CIEE Amman, Jordan

Course title: Modern Standard Arabic, Intermediate II
Course code: ARAB 2012 AMJO
Programs offering course: Diplomacy and Policy Studies, Language and Culture, Middle East Studies
Language of instruction: Arabic
U.S. semester credits: 6
Contact hours: 90
Term: Fall 2020

Course Description

This course complements the competency of Modern Standard Arabic achieved in previous studies. Al-Kitaab will form the basis of instruction in all 4 MSA skill areas (reading, writing, speaking, and listening) from Chapter 15 - 20 of Al-Kitaab fii Ta'allum al-Arabiyya: Part one. Overall pace and material covered will be determined by the baseline proficiency level of the class. Based on the results of the proficiency test, instructors may include an extended review, including concepts covered in previous levels. In other cases, instructors may accelerate the pace and introduce new concepts at the end of term. These adjustments will be included in the weekly plans.

Learning Objectives

By completing this course, students will:

- Demonstrate the ability to read 70 word paragraphs and apply 50 new words in conversation
- Describe and analyze some events, such as describing an excursion or cultural event
- Demonstrate the ability to engage in a conversation for a maximum of 5 minute and a 10 minute discussion
- Demonstrate the ability to write up to 150 words on a given topic and up to 300 words by the end of the course and apply Arabic grammatical rules in writing and conversations
- Discuss listening passages
Course Prerequisites

* Expectations of Previous Study: 3-4 semesters prior study; Master of all materials covered in Al-Kitaab, Book I up to Chapter 15 or similar series. ** Expected score on proficiency exam administered on-site: 36-50

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 25%
2. Oral Presentation 15%
3. Chapter Quizzes 15%
4. Mid-term 15%
5. Final Exam 15%
6. Class Participation 15%

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 accept 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 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.

Chapter Quizzes

There will be a test after every unit to test student’s knowledge of vocabulary and grammar from that particular unit. While unit tests focus on particular units, they will build upon previous material covered in the course.

Mid-term

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. It also includes sections that test all language skills: writing, reading comprehension, 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

Introduction

Revision

Homework:

• Homework related to the revision

Class: 1.2

Chapter 15.

Vocabulary P.264.

Conjugation of "سيل" P.265.

Exercise 1, P.265.

Homework:

• Exercise 2, P.265.
• Exercise 3, P.267.

Class: 1.3

Exercise 4, P.267.

Listening, P.268
Homework:

- Writing (My first 2 weeks in Jordan).

Week 2

Class: 2.1

Quiz in vocabulary, P.264.

Presentation (My first 2 weeks in Jordan).

Grammar P.269-P.271

Homework:

- Exercise 8, 9, P.271.
- Exercise 10, P.272.

Class: 2.2

2.2 Negation, P.272-P.273.

Grammar (Conditionals), P.274-P.275

Homework:

- Exercise 11, P.273
- Exercise 12, 13, P.275

Class: 2.3

Reading, P.278-P.280.

Exercise 15, P.278-P.279.

Homework:

- Exercise 18, P.283.
- Listening, Exercise 18, P.283.
Week 3
Class: 3.1

Revision (chapter 15).
Presentation on an Arab country.
Homework:
  • Prepare for next class

Class: 3.2

Chapter quiz (chapter 15).
Conversation
Homework:
  • Exercise 1, P.286.
  • Exercise 4, P.289

Class: 3.3

Chapter 16.
Vocabulary, P.286.
Listening, P.290
Homework:
  • Writing a short story using the chapter vocabulary.

Week 4
Class: 4.1

Exercise 2, P.287.
Grammar (The comparative), P.291-P.292

Homework:

- Exercise 7, 8, P.292

Class: 4.2.

Quiz in vocabulary, P.286.

Grammar (نا، نم), P.293.

Homework:

- Exercise 9, P.293.

Class: 4.3.

Grammar (نژلا، ناروا), P.294-P.296.

Case ending, P.297-P.300.

Homework:

- Exercise 10, P.296.
- Additional homework; related to the grammar.

