

Amideast Education Abroad Programs

Arabic 215: Media Arabic I

Program Location:

Term and Year:

Course Hours:

Course Description:

The course specializes in language frequently used in Arabic media. The course is designed to assist participants in reading simple news items from different news websites and newspapers from Arab countries, developing their comprehension of broadcast news, navigating simple social media, and understanding the role of media in shaping a diversity of Arab thought. This course utilizes the book *Media Arabic: A Coursebook for Reading Arabic News* by Alaa Elgibali and Nevenka Korica, in addition to authentic materials, with an emphasis on the local media of the host country.

Learning Outcomes:

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

- Recognize and use basic vocabulary and constructions commonly used in Arabic media
- Successfully understand written and oral news media topics covered in the course
- Use the vocabulary and constructions learned in class to produce simple media of their own
- Use the new vocabulary effectively in everyday discussions about current events

Knowledge:

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

- Strategies for reading simple news items
- Techniques for listening to and understanding broadcast news
- The role of media in shaping a diversity of Arab thought

Skills:

This course is designed to assist participants in acquiring or enhancing the following skills:

- Listening comprehension, especially with Arabic broadcast media
- Reading comprehension, especially with Arabic print media

Attitudes:

This course is designed to encourage development of the following attitudes:

- Understanding common viewpoints among speakers of Arabic
- Appreciating the great diversity of thought and culture expressed through Arabic language media
- Openness to diverse viewpoints found in Arabic language media

Course Materials:

- Textbook: *Media Arabic: A Coursebook for Reading Arabic News*, by Alaa Elgibali and Nevenka Korica. Paperback. 2007. This course covers three units from the book: Meetings and Conferences, Demonstrations, and Elections.
- Locally produced media (broadcast news, news websites, social media, newspapers)

Evaluation and Assessment:

Description	Weight	Due Date
Attendance & Engagement	20%	Continuous
Assignments	25%	Continuous
Final Presentation	15%	Week 14
Quizzes	15%	See the Course Schedule
Mid-Term Exam	10%	Week 8
Final Written Exam	15%	Week 15

Course Requirements and Expectations:

- 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: During the first half of the semester, you are required to carefully study the vocabulary, read the news in the book, and use the new words in sentences that you bring to class. You will also have exercises assigned from the book. After the mid-term exam, in addition to the above, you are required to bring a news item from any of the web sites provided or any Arab newspaper to class each day.
- Quizzes: Quizzes will be given every other Wednesday, as marked on the course schedule, unless otherwise noted by the instructor. There will be five quizzes throughout the course of the semester (20-25 minutes each).
- Midterm Exam: The midterm exam will consist of news items that participants will have to analyze and answer questions about.
- Presentation: The presentation includes your choice of a news item. If any new vocabulary is used in the item, a list of vocabulary should be attached in addition to at least five questions for discussion. You are responsible to present it in class.
- Final Exam: The final exam will consist of news items that participants will have to analyze and answer questions about.

Course Schedule:

Date		Activity	Homework Assignments	Exams
Week 1	Tuesday	مقدمة عامة عن دراسة الصحافة كيفية قراءة الخبر الصحفي الفرق بين أنواع الخبر الصحفي و التقرير الصحفي مجموعة من الجرائد اليومية و مطالعة لأنواعها و عناوينها	دراسة المفردات	
	Thursday	الوحدة الأولى "أخبار اللقاءات و المؤتمرات" التمهيد للقراءة / القراءة لفهم الأفكار الرئيسية	فهم تنظيم النص 14 القراءة المتعمقة 16 - 18	
Week 2	Tuesday	فهم تنظيم النص 15 القراءة المتعمقة 19 - 21	الدراسة للامتحان	Quiz 1
	Thursday	الامتحان الأول	Participants bring an article about the topic	
Week 3	Tuesday	تنمية المفردات 22 – 25 استماع لآخبار	تنمية المفردات 26 - 27	
	Thursday	قراءة من الصحف تنمية مفردات 28 - 30	Participants bring an article about the topic	

Week 4	Tuesday	<p>القراءة السريعة</p> <p>30 – 32</p> <p>قراءة من الصحف</p>	الدراسة للامتحان	Quiz 2
	Thursday	الامتحان الثاني		
Week 5	Tuesday	<p>القراءة الناقدة</p> <p>33 – 36</p>	Participants bring an article about the topic	
	Thursday	استماع لأخبار من مصادر مختلفة والمقارنة بينهم		
Week 6	Tuesday	<p>الوحدة الثانية</p> <p>" أخبار المظاهرات والاضرابات "</p> <p>التمهيد للقراءة / القراءة لفهم الأفكار الرئيسية</p>	الدراسة للامتحان	Midterm
	Thursday	Midterm Exam		
Week 7	Tuesday	Spring Break		
	Thursday	Spring Break	<p>فهم تنظيم النص</p> <p>42</p>	
Week 8	Tuesday	<p>القراءة المتعمقة</p> <p>43 – 48</p>	Participants bring an article about the topic	

	Thursday	قراءة من الصحف	Participants bring an article about the topic	
Week 9	Tuesday	تنمية المفردات 50 – 53	الدراسة للامتحان	Quiz 3
	Thursday	الامتحان الثالث تنمية المفردات 54 -55	القراءة السريعة 56 - 57	
Week 10	Tuesday	القراءة الناقدة 59 – 61 استماع لأخبار		
	Thursday	Excursion / No Class		
Week 11	Tuesday	الوحدة الثالثة "أخبار الانتخابات" التمهيد للقراءة / القراءة لفهم الأفكار الرئيسية	الدراسة للامتحان	Quiz 4
	Thursday	الامتحان الرابع	فهم تنظيم النص	
Week 12	Tuesday	القراءة المتعمقة 77 -79	تنمية المفردات 80 -82	

	Thursday	تتمية المفردات 83 - 85		
Week 13	Tuesday	الامتحان الخامس		Quiz 5
	Thursday	Excursion / No Class		
Week 14	Tuesday	القراءة الناقدة القراءة السريعة 91 - 88		Presentation due
	Thursday	تقديمات نهائية		
Week 15	Tuesday	Holiday - No Class		Final Exam
	Thursday	الامتحان النهائي		
Week 16	Tuesday	In-Class Reflection		Reflection Week
	Thursday			