

## Amideast Education Abroad Programs

### ARAB 135: Jordanian Colloquial Arabic IA

**Credit Hours:** 3 credits

**Program Location:** Amman, Jordan

#### Course Description

This course is intended for participants who have no previous experience with Jordanian dialect and are studying Modern Standard Arabic for the first time. Participants are introduced to basic vocabulary, expressions, and grammar structures used frequently in the local environment. This course aims to help participants reach a level where they can navigate a limited number of uncomplicated communicative tasks in colloquial Arabic in straightforward social situations. Conversation in this course focuses on real life exchanges with members of the host country community on common topics key to basic functioning in the target language and culture. By the end of the course, participants can ask essential questions and understand the responses, express basic facts and opinions in simple sentences, and engage in simple conversations in colloquial Arabic with native speakers.

#### Learning Objectives

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

- Converse on fundamental and basic daily topics with native speakers
- Utilize almost all of the basic structures of colloquial Jordanian Arabic
- Ask essential questions and understand the responses
- Express basic facts and opinions in simple sentences

#### Knowledge

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

- Essential vocabulary in the local dialect
- Basic grammatical forms in the local dialect
- Culturally appropriate usage of the local dialect

#### Skills

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

- Ability to successfully handle a variety of basic communicative tasks and social situations in colloquial Jordanian Arabic
- Ability to converse about a variety of basic and social needs
- Ability to read authentic daily materials written in colloquial Arabic such as advertisements, text messages, cartoons, descriptions of people and places, topics on Arab culture, etc.
- Ability to give short informal talks on topics of interest in colloquial Jordanian Arabic and to talk about yourself, your education, and your family with native speakers
- Ability to understand some of the differences between formal and spoken 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 Jordanian 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:

- Locally produced materials, selected by program faculty.

#### Evaluation and Assessment

Description	Weight	Due Date
Attendance and Engagement	20%	continuous
Assignments	30%	continuous
Quizzes	20%	Every other Thursday
Midterm Exam	15%	Week 7
Final Exam	15%	Week 15

#### Attendance and Engagement

Participants are expected to attend all regularly scheduled classes and come prepared to participate fully in class activities. Participants are further expected to be on time for all classes. Arriving late for class is disrespectful of both the instructor and fellow participants. Please refer to the official [Amideast](#) Attendance policy for more information.

#### 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. Participants are encouraged to study and work on homework assignments together. Participants should follow up on any instructor's comments on the homework and it is the participants' responsibility to come to office hours to see their instructors when questions arise.

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

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 from 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, just speak to program staff and they will assign you a new language partner.

You should meet with your language partner once a week. These meetings aim to involve you more with the Jordanian culture and Jordanian youth. Every week, there is an assignment or a 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: Due Week 15**

You are responsible for a project due week 15 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 periodic presentations every other Thursday, unless otherwise indicated by the instructor.

### Midterm Exam: Week 7

The midterm exam will cover material covered during the first half of the term.

### Final Exam: Week 15

The final examination will cover material studied after the midterm.

Week	Class Work	Homework Assignments	Exam
Week 1	Introduction to Jordanian Colloquial		
	<b>Chapter 1</b> "التعارف" <b>Lesson 1</b> "مرحباً" Practice using new vocabulary. The dialogue page 13.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Study the vocabulary page 9 and record them.</li> <li>Study the grammar page 14</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practice using the Subject Pronouns.</li> <li>تمرين 9</li> </ul>	Record simple sentences using the Subject Pronouns.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>استماع خارجي</li> </ul>	Record small dialogue using the vocabulary and the subject pronouns.	
Week 2	<b>Listen 2 : "تشرفنا"</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practice using new vocabulary.</li> </ul>	Study the vocabulary page 19 and record them.	<b>Quiz 1</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The dialogues page 21</li> <li>تمرين 5 page 22</li> <li>Practice using the possessive pronouns.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Study the grammar page 23.</li> <li>Record two words with possessive pronouns. (مدينة، صف)</li> </ul>	
	<b>Chapter 2 "لوين رايح" :</b> <b>Lesson 1 : "بدي أروح على وسط البلد"</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practice using new vocabulary</li> <li>تمرين 1.</li> <li>The dialogue page 31.</li> <li>Study the grammar page 33.</li> </ul>	Study the vocabulary page 29 and record them.	
	<b>Quiz</b>	Study for the Quiz.	

