CIEE Amman, Jordan

Course title: Colloquial Jordanian Arabic, Advanced I
Course code: ARAB 3003 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 to teach students 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 successfully interact with locals.

Learning Objectives

By completing this course, students will:

- Differentiate the fundamental grammatical structure of colloquial Arabic from that of MSA
- Develop conversations with native speakers on any topic including all aspects of daily life in the local dialect
- Differentiate the different accents of Jordanian colloquial dialect
- Make appropriate cultural inferences

Course Prerequisites

Students are placed in this course depending on the on-site placement test and OPI that is based on ACTFL. The Colloquial class is usually in line with the MSA level.

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. Midterm Exam 20%
5. Final Exam 20%
6. Class Participation 10%

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 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.

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.

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.

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. Within three days of your absence you need to submit an Absence Notification Form to the CIEE Resident Staff. If your absence is excused they will give you an Excused Absence Confirmation that you should show to your instructors. 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

Self-introduction.

MSA and Colloquial, P.6-P.9

Homework:

• Homework given by the instructor

Class: 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:

• Homework given by the instructor

Week 2

Class: 2.1

Short quiz.

Possessive pronouns, P.18-P.19.

Lesson 2 (Taxi), P.20-P.22

Homework:

• Homework given by the instructor
Class: 2.2.


Lesson (What did you study at University?), P.25-P.26.

Active participle, P.27-P.28

Homework:

- Homework given by the instructor

Week 3

Class: 3.1.

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:

- Homework given by the instructor

Class: 3.2.

Lesson 5 (Time), P.42-P.53

Presentation "Difficulties in learning a new language, and suggestions for solutions".

Homework:

- Homework given by the instructor

Week 4
Class: 4.1

Short quiz.

Lesson 6 (Weather), P.54-P.55.

Grammar, P.56-P.57

Homework:

• Homework given by the instructor

Class: 4.2

Lesson 7 (Restaurant), P.58-P.76.

Connectors, P.69

Presentation "Your first day in Jordan".

Homework:

• Homework given by the instructor

Week 5
Class: 5.1

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:
• Homework given by the instructor

Class:  5.2  

Lesson 10 (Isn't so?), P.85-P.88.
Connectors, P.88.
Lesson 11 (My daily routine), P.89
Homework:
  • Homework given by the instructor

Week 6
Class:  6.1  

Short quiz.
Connectors, P.90.
Lesson 12 (The family), P.91-P.96

Week 7
Class:  Spring Break

Week 8
Class:  8.1  

Connectors, P.96.
Lesson 14 (At doctor's clinic), P.101-P.107
Homework:
  • Homework given by the instructor

Class:  8.2  

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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:

• Homework given by the instructor

Week 9
Class: 9.1.

Short quiz.

Lesson 17 (Colors), P.131-P.145

Homework:

• Homework given by the instructor

Class: 9.2.

Watching Jordanian movie "Captain Abu Ar-raed".

Homework:

• Homework given by the instructor

Week 10
Class: 10.1.

Discussion about the movie "Captain Abu Ar-raed"

Homework:

• Homework given by the instructor
Lesson 18 (Body parts), P.146-P.149
Presentation "How do you imagine the world in 2050?".
Homework:
• Homework given by the instructor

Week 11
Class: 11.1.

Short quiz.
Lesson 19 (Café, Barbershop, Salon), P.150-154
Homework:
• Homework given by the instructor

Class: 11.2.

Lesson 19 (Chat, Roastery shop, Careers, Gym), P.155-160
Presentation "Marriage in Jordan".
Homework:
• Homework given by the instructor

Week 12
Class: 12.1.

Watching a Jordanian movie "Transit Cities".
Homework:
• Homework given by the instructor
Class: 12.2.

Lesson 20 (Office of airline tickets, Customs), P.161-P.164

Homework:

- Homework given by the instructor

Week 13
Class: 13.1.

Short quiz.

Lesson 20 (The hotel, Money exchange store), P.164-P.167

Homework:

- Homework given by the instructor

Class: 13.2.

Lesson 21 (Animals in proverbs and common phrases), P.168-P.171

Week 14
Class: 14.1.

Review

Homework:

- Study for Midterm

Class: 14.2 Final Exam

Course Materials
Readings
• Abu Orabi N., 2011. “Sho Fii Ma Fii (Part 4)” CIEE, Amman/Jordan
• Outside material that will help you to understand the Jordanian culture better for example: Songs, Movies and Proverbs.