

## Amideast Education Abroad Programs

### ARAB 117: Moroccan Colloquial Arabic IA Syllabus

**Program Location:** Rabat, Morocco

**Credit Hours:** 3 credit hours

**Term and Year:**

#### Course Description:

This course is intended for students who have no previous experience with Moroccan Colloquial Arabic and are studying Modern Standard Arabic for the first time. This course aids the student in understanding a limited set of introductory colloquial Arabic words as well as short phrases taught in the classroom. By the end of the course, the student will be able to understand some colloquial Arabic words, passages, simple questions, and commands through repetition of common topics related to the surrounding environment. Students in this course learn new vocabulary related to daily life. By the end of this course, the student will be able to speak using very short phrases related to everyday needs. Some example topics that are typically covered in the course include acquaintances, numbers, days and weather, daily activities, eating and drinking. Grammar will also be taught in this course as it relates to the above-mentioned topics.

#### Learning Outcomes:

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

- Converse on fundamental, basic daily topics with native speakers.
- Begin to narrate and read informal language (e.g. text messages, cartoons, jokes).
- Utilize almost all the basic structures of colloquial Moroccan Arabic.
- Ask essential questions and understand the responses.
- Express basic facts and opinions in simple sentences.

#### Knowledge:

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

- Ability to successfully handle a variety of basic communicative tasks and social situations in colloquial Moroccan 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 Arabic and to talk about oneself, one's education, and one's family with native speakers
- Ability to understand some of the differences between formal and spoken Arabic

### Competencies:

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

- **Listening:** This course aids the student in understanding a limited set of introductory colloquial Arabic words, as well as short phrases taught in the classroom. By the end of the course, the student should be able to understand some colloquial Arabic words, passages, simple questions, and commands through repetition of common topics related to the surrounding environment.
- **Speaking:** Students in this course learn new vocabulary related to daily life. By the end of this course, the student should be able to speak using very short phrases related to everyday needs.
- **Topics:** Some example topics that are typically covered in the course include acquaintances, family and relatives, numbers, days and weather, daily activities, and food. Grammar will also be taught in this course as it relates to the above-mentioned topics. Some example grammatical rules that are covered in this course include subject and possessive pronouns, "Wh" questions (Who, What, How, why...), gender, plurals, and tenses.

### 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 Moroccan 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 textbook: Amideast Darija textbook.
- Supplemental materials selected by program faculty.

### Evaluation and Assessment:

Description	Weight	Due Date
Attendance & Engagement	25%	Continuous
Assignments	20%	Continuous
Quizzes	20%	Quiz 1 : Quiz 2: Quiz 3:
Mid-Term Exam	15%	
Final Written Exam	15%	

### Attendance and Engagement:

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

### Quizzes and Midterm:

There will be three quizzes, which will last about 10 minutes each, plus a midterm.

### Final Exam:

The final examination will cover material studied after the midterm.

## Course Schedule:

Week	Class Work	Assignments	Exams, Trips & Holidays
<b>Orientation Week</b>	<u>General Introduction to Colloquial Arabic</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greetings and courtesies</li> <li>Presenting yourself and others</li> <li>Shopping and Bargaining</li> <li>Taking a taxi</li> </ul>		<b>Orientation Week</b>
<b>Week 1</b>	<u>Greetings and courtesies</u> <b>Speaking &amp; listening:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Saying hello</li> <li>Presenting yourself</li> </ul> <b>Grammar:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subject pronouns</li> <li>Yes / no questions</li> <li>Gender: (fem.- masc. nouns)</li> </ul>	Record yourself asking your friend about things you learned in class.	
<b>Week 2</b>	<u>Greetings and courtesies</u> <b>Speaking &amp; listening:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presenting others</li> </ul> <b>Grammar:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Possessive pronouns</li> </ul> <u>The Family</u> <b>Speaking &amp; listening:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>My family members</li> </ul> <b>Grammar:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Definite article</li> <li>Nationalities</li> </ul>	Prepare a presentation of 3 min talking about your family members.	
<b>Week 3</b>	<u>The Family</u> <b>Speaking &amp; listening:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drawing a family tree</li> <li>Presenting my family</li> </ul> <b>Grammar:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WH questions</li> <li>Plurals</li> </ul>	What are your relatives working, studying...?	<b>Quiz 1</b>

