CIEE Amman, Jordan

Course title: Continued Conversation in Colloquial Jordanian Arabic
Course code: ARAB 3005 AMJO
Programs offering course: Middle East Studies
Language of instruction: Arabic
U.S. semester credits: 3
Contact hours: 45
Term: Fall 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:

- Test the fundamental grammatical structure of colloquial Arabic from that of MSA
- Integrate the Jordanian colloquial dialect in their daily life
- Distinguish different accents of Jordanian colloquial dialect
- Formulate appropriate cultural inferences

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 Presentation 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 Presentation

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.

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

Revision

Introduction

Homework:

- Prepare for next class (The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. i-vii)

Class: 1.2
The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. i-vii

Homework:

- Prepare for next class (The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. ix-xxvii)
- Worksheet

Week 2
Class: 2.1

Short quiz

The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. ix-xxvii

Homework:

- Prepare for next class (The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 1-3)
- Prepare for presentation

Class: 2.2

Presentation

The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 1-3

Homework:

- Homework given by the instructor
- Prepare for next class (The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 4-6)

Week 3
Class: 3.1

Short quiz.
The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 4-6

Homework:

• Homework given by the instructor
• Prepare for next class (The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 6-9)
• Prepare for presentation

Class: 3.2

Presentation

The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 6-9

Homework:

• Homework given by the instructor
• Prepare for next class (The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 10-12)

Week 4
Class: 4.1

Short quiz.

The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 10-12

Homework:

• Homework given by the instructor
• Prepare for next class (The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 13-15)

Class: 4.2

The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 13-15
Homework:

- Homework given by the instructor
- Prepare for next class (The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 16-18)

Week 5
Class: 5.1
Short quiz.

The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 16-18

Homework:

- Prepare for next class (The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 19-21)
- Prepare for presentation

Class: 5.2

The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 19-21

Presentation

Homework:

- Homework given by the instructor
- Prepare for next class (The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 22-24)

Week 6
Class: 6.1

The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 22-24

Homework:
• Study for Midterm

Class:  6.2  Midterm Exam

Week 7
Class:  7.1  .

The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 25-27

Homework:

• Homework given by the instructor
• Prepare for presentation
• Prepare for next class (The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 28-30)

Class:  7.2  .

Presentation

The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 28-30

Homework:

• Homework given by the instructor
• Prepare for next class (The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 31-33)

Week 8
Class:  8.1  .

Short quiz.

The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 31-33

Homework:

• Homework given by the instructor
- Prepare for next class (The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 34-36)

Class: 8.2

The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 34-36

Homework:

- Homework given by the instructor

Week 9
Class: 9.1

Activity: Watching Jordanian movie "Captain Abu Ar-raed"

Homework:

- Homework given by the instructor

Class: 9.2

Discussion about the movie "Captain Abu Ar-raed".

Homework:

- Homework given by the instructor
- Prepare for next class (The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 37-39)

Week 10
Class: 10.1

Short quiz.

The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 37-39

Homework:
- Homework given by the instructor
- Prepare for presentation
- Prepare for next class (The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 40-42)

Class: 10.2

Presentation

The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 40-42

Homework:

- Homework given by the instructor
- Prepare for next class (The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 43-45)

Week 11
Class: 11.1

The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 52-54

Class: 11.2

Presentation

The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 46-48

Homework:

- Homework given by the instructor
- Prepare for next class (The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 49-51)

Week 12
Class: 12.1

Short quiz.
The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 49-51

Homework:

• Homework given by the instructor
• Prepare for next class (The 101 Most Used Verbs in Spoken Arabic, p. 52-54)

Week 13
Class: 13.1

Study for the Final Exam

Class: 13.2 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