<b>Week 3</b> <i>Excursion</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Review:</b> for chapter 1 &amp; the first lesson in chapter 2</li> </ul>	<b>Record</b> the grammar and the vocabulary for chapter 1 & the first lesson in chapter 2	
<b>Week 4</b>	<p><b>Lesson 2:</b> "وين معهد قاصد"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practice using new vocabulary.</li> <li>The dialogue page 38.</li> <li>استماع خارجي عن المواصلات.</li> </ul>	Study the vocabulary page 36 and record them in a dialogue.	<b>Quiz 2</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practice taxis sketches.</li> <li>Grammar page 40 &amp; 41.</li> </ul>	Write or record 10 questions that you can ask to your friends.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>فيديو خارجي</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=udZAIpMbqQg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=udZAIpMbqQg</a></p>	Watch the video at home and find question words.	
	<b>Quiz</b>	Study for the Quiz.	
<b>Week 5</b>	<p><b>Chapter 3 :</b> "الأرقام و التواريخ و المصاري"</p> <p><b>Lesson 1 :</b> "عيد ميلادي"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practice the new vocabulary.</li> <li>تمرين 2 ص. 51</li> </ul>	Study the vocabulary page 47 & use them to write 10 sentences.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>تمرين 4+3 ص. 52</li> <li>The dialogue page 53.</li> <li>تمرين 6 ص. 54</li> <li>Practicing using the plural</li> <li>تمرين 8 ب ص. 56</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read &amp; listen to the dialogue page 53 underline the words that you know their meanings.</li> <li>Study the grammar page 55.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Lesson 2 :</b> "كم سعره"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practicing the new vocabulary</li> <li>تمرين 3 + 2 + 1 ص. 59</li> <li>The dialogue page 60.</li> <li>تمرين 5 ص 61</li> <li>Practicing using the Dual.</li> <li>Create a dialogue using negotiation expressions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Study the vocabulary page 58 &amp; use them to write 12 sentences.</li> <li>Listen to the dialogue page 60.</li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Study the grammar page 62</li> <li>Read the culture page 65.</li> </ul>	
Week 6	<b>Chapter 4 " الأيام و الطقس " :</b> <b>Lesson 1: " شو اليوم؟ "</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practice using the new vocabulary</li> <li>تمرين 2 ص. 70</li> <li>The dialogue page 71</li> <li>تمرين 5 ص. 71</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Study the vocabulary page 69.</li> <li>Create a song according to the vocabulary.</li> </ul>	<b>Quiz 3</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practicing using the past tense verb.</li> </ul>	Write a list of verbs that you use in your daily life.	
	<b>Quiz</b>	Study for the Quiz	
Week 7	<b>Lesson 2 : " كيف الجو اليوم؟ "</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practicing the new vocabulary.</li> <li>الحوار ص. 79</li> <li>تمرين 4 ص. 79</li> </ul>	Study the vocabulary page 77 & create a short dialogue.	<b>Midterm</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practicing using the past tense verb.</li> <li>Listen for من نص ساعة أغنية لفرقة رم <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZgkAlyeWHYs">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZgkAlyeWHYs</a></li> </ul>	Listen for this song and find the past tense verbs in it. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZgkAlyeWHYs">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZgkAlyeWHYs</a>	
	<b>Midterm</b>	Study for the Midterm	
Week 8 Fall Break No Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>نشاط تفاعلي خارجي</li> </ul>		
Week 9 Excursion	<b>Chapter 5 " الأكل و الشرب " :</b> <b>Lesson 1: " شو بتحب تاكل اليوم؟ "</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practicing the new vocabulary</li> <li>Watch this video <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T76TGnwMFd0">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T76TGnwMFd0</a></li> <li>تمرين 1 ص. 89</li> </ul>	Study the vocabulary page 87 & 88.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>الحوار ص. 91.</li> <li>Practicing the Present tense verb.</li> </ul>	Write a list of present tense verbs that you use in your daily life.	
Week 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practicing the Present tense 2 &amp; future tense verbs.</li> </ul>	Create a dialogue using the present and the new vocab.	<b>Quiz 4</b>
	<b>Lesson 2: "بدي أعزكم"</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practicing the new vocabulary</li> <li>الحوار ص. 101.</li> </ul>	Study the vocabulary page 99.	
	<b>Quiz</b>	Study for the quiz.	
Week 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>الاستماع ص. 107.</li> <li>مشاهدة هذا الفيديو</li> <li><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bu4zHqh1WjU&amp;index=12&amp;list=PLzjR5Hg5xW618p9A9gdnKNvGjZrTAUnio&amp;spfreload=1">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bu4zHqh1WjU&amp;index=12&amp;list=PLzjR5Hg5xW618p9A9gdnKNvGjZrTAUnio&amp;spfreload=1</a></li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher will choose 3 of your recordings to give you feedback.</li> <li>مراجعة تسجيلات الطلاب</li> </ul>		
	<b>Presentations.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read the culture page 108.</li> <li>Prepare a 3-minute presentation about food habits in Jordan or in your country.</li> </ul>	
Week 12 <i>Excursion</i>	<b>Chapter 6 "العيلة" :</b> <b>Lesson 1: "شجرة العيلة"</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practicing the new vocabulary</li> <li>تمرين 1 ص. 112.</li> </ul>	Study the vocabulary page 111 & use them in a dialogue.	<b>Quiz 5</b>
	<b>Quiz</b>	Study for the quiz.	
Week 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>الحوار ص. 114.</li> <li>تمرين 3</li> <li>Practicing the definition.</li> </ul>	Study grammar page 115.	
	<b>Lesson 2: "الحالة الاجتماعية"</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practicing the new vocabulary</li> <li>حوار ص. 120.</li> </ul>	Study the new vocabulary page 118	

Week 14	• مراجعة التسجيلات مع الطلاب.		
	• فيديو خارجي		
	<b>Presentations.</b>	Prepare a 4-minutes presentation about your experience in Jordan.	
Week 15	<b>Final Review - vocabulary.</b>		<b><u>Final exam</u></b>  <b>Final project due</b>
	<b>Final Review - grammar.</b>		
	<b>Final Exam</b>		
Week 16	<b>Reflection</b>		<b>In-class reflection</b>

**\*\*This is a real syllabus for this course, but please note that there may be changes for each semester.**