<b>Week 4</b>	<p><u>Relatives</u></p> <p><b>Speaking &amp; listening:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My extended family</li> <li>• Relatives' meeting</li> </ul> <p><b>Grammar:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrative adjectives</li> <li>• Demonstrative pronouns</li> <li>• Adjectives</li> </ul>	Homework assigned by instructor	
<b>Week 5</b>	<p><u>Relatives</u></p> <p><b>Speaking &amp; listening:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call a cousin</li> </ul> <p><b>Grammar:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adverbs</li> </ul> <p><u>The weather</u></p> <p><b>Speaking &amp; listening:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I like summer</li> </ul> <p><b>Grammar:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The possessive word "dya"</li> <li>• The construct phrase (Idaafa)</li> </ul>	<p>Describe the weather in your city</p> <p>Extra homework assigned by instructor</p>	<p><u>Excursion: (No Classes)</u></p> <p><b>Quiz 2</b></p>
<b>Week 6</b>	<p><u>The weather</u></p> <p><b>Speaking &amp; listening:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My favorite weather</li> <li>• How is the weather in your city?</li> </ul> <p><b>Grammar:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nominal sentences</li> <li>• Numerals (cardinal numbers)</li> </ul>	<p>What is your daily program in Morocco?</p> <p>Extra homework assigned by instructor</p>	

<b>Week 7</b>	<p><u>Daily Activities</u></p> <p><b>Speaking &amp; listening:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Telling time</li> </ul> <p><b>Grammar:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Numerals (ordinal numbers)</li> <li>Time</li> </ul> <p>Midterm Review</p>		<b>Midterm Exam</b>
<b>Week 8</b>	<u>Break (No Classes)</u>		
<b>Week 9</b>	<p><u>Daily Activities</u></p> <p><b>Speaking &amp; listening:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>My favorite hobby</li> <li>The week activities</li> </ul> <p><b>Grammar:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Present tense (regular verbs)</li> <li>Negating present tense (regular verbs)</li> </ul>		Last day to drop a course and receive a “W” grade
<b>Week 10</b>	<p><u>Directions &amp; Places</u></p> <p><b>Speaking &amp; listening:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where is my pen...?</li> <li>Locations of cities</li> <li>Reading/drawing on a map</li> </ul> <p><b>Grammar:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepositions (مع - بين - في - على - من)</li> <li>Conjunctions (ما، غير، و، لكن، قبل)</li> <li>Past tense (Regular verbs)</li> <li>Negating verbs</li> </ul> <p>Activity: Directions Game</p>	<p>Describe where you are living in Morocco using directions</p> <p>Extra homework assigned by instructor</p>	<b>Quiz 3</b>

<b>Week 11</b>	<p><u>At the Cafe</u></p> <p><b>Speaking &amp; listening:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Giving orders</li> <li>Expressing wishes and desires</li> </ul> <p><b>Grammar:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Present &amp; Past tense (Review)</li> <li>Present tense (irregular verbs)</li> </ul> <p>Activity: Play roles between Waiter and customer</p>	<p>Record yourself ordering drinks in a cafe</p> <p>Extra homework assigned by instructor</p>	
<b>Week 12</b>	<p><u>At the Cafe</u></p> <p><b>Speaking &amp; listening:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Making a cup of tea</li> </ul> <p><b>Grammar:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Present &amp; Past tense</li> <li>Future</li> </ul>	<p>Extra homework assigned by instructor</p>	<b>Quiz 4</b>
<b>Week 13</b>	<p><u>Shopping for foods and drinks</u></p> <p><b>Speaking &amp; listening:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shopping at different stores</li> <li>Visiting a weekly sook</li> </ul> <p><b>Grammar:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Measures (Kg., g., l...)</li> </ul>	<p>Extra homework assigned by instructor</p>	<u>Excursion: (No Classes)</u>
<b>Week 14</b>	<p><u>Shopping for foods and drinks</u></p> <p><b>Speaking &amp; listening:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preparing a Moroccan tajine</li> </ul> <p><b>Grammar:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Measures (Kg., g., l...)</li> </ul> <p>Final Exam Review</p>	<p>Extra homework assigned by instructor</p> <p>Review for final exam</p>	
<b>Week 15</b>	<p>Final Exam Review</p>		<b>Final Exam</b>
<b>Week 16</b>	<b><u>Reflection Week (75-minute session)</u></b>		