

Amideast Education Abroad Programs

ARAB 218: Colloquial Moroccan Arabic II A Syllabus

Program Location: Rabat, Morocco

Credit Hours: 3 credits

Term and Year:

Course Description:

In this course, the student should gain the ability to understand slightly more complex sentences in colloquial Arabic. The course prepares students to understand conversations about personal life and the surrounding environment. In addition, this course exposes the student to real-time speaking, typical phone call conversations, and some simple advertisements. This course exposes students to social attitudes and positions. The student can take the initiative to start and end conversations and narrate simple events. The student also becomes more aware of culture and more aware of the courtesies that should be used in colloquial Arabic. Some example topics that are typically covered in this course include describing people, selecting clothes, illness, and social events. Grammar will also be taught in this course as it relates to the above-mentioned topics.

Learning Objectives:

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

- Communicate and function competently, confidently, and independently in most Moroccan Arabic language situations.
- Converse about a variety of topics with greater breadth and accuracy.
- Utilize all basic structures of colloquial Arabic
- Interact and communicate with native speakers on issues related to daily life and more complicated topics of personal interest
- Participate in social interactions, with sensitivity to cultural issues
- Use a wide variety of colloquial Arabic vocabulary and proverbs.

Knowledge:

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

- Vocabulary in the local dialect at an advanced level, including both the vocabulary used in daily interactions with native speakers as well as the terminology associated with academic study
- The grammatical forms of the local dialect at an advanced level.
- Culturally sensitive usage of language in all situations.

Skills:

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

- Ability to recognize and use subtle communication techniques used by native speakers
- Ability to follow segments of Arabic media that use both Modern Standard Arabic (MSA) and colloquial Arabic such as interviews, short lectures on familiar topics and news items and reports primarily dealing with factual information
- Ability to confidently give presentations in colloquial Arabic on topics of interest
- Ability to understand main ideas and most details of connected discourse on a variety of topics

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 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:

1. Locally produced materials, selected by program faculty
2. Selected materials from a variety of authentic media (e.g. newspapers, internet)

Assessment Overview:

Description	Weight	Due date
Attendance and Engagement	20%	Continuous
Assignments	20%	Continuous
Quizzes	20%	TBD
Midterm	15%	TBD
Presentations	10%	TBD
Final Exam	15%	TBD

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.

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. Students are encouraged to study and work on homework assignments together. Students should follow up on any instructor comments on the homework. It is the students' responsibility to come to office hours to see their instructors when questions arise.

Language Partner Meetings:

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 Moroccan culture. There is an assignment or a discussion every week which you will be asked to do with your language partner. These are submitted as either a recording or presentation. Each assignment will be related to that week's topic and vocabulary. You are expected to widen your cultural knowledge and spoken Moroccan vocabulary and expressions. The language partner meetings count in your assignments grade.

Final Project:

You are responsible for a project due Week 15. The project should be done either individually or in groups. The project could be anything (video, acting scene, etc.) that covers some of the subjects we discuss in class and the cultural knowledge you come to know during your stay in Morocco. You will be presenting your project during the last week before the final in class. This project counts in your assignments grade.

Quizzes:

There will be three quizzes, which will last about 10 minutes each, on the following dates, unless otherwise noted by the instructor:

- Quiz 1:
- Quiz 2:
- Quiz 3:

Presentations:

All students should present a topic they would like to discuss and consult with their instructors. The presentation should be around ten minutes. Students should present another main topic to their instructor. These presentations will be videotaped. The instructor will highlight the mistakes and give the students the feedback and corrections.

Midterm:

The midterm examination will cover the material studied from the beginning of the course until the date of the exam.

Final Exam:

The final examination will cover material studied after the midterm.

Course Schedule:

Week	Class Work	Exams, Trips, and Holidays
Orientation Week	Survival Darija	
Week 2	<p>الوحدة 15: في الفندق محادثة واستماع:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • المحور الأول: مرافق الفندق، • المحور الثاني: الحجز في الفندق، • المحور الثالث: منظر الفندق : الشاطئ، الجبل، الغابة... <p>القواعد:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • مراجعة تصريف الأفعال • تعدية الفعل: خرج، طيح، وكل، وصل.. 	Friday is last day to add / drop a course

Week 3	<p>الوحدة 16: استجار منزل محاضرة واستماع:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> المحور الأول: البحث عن بيت جديد، المحور الثاني: عندي بيت جديد، المحور الثالث: جاري الجديد، <p>القواعد:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> مراجعة وتوسيع 	Quiz 1
Week 4	<p>الوحدة 17: وصف أشخاص محاضرة واستماع:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> المحور الأول: أوصاف ألوان وسلوكيات، المحور الثاني: والدي طويل/ والدتي قصيرة..، <p>القواعد:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> مراجعة وتوسيع 	
Week 5	<p>محاضرة واستماع:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> المحور الثالث: خمن من يكون هذا الشخص؟ <p>الوحدة 18: الصداقة محاضرة واستماع:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> المحور الأول: عندي أصدقاء كثير، 	Quiz 2
Week 6	<p>الوحدة 19: الصحة والجسد محاضرة واستماع:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> المحور الأول: أعضاء الجسد، المحور الثاني: أشعر بالمرض، 	Excursion: Fez
Week 7	<p>محاضرة واستماع:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> المحور الثالث: في عيادة الطبيب، <p>القواعد:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> مراجعة وتوسيع المبني للمجهول 	
Week 8	<p>مراجعة امتحان منتصف الدورة</p>	Midterm Exam
Week 9	Spring Break: (No Classes)	
Week 10	<p>محاضرة واستماع:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> المحور الثالث: الصراع بين الأجيال، <p>الوحدة 21: الزواج في الثقافة المغربية محاضرة واستماع:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> المحور الأول: الخطوبة بين الثقافة والدين، 	

Week 11	<p>محاضرة واستماع:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> المحور الثاني: الحياة الزوجية في المغرب، 	
Week 12	<p>محاضرة واستماع:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> المحور الثالث: العلاقات غير الشرعية، مشاهدة فيلم أو برنامج وثائقي عن العلاقات غير الشرعية.. 	Oral presentations 1
Week 13	<p>الوحدة 2: الطلاق في المغرب محاضرة واستماع:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> المحور الأول: مدونة الأسرة في المغرب، المحور الثاني: حقوق المرأة بعد الطلاق، 	<u>Excursion: Zawayat Ahansal and Marrakesh</u>
Week 14	محاضرة: العائلة في العالم العربي والعالم الغربي	Quiz 3
Week 15	<p>محاضرة واستماع:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> المحور الثالث: وضعية الأطفال بعد طلاق الوالدين، مشروع الطالب الأخير 	Final Projects due Oral presentation 2
Week 16	Final Exam Review	Final Exam
Week 17	<i>Reflection Week (90-minute session)</i>	