

## Amideast Education Abroad Programs

### ARAB 138: Jordanian Colloquial Arabic ID

**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 a high-intermediate to advanced proficiency in Modern Standard Arabic. Participants who have studied Modern Standard Arabic for several terms are introduced to a wide variety of vocabulary, expressions, and grammar structures used frequently in the local environment. This course aims to help participants reach a level where they can successfully navigate various complicated communicative tasks in colloquial Arabic in social situations. Conversation in this course focuses on real life exchanges with member of the host community on topics key to communicating 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 enables faster progression with the colloquial dialect.

#### Learning Objectives

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

- Converse on fundamental and basic daily topics with native speakers, narrate, and read informal language (e.g. text messages, cartoons, jokes)
- 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

#### 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 week |
| 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 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 assignments grade.

**Methodology:**

1. Recordings (3-6)
2. Presentations: For assignments that are not recorded, every two participants 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 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 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 be periodic quizzes every other Thursday, unless otherwise indicated by the instructor.

Midterm Exam

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

Final Exam

The final examination will cover material studied after the midterm.

## Course Schedule

| Date   |          | Activity  | Home Assignments  | Exams               |
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| Week 1 | الأحد    | تعارف + مناقشة الخطة  | دراسة المفردات  |                     |
|        | الثلاثاء | <b>Chapter 1</b><br><u>فرصة سعيدة:</u><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exercise 1+4</li> <li>المصطلحات والتعابير</li> <li>دراسة الملكية والفعل المضارع</li> <li>الساعة</li> </ul>                 | Study the new vocabularies page 24,25 .<br>Exercise 1, 2 page 26<br>Study the grammar page 32 |                     |
|        | الأربعاء | <b>Presentation on daily schedule.</b><br><b>Chapter 2</b><br><u>صحتين وعافية:</u><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>تمرين 3+4 صفحة 27،</li> <li>المصطلحات والتعابير + الثقافة</li> </ul>           | Study the new vocabularies page 36,37.<br>Exercise 1, 2 page 38                               |                     |
|        | الخميس   | <b>Chapter 3:</b><br><u>رحلة من العمر</u><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>الاستماع ص. 39</li> <li>المصطلحات والتعابير</li> <li>تمرين 8 ص. 46</li> </ul> <b>Presentation on how to cook a meal</b> | Study the negation page 44<br>Study Talking about the past page 45<br>L. P home work          |                     |
| Week 2 | الأحد    | <b>Chapter 4:</b><br><u>بدي أطلع مشوار</u><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>تفعيل المفردات الجديدة</li> <li>تمرين 3 # 49</li> <li>تمرين 4 صفحة 50</li> </ul>                                       | Study the new vocabularies page 48, 49.<br>Exercise 1, 2 page 50                              | Thursday,<br>Quiz 1 |
|        | الثلاثاء | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>تمرين 5 الاستماع</li> <li>المصطلحات والتعابير</li> </ul>   |   |                     |
|        | الأربعاء | <b>Chapter 5:</b><br><u>البيت بده أغراض</u><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>تفعيل المفردات الجديدة</li> <li>تمرين 3 ص 58</li> <li>تمرين 4 الاستماع ص 59</li> </ul>                                | Study for quiz  |                     |
|        | الخميس   | <b>Quiz</b>   | Study the new vocabularies page 58,59<br>Exercise 1, 2 page 59, 60.<br>L. P home work         |                     |
| Week 3 | الأحد    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>المصطلحات والتعابير</li> <li>الثقافة (السكن)</li> <li>تمرين الترجمة</li> </ul>   | Exercise 4 C page 62  |                     |
|        | الثلاثاء | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>تقديمات عن السكن</li> </ul>  |   |                     |

