CIEE Amman, Jordan

Course title: Colloquial Jordanian Arabic, Beginning I
Course code: ARAB 1003 AMJO
Programs offering course: Middle East Studies
Language of instruction: Arabic
U.S. semester credits: 3
Contact hours: 45
Term: Spring 2020

Course Description

This course is designed for students to learn to communicate effectively in Jordanian colloquial Arabic. Students will be introduced to words, expressions and structures used frequently in everyday life. They will also be introduced to various aspects of Jordanian culture and society through their study of the language.

Learning Objectives

By completing this course, students will:

- Recall simple Arabic words for basic communication
- Express themselves using basic conjugations of Arabic colloquial verbs
- Complete basic daily interactions using Jordanian colloquial Arabic such as taking a taxi
- Discuss the weather, food, clothing, and cultural customs and traditions in Jordan

Course Prerequisites

None.

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%
   TOTAL 100%

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.

Short 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.
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.

Attendance

It is essential that you attend every class in order to not fall behind. At the end of the semester, one unexcused absence will be dropped for each student. If you come to class late it will reduce your participation grade. If you are more than 20 minutes late for class it will be considered an absence.

N.B. Course schedule is subject to change due to study tours, excursions, or local holidays. Final schedules will be included in the final syllabus provided to students on site.

Weekly Schedule

Week 1
Class:  1.1 .
  • Arabeze, p. 5-6
  • Greetings, p. 7-9
  • Introduce yourself

Homework:
  • Use what we learned with a partner in the class

Class:  1.2 .
  • Review
• Presentation
• Things I want to know in Amyiah
• Asking questions, p. 9

Homework:

• Use the questions we learned to ask questions to Jordanians

Week 2
Class: 2.1.

• Asking questions, p. 9-10
• Grammar: verbs we need to know in Amyiah
• Grammar: Present Tense

Homework:

• Work sheet for present tense

Class: 2.2.

• Grammar: Present Tense verbs
• Conjugation
• Drill 11

Homework:

• Study present tense for a short quiz

Week 3
Class: 3.1.

• Present tense quiz
• Taxi and money page 16-17
• Page 31-32
Homework:

- Prepare skits for Taxi

Week 4
Class: 4.1

- Money worksheet
- Numbers page 24-26

Homework:

- Worksheet: Numbers

Class: 4.2

- Do the numbers’ worksheet
- Grammar: verbs

Homework:

- Ask your Jordanian friend about the verbs we learned and what are the most verbs they use
- Record any new verbs you learn from them.

Week 5
Class: 5.1

- Grammar: Past Tense Conjugation
- Work sheet
- Time page 36-37

Homework:

- Do the Worksheet

Class: 5.2
• In class worksheet
• Food page 52-44
• Page 130-134

Homework:

• Ask your Jordanian friend about their favorite food and record it

Week 6
Class: Review for Midterm

Class: 6.2

• Midterm
• Presentation

Week 7
Class: Spring Break

Week 8
Class: 8.1

• Activity: watch some videos

Homework:

• Ask your host family about the Jordanian culture
• Worksheet

Class: 8.2

• Colors and Clothes page 109-113

Homework:

• Worksheet: Clothes
Week 9
Class: 9.1

- Presentation: what are you wearing today?
- Family members page 83-85

Homework:
- Draw your family tree

Class: 9.2

- Presentation about your family using the verbs we learned in class

Homework:
- Ask your Jordanian family about their extended family

Week 10
Class: 10.1

- Adjectives page 99-106

Homework:
- Worksheet: Adjectives

Class: 10.2

- Talk about adjectives
- Activity: game

Homework:
- Study for quiz: family and adjectives

Week 11
Class: 11.1
• Exam
• Weather page 49

Homework:

• Worksheet: weather

Class: 11.2.

• Do the worksheet in class
• Talk about the weather in your State.
• Colors

Homework:

• Worksheet: colors

Week 12
Class: 12.1.

• Daily routine page 82
• You will notice that we already covered most of these verbs

Homework:

• Prepare a presentation about your daily routine in Jordan and America

Class: 12.2.

• Presentation
• Flirting and harassment page 88-89

Homework

• Prepare your questions for the review
Week 13
Class: 13.1.

- Review
- Activity: Jordanian Movie

Homework:
- Answer the questions about the movie

Class: 13.2 Review for the Final Exam

Week 14
Class: Final Exam

Course Materials
Readings