

AMZH 100: Introductory Tashlhiyt for Communication in Morocco Syllabus

Credit Hours: 1 credit hours

Program Location: Rabat, Morocco

Term and Year:

Name of Instructor:

Course Hours:

Office Hours: By appointment

Contact Information: Please reach out to me via the Amideast Online system

Room:

I am always available for extra help or for questions.

Please find a classmate to serve as a homework buddy in case you are absent.

Course Description

This short intensive course introduces learners to basic communication in Tashlhiyt, one of the main varieties of Amazigh languages spoken widely in southern Morocco. Students will learn essential vocabulary, expressions, and cultural practices needed to interact with local communities during excursions, markets, travel, and social encounters. The course emphasizes oral communication, practical interaction, and cultural awareness while providing basic literacy in both Tifinagh and Latin scripts.

Course Objectives

By the end of the course students will:

1. Develop basic communicative ability in everyday Tashlhiyt situations.
2. Recognize and read basic words in Tifinagh and Latin scripts.
3. Interact politely with local speakers during excursions and cultural visits.
4. Acquire essential vocabulary related to travel, food, greetings, and directions.
5. Understand basic Amazigh cultural norms and communication styles.

Learning Outcomes

Knowledge (Students will know...)

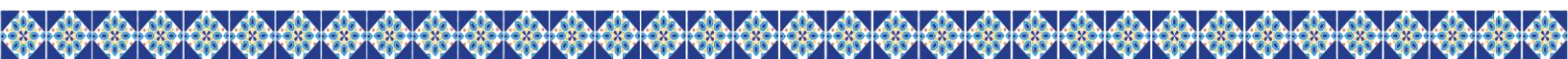
1. The basic sound system of Tashlhiyt.
2. Key greetings and everyday expressions.
3. The basic letters of Tifinagh and Latin transliteration.
4. Core vocabulary used in travel and social interaction.
5. Basic cultural practices and etiquette in Amazigh communities.

Skills (Students will be able to...)

1. Introduce themselves in Tashlhiyt.
2. Ask and answer simple questions.
3. Read simple words written in Tifinagh and Latin script.
4. Navigate basic interactions in shops, markets, and transportation.
5. Engage in short conversations with local speakers.

Attitudes (Students will develop...)

1. Respect for Amazigh linguistic and cultural diversity.
2. Confidence in attempting communication in unfamiliar languages.
3. Curiosity about local communities and traditions.
4. Openness toward multilingual interactions in Morocco.
5. Appreciation of the Amazigh heritage.





Teaching Methods

The course uses **communicative and experiential approaches** including:

- Dialogue practice
- Role-playing real situations
- Cultural discussions
- Visual learning with Tifinagh script
- Field-based practice during excursions

Assessment Overview

Description	Weight	Due Date
Attendance & Engagement	20%	Continuous
Assignments	20%	Continuous
Mid-Term Exam	20%	
Final Written Exam	40%	

Attendance and Engagement

Please adhere to the Attendance, Engagement, and Assessment Policies posted on the Amideast Online system.

Mid-Term and Final Exams

Both the mid-term and the final exams are cumulative, meaning they cover all the material in the textbook (and related material) up to the time when the test is taken. Therefore, students are advised to study from the beginning of the course. They will test reading, grammar, writing, and listening skills. Instructors cannot reschedule midterm or final under any circumstances.

Course Schedule:

Week	Class Work	Homework	Exams, Excursions & Cultural Activities
Week 1	Lesson 1 – Introduction to Tashlhiyt and Amazigh Culture (2 hours) Topics • Overview of Amazigh languages in Morocco • Basic pronunciation • Introduction to Tifinagh alphabet Vocabulary Hello Goodbye Thank you Yes / No Practice Greeting dialogue	• Read Introduction to Tashlhiyt provided by your instructor • Practice alphabet pronunciation • Go over: • Core letters of Tifinagh • Latin transliteration • Pronunciation practice	



Week 2	Lesson 2 – Reading and Writing Basics (2 hours) Topics • Core letters of Tifinagh • Latin transliteration • Pronunciation practice Activities • Matching sounds with letters • Writing your name in Tifinagh Example <table><tr><th>Latin</th><th>Tifinagh</th><th>Meaning</th></tr><tr><td>Azul</td><td>ⵓⴽⵣⵉⵎ</td><td>Hello</td></tr><tr><td>Tanmmirt</td><td>ⵜⴰⵏⵎⵎⵉⵔⵜ</td><td>Thank you</td></tr></table>	Latin	Tifinagh	Meaning	Azul	ⵓⴽⵣⵉⵎ	Hello	Tanmmirt	ⵜⴰⵏⵎⵎⵉⵔⵜ	Thank you					
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Week 3	Lesson 3 – Self-Introduction (2 hours) Functions Introducing oneself Key Expressions <table><tr><th>Latin</th><th>Tifinagh</th><th>English</th></tr><tr><td>Ism inu...</td><td>ⵉⵎ ⵉⵏⵓ</td><td>My name is...</td></tr><tr><td>Manik tgit?</td><td>ⵎⴰⵏⵉⵙ ⵜⴰⵖⵉⵜ</td><td>Where are you from?</td></tr><tr><td>Nkk...</td><td>ⵏⵏⵓ</td><td>I am...</td></tr></table> Practice Pair conversations	Latin	Tifinagh	English	Ism inu...	ⵉⵎ ⵉⵏⵓ	My name is...	Manik tgit?	ⵎⴰⵏⵉⵙ ⵜⴰⵖⵉⵜ	Where are you from?	Nkk...	ⵏⵏⵓ	I am...	• Memorize and practice expressions for greetings and self-introduction provided by your instructor • Practice number	
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Week 5	Lesson 5 – Food and Restaurants (2 hours) Vocabulary	• Practice the asking for directions lists • Complete the “Mani Illa” exercise													



	Tea Bread Water Chicken Vegetables Expressions I want... Do you have...? Activity Restaurant dialogue											
Week 6	Lesson 6 – Asking for Directions (2 hours) Vocabulary Road Market Hotel Taxi Expressions <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Latin</th><th>Tifinagh</th><th>English</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Mani illa...?</td><td>ⵎⴰⵏⵉ ⵉⵍⵍⴰ...?</td><td>Where is...?</td></tr><tr><td>Tanemmirt</td><td>ⵜⴰⵏⵉⵎⴰⵎⵓⵔⵜ</td><td>Thank you</td></tr></tbody></table> Practice Map-based exercises	Latin	Tifinagh	English	Mani illa...?	ⵎⴰⵏⵉ ⵉⵍⵍⴰ...?	Where is...?	Tanemmirt	ⵜⴰⵏⵉⵎⴰⵎⵓⵔⵜ	Thank you	Prepare five questions in tashlhyit to ask your teacher/language partner/tour guide	
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Week 7	Lesson 7 – Interaction During Excursions (2 hours) Topics Talking to guides and locals Vocabulary Village Mountain Market Craft Practice Conversation simulations	Review for final exam										
Week 8	Lesson 8 – Review and Practical Communication (1 hour) Activities • Role-play scenarios • Conversation practice • Cultural reflection discussion Final exam											