

Amideast Education Abroad Programs

ARAB 137: Jordanian Colloquial Arabic IC

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 possess an intermediate proficiency in Modern Standard Arabic. Participants are introduced to a range of vocabulary, expressions, and grammar structures used frequently in the local environment. This course aims to help participants reach a level where they may navigate varied communicative tasks in colloquial Arabic in straightforward social situations. Conversation in this course focuses on real-life exchanges with members of the host community on common topics that are key to functioning in the target language and culture. By the end of the course, participants can ask questions and understand the responses, express facts and opinions in simple sentences, and engage in conversations in colloquial Arabic with native speakers. This course builds on vocabulary and concepts studied in previous Arabic courses, which allows for quicker progression with the colloquial dialect.

Learning Objectives

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

- Converse on fundamental 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 handle successfully 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 communicate effectively with people from other cultures.
- Ability to understand some of the differences between formal and colloquial 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

Evaluation and Assessment

Description	Weight	Due Date
Attendance and Engagement	20%	continuous
Assignments	20%	continuous
Quizzes	20%	Every other Thursday
Midterm Exam	15%	Week 6
Final Project	10%	Week 15
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 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, please speak to program staff and they will assign you a new language partner. To meet your homework deadline even if you were not able to meet with your language partner, reach out to your host family members, other Arabic language teachers at Amideast or Amideast staff.

You should meet with your language partner once a week. These meetings aim to involve you more with 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 towards your assignment grade.

Methodology:

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1. Recordings (3-6)

2. Presentations: For assignments that are not recorded, every two participants will present to the class what they learned in a format of their choice (presentation, skit, game, etc.)

Note: While you may notice that other Jordanian Arabic levels have similar topics, the duration of the recordings and the discourse expected differs according to each level. The more advanced your level is, the higher expectations are regarding the use vocab, expressions learned/used and the quality of your work.

- **Final Project: (Due during week 14)**

You are responsible for a project due week 14 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 came 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 be periodic quizzes every other Thursday, unless otherwise indicated by the instructor.

Presentations

Presentations will be assigned by the teacher throughout the term.

Midterm Exam

The midterm exam will cover material from the beginning of the semester up until the date of the exam.

Final Exam

The final examination will cover material studied after the midterm.

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Course Schedule

Date		Activity	Home Assignments	Exams
Week 1	الأحد	تعارف + مناقشة الخطة Chapter 1 <u>فرصة سعيدة:</u> Exercise 1+4	دراسة المفردات	
	الثلاثاء	المصطلحات والتعابير دراسة الملكية والفعل المضارع الساعة	Study the new vocabularies page 24,25 . Exercise 1, 2 page 26 Study the grammar page 32	
	الأربعاء	Presentation on daily schedule. Chapter 2 <u>صحتين وعافية:</u> تمرين 3+4 صفحة 27، المصطلحات والتعابير + الثقافة	Study the new vocabularies page 36,37. Exercise 1, 2 page 38	
	الخميس	Chapter 3: <u>رحلة من العمر</u> الاستماع ص. 39	Study the negation page 44 Study Talking about the past page 45 L. P home work	
Week 2	الأحد	المصطلحات والتعابير تمرين 8 ص. 46 Presentation on how to cook a meal	Study the new vocabularies page 48, 49. Exercise 1, 2 page 50.	Thursday, Quiz 1
	الثلاثاء	Chapter 4: <u>بدي أطلع مشوار</u> تفعيل المفردات الجديدة تمرين 3 # 49 تمرين 4 صفحة 50		
	الأربعاء	تمرين 5 الاستماع المصطلحات والتعابير	Study for quiz	
	الخميس	Quiz	Study the new vocabularies page 58,59 Exercise 1, 2 page 59, 60 L. P home work	
Week 3	الأحد	Chapter 5: <u>البيت بده أغراض</u> تفعيل المفردات الجديدة تمرين 3 ص 58 تمرين 4 الاستماع ص 59	Exercise 4 C page 62	
	الثلاثاء	المصطلحات والتعابير الثقافة (السكن) تمرين الترجمة		

