraged to study and work on homework assignments together. Students should follow up on any instructor’s comments on the homework and it is the students’ responsibility to come to office hours to see their instructors when questions arise.

- **Language Partner Meetings: Referred to as LPA in the homework assignments section of each week.**

You will have the option of working with a language partner during the summer term. If you choose to have a language partner, you will receive your language partner’s name and contact information during week 1 of this term. It is your responsibility to contact him/her; if they do not answer the first time, continue to call and do not depend on them calling you back as they still do not know your number. If you cannot contact him/her or would like another language partner, please speak to program staff and they will assign you a new language partner. To meet your homework deadline even if you do not have a language partner, reach out to your host family members, other Arabic language teachers at AMIDEAST or AMIDEAST staff.

You are to meet with your language partner or another native Arabic speaker in order to complete your language partner assignments once a week. These meetings aim to involve you more with Jordanian culture and Jordanian youth. Every week, there is an assignment/discussion you will be asked to do with your partner that is related to the week's topic and vocabulary. You are expected to widen your cultural knowledge and spoken Jordanian vocabulary and expressions. These meetings count in your assignment grade.

- **Final Project:**

You are responsible for a project due week 4 of this term. The project should be done either individually or in groups. The project could be anything (video, acting scene, book...) that covers some of the subjects we discuss in class and also the cultural knowledge you come to know during your stay in Jordan. You will be presenting your project in class during the last week before the final exam. This project counts as part of your assignments grade.

Quizzes

There will be periodic presentations every other Wednesday, unless otherwise indicated by the instructor.

Midterm Exam

The midterm exam will cover material covered from the beginning of the semester.

Final Exam

The final examination will cover material studied after the midterm.

Grading Scale

Numerical	Grade	Basic Grade Point	Grade Range
93-100	A	4.0	3.86-4.00
90-92	A-	3.7	3.46-3.85
87-89	B+	3.3	3.16-3.45
83-86	B	3.0	2.86-3.15
80-82	B-	2.7	2.46-2.85
77-79	C+	2.3	2.16-2.45
73-76	C	2.0	1.86-2.15
70-72	C-	1.7	1.36-1.85
60-69	D	1.0	0.51-1.35
Below 60	F	0.0	0.00-0.50

Date	Class Work	Homework Assignments	Exams
Week 1			
Sunday	<p>Chap 1 فرصة سعيدة</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> تفعيل المفردات الجديدة تفعيل معاني لسا+تمرين 1 # 8 تمرين 2 # 8 تمرين 4 صفحة تمرين 4 # 9 	<p>تمرين 1 # 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> تمرين 3 # 9 تمرين 5 الاستماع <p>تقديم عن لانطباع الأول (شريك لغوي)</p>	
Monday	<p>Chap 2 صحتين وعافية</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> تفعيل المفردات الجديدة تمرين 4 # 24 اسألوا زملاءكم تمرين 3 # 25 الاستماع تمرين 5 صفحة 26 المصطلحات والتعابير صفحة 27 القواعد صفحة 32 ، 33 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> تمرين 1 # 23 تمرين 3 # 24 تمرين ب + تمرين ج # 25، 26 تمرين 6 صفحة 31 	
Tuesday	<p>رحلة من العمر تفعيل المفردات الجديدة</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> تمرين 4 صفحة 38 المصطلحات والتعابير الثقافة مركز الحسين للسرطان 	<p>رحلة من العمر تفعيل المفردات الجديدة.</p> <p>تقديم عن مدينة الطالب (شريك لغوي)</p> <p>تمرين 2 # 38</p> <p>تمرين 3 # 39</p>	
Wednesday			Quiz 1

Thursday	<p>Chap 4 الوحدة الرابعة بدي أطلع مشوار</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> المفردات الجديدة تمرين 1 # 50 الثقافة تمرين 5 	<p>رجمة جمل # 51 تمرين 5 # 52</p>	
Week 2			
Sunday	<p>Chap 5 الوحدة الخامسة البيت بده أغراض</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> تفعيل المفردات التمرين الخامس الاستماع تفعيل القواعد تمرين 5 # 67 	<p>تمرين 2 # 60</p> <p>دراسة مفردات الوحدة السادسة</p> <p>تقديم عن (بيت أحلامي) (شريك لغوي</p>	
Monday	<p>Chap 6 صاحب ما بنسأه</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> تفعيل المفردات الجديدة تمرين 3 # 73 الاستماع تمرين 4 # 74 الثقافة تمرين 6 الثقافة # 73 المصطلحات والتعابير محادثة (الحديث عن صاحب ما بتنسأه) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> تمرين 2 # 72 تحضير محادثة (عن صاحب ما بنسأه) دراسة المصطلحات والتعابير 	
Tuesday	<p>Cahp 7 شو بيلبقي أكثر</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> تفعيل المفردات تمرين 3 # 84 المصطلحات الجديدة الثقافة تمرين 6 # 90 	<p>دراسة القواعد 77,78,79</p> <p>تقديم عن (الصدافة في الأردن)(شريك لغوي)</p> <p>دراسة المفردات الجديدة</p>	

Wednesday			Midterm
Thursday	<p>الحمد لله على السلامة</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> تفعيل المفردات تمرين 3#95 تمرين 4#96 تمرين 6#99 الثقافة تفعيل المصطلحات تفعيل القواعد 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> تمرين 1 #94 تمرين 2 #94 قراءة الأعراس 97# دراسة المصطلحات # 98 دراسة القواعد # 101 دراسة المفردات لوحدة التاسعة 	
Week 3			
Sunday	Holiday (no class)		
Monday	Holiday (no class)		
Tuesday	Holiday (no class)		
Wednesday		Quiz 2	
Thursday	نشاطات صفية والعباب لغوية		
Week 4			
Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chap 8 شو المناسبة تفعيل المفردات تمرين 6 الثقافة 	تقديم عن (الصحة الجيدة) شريك اللغوي	
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> تفعيل القواعد تمرين 7 #110 	دراسة القواعد #109 دراسة المصطلحات دراسة مفردات الوحدة العاشرة	
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> المصطلحات تفعيل المصطلحات 	دراسة مفردات الوحدة العاشرة	

Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • الاستماع للقصة 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • دراسة مفردات الوحدة العاشرة 	
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • دراسة القواعد • تمرين # 4 119 مرة أخرى في الصف • تمرين # 5 122 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • تمرين 1 # 115 • تمرين 2 # 116 	
Week 5			
Sunday	مراجعة		
Monday	Finals		Final Exam
Tuesday	Reflection		