

Spoken Arabic for Beginners - Summer Programs

اللغة العربية العامية

July Intensive Course ONLINE 2020

Language of instruction: English and Arabic

Credits: 2

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I- COURSE MATERIALS:

Course Book:

The Textbook used in the course is:

Othman, Omar. 2019. *Yalla Nihki 'Arabi* (Let's Speak Arabic), Book 1. Jerusalem.
(Available on Amazon.com)

II- COURSE DESCRIPTION AND STRUCTURE:

This course is designed for students with **no prior knowledge** of Spoken Arabic or the written language (MSA). But those who have a background or have taken MSA before are welcome to join as well. An emphasis will be put on the Levantine Dialects.

The language of instruction will be a combination of Arabic and English in order to explain the foundations of the Spoken Arabic.

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. Teaching these topics will be based on explanations of basic grammar as well.

This program also exposes the students to the fascinating Arab culture, Arabic songs and conversations.

The classes will be held **online** through ZOOM meetings. The students will also use the Moodle system for assignments' submission (details will be sent by the International School at the university after registration). During the first two weeks, classes will meet four days a week for two academic hours each day. During the third and fourth week, classes will meet three days a week for two academic hours each day. Total: 28 academic hours for the course (14 classes).

Contents of the classes include:

Grammar
The Arabic Letters
Long and Short Vowels
The Definite Article + "Sun" Letters and "Moon" Letters
Question Words
Pronouns

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Noun Declension (Masculine + feminine) + Genitive construction Declensions: Nouns + Prepositions (with, from, for/to...) Participles + negation Numbers Verbs: Verb conjugations (+ Negation)
General Topics
Arabic and Semitic Languages - Introduction Introducing yourself: Simple questions and answers – What's your name? Where are you from?... Greetings, Expressions Commonly Used and Replies Directions Days of the Week What's the Time? How Old are You? (+ birth date in numbers) How do you Feel Today? The Family Food: In the Coffee shop + In the Restaurant Songs

II- 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- FINAL GRADE:

The determination of the final grade is weighted as follows:

Attendance	10%
Participation and homework	20%
Quiz	20%
Final exam and final presentation	50%

V- COURSE POLICIES AND EXPECTATIONS

Homework:

Students should attend class every day fully prepared and having carefully completed all homework assignments.

In class :

Students are expected to attend 80% of the classes at least, and to participate fully in all class activities.

Wishing you a fruitful course and a wonderful summer! ☺