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	الأربعاء	Presentation on dorms	Study grammar page 65, 66	
	الخميس	• الممتنى	L. P home work	
Week 4	الأحد	• تمرين 5 ص 67	Study the new vocabularies page 70 , 71 Exercise 1, 2 page 59, 60	Thursday, Quiz 2
	الثلاثاء	<u>Chapter 6</u> <u>صاحب ما ينساه:</u> • تفعيل المفردات الجديدة • تمرين 3 ص 71 الاستماع	Exercise 3 C page 74	
	الأربعاء	• تمرين 4 ص 72	Study for quiz	
	الخميس	Quiz	L. P home work	
Week 5	الأحد	• تمرين 6 الثقافة # 73 • المصطلحات والتعبير		
	الثلاثاء	Presentation on Describing a Friend	Study grammar on page 77	
	الخميس	تمرين 6 ص 77	L. P home work	
Week 6	الأحد	تمرين 8 ص 80	Study the new vocabularies page 82 , 83 Exercise 1, 2 page 83, 84	Thursday, Midterm Exam
	الثلاثاء	<u>Chapter 7:</u> <u>شو بلبقى أكثر</u> تفعيل المفردات الجديدة • تمرين 3 ص 84	Study for the midterm	
	الخميس	Midterm Exam		
Week 7		Spring Break		
Week 8	الأحد	• تمرين 4 ص 84 الاستماع المصطلحات والتعبير صفحة 83		
	الثلاثاء	تمرين 5 ص 87		
	الخميس	Presentation on clothes الثقافة الملابس في الثقافة الأردنية	Study the new vocabularies page 92, 93 Exercise 1, 2 page 94 L. P home work	
Week 9	الأحد	<u>Chapter 8:</u> <u>الحمد لله عالى سلامة</u> • تفعيل المفردات الجديدة		Thursday, Quiz 3
	الثلاثاء	• تمرين 4 ص 96	Study for quiz	
	الخميس	Quiz	L. P home work	

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Week 10	الأحد	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> تمرين 5 ص 97 المصطلحات والتعابير 	Exercise 6 page 99	
	الثلاثاء	الثقافة ص 100		
	الأربعاء	No Class, Excursion		
	الخميس	No Class, Excursion		
Week 11	الأحد	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> القواعد صفحة 101 تمرين 6 ص 102 		Thursday, Quiz 4
	الثلاثاء	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> قاعدة النطق تمرين 7 ص 102 	Study for quiz	
	الخميس	Quiz	L. P home work	
Week 12	الاحد	Holiday - No class		
	الثلاثاء			
	الخميس	<u>Chapter 9</u> <u>شو المناسبة</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> تفعيل المفردات الجديدة 	Study the new vocabularies page 104, 105 Exercise 1, 2 page105, 106 L. P home work	
Week 13	الأحد	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> تمرين 3 ص 106 المصطلحات والتعابير 	Study for quiz	Tuesday, Quiz 5
	الثلاثاء	Quiz	Study grammar on page 110	
	الأربعاء	Excursion No classes		
	الخميس	Excursion No classes		
Week 14	الأحد	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> القواعد ص 109 تمرين 7 ص 110 		Final Project Due
	الثلاثاء	الثقافة ص 111	Study the new vocabularies page114, 115 Exercise 1, 2 page115, 116	
	الخميس	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> تمرين 3 ص 116 تمرين 4 ص 119 تمرين 5 ص 122 		
Week 15	الأحد	مراجعة	Study for the final	Thursday, Final Exam
	الثلاثاء	Holiday – No class		
	الأربعاء			

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	الخميس	Final Exam		
Week 16	الأحد	In-Class Reflection		Reflection Week
	الثلاثاء			
	الأربعاء			
	الخميس			

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