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|         | الأربعاء | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>تمرين 5 ص 67</li> <li>التمثلي</li> </ul>                                | Study grammar page 65, 66  |                           |
|         | الخميس   | <u>Chapter 6</u><br>صاحب ما ينساه:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>تفعيل المفردات الجديدة</li> </ul> | L. P home work<br>Study the new vocabularies page 70 , 71<br>Exercise 1, 2 page 59, 60<br>Exercise 3 C page 74 |                           |
| Week 4  | الأحد    | تمرين 3 ص 71 الاستماع  | Exercise 3 C page 74   | Thursday,<br>Quiz 2       |
|         | الثلاثاء | تمرين 4 ص 72   |  |                           |
|         | الأربعاء | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>تمرين 6 الثقافة # 73</li> <li>المصطلحات والتعابير</li> </ul>            | Study for quiz   |                           |
|         | الخميس   | Quiz   | L. P home work   |                           |
| Week 5  | الأحد    | Presentation on Describing a Friend  | Study grammar on page 77   |                           |
|         | الثلاثاء | تمرين 6 ص 77   |  |                           |
|         | الخميس   | تمرين 8 ص 80   | L. P home work   |                           |
| Week 6  | الأحد    | <u>Chapter 7:</u><br><u>شو ببقلي أكثر</u><br>تفعيل المفردات الجديدة<br>تمرين 3 ص 84                            | Study the new vocabularies page 82 , 83<br>Exercise 1, 2 page 83, 84   | Thursday,<br>Midterm Exam |
|         | الثلاثاء | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>تمرين 4 ص 84 الاستماع</li> <li>المصطلحات والتعابير صفحة 83</li> </ul>   |  |                           |
|         | الخميس   | Midterm Exam   |  |                           |
| Week 7  |          | Spring Break   |  |                           |
| Week 8  | الأحد    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>تمرين 5 ص 87</li> </ul>   |  |                           |
|         | الثلاثاء | Presentation on clothes<br>الثقافة الملابس في الثقافة الأردنية   |  |                           |
|         | الخميس   | <u>Chapter 8:</u><br><u>الحمد لله عا لسلامة</u><br>تفعيل المفردات الجديدة                                      | L. P home work   |                           |
| Week 9  | الأحد    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>تمرين 4 ص 96</li> <li>تمرين 5 ص 97</li> </ul>                           |  | Thursday,<br>Quiz 3       |
|         | الثلاثاء | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>المصطلحات والتعابير</li> <li>الثقافة ص 100</li> </ul>                   |  |                           |
|         | الخميس   | Quiz   | L. P home work   |                           |
| Week 10 | الأحد    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>القواعد صفحة 101</li> <li>تمرين 6 ص 102</li> </ul>                      | Exercise 6 page 99   |                           |

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|         | الثلاثاء | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>قاعدة النطق</li> <li>تمرين 7 ص 102</li> </ul>                          |   |                      |
|         | الخميس   | <b>No Class, Excursion</b>  |   |                      |
| Week 11 | الأحد    | <b>Chapter 9</b><br><u>شو المناسبة</u><br>تفعيل المفردات الجديدة  | Study the new vocabularies page 92, 93<br>Exercise 1, 2 page 94 | Thursday, Quiz 4     |
|         | الثلاثاء | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>تمرين 3 ص 106</li> <li>المصطلحات والتعابير</li> </ul>                  | Study for quiz  |                      |
|         | الخميس   | Quiz  | L. P home work  |                      |
| Week 12 | الأحد    | <b>Holiday - No class</b>   |   |                      |
|         | الثلاثاء | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>الثقافة ص 111</li> <li>القواعد ص 109</li> <li>تمرين 7 ص 110</li> </ul> |   |                      |
|         | الخميس   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>تمرين 3 ص 116</li> <li>تمرين 4 ص 119</li> <li>تمرين 5 ص 122</li> </ul> | L. P home work  |                      |
| Week 13 | الأحد    | فيلم وثائقي<br>( عمان الشرقية و الغربية )   | Study for quiz  | Tuesday, Quiz 5      |
|         | الثلاثاء | Quiz  |   |                      |
|         | الخميس   | <b>Excursion No classes</b>   |   |                      |
| Week 14 | الأحد    | <b>Presentation about cities</b>  |   | Final Project Due    |
|         | الثلاثاء | مناقشة الفيلم   |   |                      |
|         | الخميس   | فيلم ( أمريكا )   |   |                      |
| Week 15 | الأحد    | متابعة الفيلم + مناقشة الفيلم   | Study for the final   | Thursday, Final Exam |
|         | الثلاثاء | <b>Holiday – No class</b>   |   |                      |
|         | الأربعاء |   |   |                      |
|         | الخميس   | <b>Final Exam</b>   |   |                      |
| Week 16 | الأحد    | <b>In-Class Reflection</b>  |   | Reflection Week      |
|         | الثلاثاء |   |   |                      |
|         | الأربعاء |   |   |                      |
|         | الخميس   |   |   |                      |