

Spoken Arabic for Beginners

اللغة العربية العامية

Language of instruction: English and Arabic

Credits: 4

I- COURSE MATERIALS:

Course Book:

Yalla Niḥki 'Arabi (Let's Speak Arabic), Book 1, Othman, Omar. Jerusalem: Al-Quds University, 2013

II- COURSE DESCRIPTION AND STRUCTURE:

This course is designed for students with **no prior knowledge** of Spoken Arabic or the written language (MSA). An emphasis will be put on the Levantine Dialects.

The language of instruction will be Arabic though the instructor will use also English to explain the foundations of the Spoken Arabic. Gradually we will move to Arabic as the program progresses.

Students are introduced to the spoken Arabic first of all through the rich world of 'greetings' and then by exposing them to a few chosen topics that are necessary to facilitate their way in everyday conversations.

This program also exposes the students to the fascinating Arabic culture and Arabic songs. Dialogues, card games and work in small groups will also be used to assist in the absorption of the material taught in class.

Classes meet two days a week for two academic hours each day.

III- COURSE GOALS:

This course aims to familiarize students with the local spoken Arabic in terms of acquiring basic skills in vocabulary and grammar. Emphasis is put on current topics to enable students to communicate with native-Arabic speakers in actual everyday situations.

IV - COURSE POLICIES AND EXPECTATIONS

1. Students will attend all classes and arrive on time. The teacher is allowed to prohibit students who arrive late from entering the classroom. (In case of illness or personal issues, please address your teacher in private.)
2. Using cellular phones during class is prohibited both for personal and academic purposes. Please turn off your phone or put it on silent and in your bag before entering the classroom.
3. Each student is required to fulfill the following:
 - a. Submit daily homework assignments.
 - b. Take each test and exam on the scheduled day. A student who is absent from a test or exam will not be permitted to take the test or exam on a later or earlier date.
 - c. Complete his/her personal oral presentation.
4. A student who missed a class is responsible to make up all the work that s/he missed.
5. A student who does not meet all the course requirements, including a student who is absent more than 20% of the course days, and/or does not take the final exam, will not be eligible to receive a final grade, certificate of completion, or academic credit. Students who do not fulfill the course requirements during the semester, will be given a warning. If the situation does not improve, the student will be asked to leave the course and will not receive financial reimbursement for the remaining period of the semester. Students who fail the course – whether through poor academic performance or because of not fulfilling all the course requirements -- will not be eligible to register for another course of Spoken Arabic.