

Spoken Arabic for Beginners One
اللغة العربية العامية

Syllabus is subject to change

Course Number: 702.1003

Credits: 4

Course Book:

The Textbook used in the course is:

Othman, Omar. 2019. *Yalla Niḥki 'Arabi* (Let's Speak Arabic), Book 1 Jerusalem: Al-Quds University.

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 Course is based on the principle of immersion, the active use of the language of study, both inside and outside the classroom. The language of instruction will be therefore Arabic though during the first week the instructor will use also English to explain the foundations of the Spoken Arabic. Gradually we will move to Arabic as the course 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 course also exposes the students to the fascinating Arab culture, The Variety of Arab societies in Israel, Arabic songs, card games, learning activities and working in groups are used to assist in a better absorption of the material taught in class.

Course Requirements:

- Attendance of 80% of the classes
- Active participation in class conversation
- Preparing for dialogues, homework, quizzes
- Mid –Term + Oral presentation

Final grade component:

Attendance	10%
Participation in class and homework:	20%
Periodical quizzes	20%
Mid- Term	20%
Oral Final Presentation:	30%

The Aim of this Course is to teach the local spoken Arabic (colloquial) on an elementary level 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.

Topics:

Grammar:

The letters
Pronouns
Question words
Verb conjugation (Past' Present, Future, Imperative)
Noun inflections
Numbers
Adjectives

Conversational Topics:

Introducing oneself
Family
Verbs/actions
Directions
In the coffee shop and restaurant
Meals and food
How do you feel today?
Greetings
Colors
Days of the week
Time expressions
Months of the year
Seasons and weather
House and apartment
What is the time?
Holidays
Expressions of politeness and command
Body parts
Market and shopping



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Lesson 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Adjectives (+ comparative + superlative)- Seasons of the Year + How is the Weather Today?- Colors- Review and Exercise for adj. + colors	Handout + pp. 20 + 21+box pp.22 + 78 + 79 + Listening pp. 27 + 105 Power Point Presentation
Lesson 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Expressions of Politeness and Commands- Body Parts	Handout
Lesson 13	Food: In the Coffee shop + In the Restaurant	ppt Presentation + pp. 25 + 47-50 + 115-117
Lesson 14	Review (Songs and exercises) + Final presentations	