Week 5

Class: 5.1.

Writing, P.301.

Reading (نابق، رازن), P.304.

Homework:

- Exercise 15, P.305.
- Exercise 16, P.306
Class: 5.2

Presentation on a famous Arab person.

Revision (chapter 16).

Class: 5.3

Chapter quiz (chapter 16).

Conversation

Homework:

- Exercise 1, 2, P.310.
- Exercise 3, P.311

Week 6
Class: 6.1

Chapter 17, P.308.

Vocabulary, P.309.

Listening (exercise 4), P.312

Class: 6.2

Culture, P.312.

Listening, P.313

Class: 6.3 Midterm Exam

Week 7
Class: 7.1
Presentation on the spring break.

Grammar, P.314-P.315

Homework:

- Exercise 6, P.315.

Class: 7.2

Case ending, P.316-P.322.

Exercise 9, P.319.

Exercise 11, P.322

Homework:

- Exercise 7, P.317.
- Exercise 8, P.318.
- Exercise 10, P.321

Class: 7.3

Reading, P.323.

Revision (chapter 17).

Exercise 17, P.329

Homework:

- Exercise 18, 19, P.330.
- Exercise 2, P.335.

Week 8

Class: 8.1
Chapter quiz (chapter 17).

Conversation, P.334

Homework:

- Exercise 3, 5, P.336.
- Listening, P.337

Class: 8.2.

Chapter 18, P.332.

Vocabulary, P.333.

Exercise 4, P.336

Homework:

- Prepare for quiz

Class: 8.3.

Quiz in vocabulary, P.333.

Reading, P.338.

Colors, P.339-P.342

Homework:

- Exercise 9, P.342

Week 9

Class: 9.1.

Grammar (Dual), P.343-P.346.
Exercise 12, P.346

Homework:

• Exercise 10, 11, P.345

Class: 9.2

Grammar, P.347.

Exercise 13, P.347

Homework:

• Writing (exercise 15), P.350.
• Listening (exercise 16), P.350

Class: 9.3

Grammar (نأ و نا), P.351

Homework:

• Exercise 18, P.352.
• Exercise 19, P.353.
• Exercise 20, P.354

Week 10

Class: 10.1

Revision (chapter 18).

Presentation on culture in Jordan

Homework

• Preparation for next class


Class: 10.2.

Chapter quiz (chapter 18).

Conversation

Homework:

- Exercise 1, P.358.
- Exercise 2, 3, P.359.
- Exercise 5, P.360

Class: 10.3.

Chapter 19, P.356.

Vocabulary, P.357

Listening, P.361

Homework:

- Writing a short story using vocabulary in chapter 19

Week 11

Class: 11.1.

Exercise 4, P.360.

Grammar (Similarity), P.362-P.363.

Grammar (Feminine Plural), P.364-P.366

Homework:

- Exercise 7, P.363.
- Exercise 10, P.366.
- Exercise 15, P.369
Class: 11.2.

Grammar (خأ و بآ), P.368.

Reading, P.369-P.370

Homework:

- Exercise 14, P.368.
- Exercise 16, P.371.
- Exercise 17, P.372

Class: 11.3.

Listening, P.373.

Revision (chapter 19).

Week 12

Class: 12.1.

Chapter quiz (chapter 19).

Chapter 20, P.375.

Vocabulary, P.376.

Exercise 3, 4, P.378

Homework:

- Exercise 1, P.376.
- Exercise 2, P.377

Class: 12.2.

Grammar (Dates, Subjects), P.380-P.386.
Revision (chapter 19).

Homework:

• Listening, P.379.
• Exercise 7, P.382.
• Exercise 8, P.384

Class: 12.3.

Reading, P.388-P.393.

Exercise 13, P.391.

Exercise 14, P.392.

Listening (Exercise 13), P.393.

Homework:

• Exercise 9, P.385

Week 13

Class: 13.1 Review

Class: 13.2 Post Test

Class: 13.3 Final Exam

Course Materials

Readings