



## CIEE Amman, Jordan

<b>Course title:</b>	Contemporary Arab Media
<b>Course code:</b>	COMM 3003 AMAL / ARAB 4004 AMAL
<b>Programs offering course:</b>	Advanced Arabic Language
<b>Language of instruction:</b>	Arabic
<b>U.S. semester credits:</b>	3.00
<b>Contact hours:</b>	45.00
<b>Term:</b>	Fall 2023

### Course Description

This course discusses the most recent and important events both regionally and internationally by referring to various media sources either written or visual. Individual news items will be discussed by referring to multiple news outlets so as to compare between them and cover the widest range of media-related vocabulary.

### Learning Objectives

By completing this course, students will:

- Comprehend the most important media-related vocabulary and be able to paraphrase or define it
- Break down a single event by reading across various sources
- Analyze ideology or leaning from a news source editorial choice in presenting information to its audience
- Produce political, economic and social discussions

### Course Prerequisites

Students should have finished 4 semester of Arabic or at Intermediate Mid level based on ACTFL and the recommendation of the program director.

### Methods of Instruction

- Teaching is based on the texts of news and news reports (written and audio) and it will be used for reading, listening and discussion.
- Give students a news story to read at home and then discuss it in class after clarifying the meanings of words and difficult compositions
- Follow the news to the issue of what, by reading in the newspaper, or listen to the satellite channel, and then speaks of each student in the class what they read or heard
- Pursue a subject (political, economic, social, or otherwise) during the semester to write a newspaper report and present it in the class.

### Assessment and Final Grade

1.	Homework	15%
2.	Mid-term Exam	15%
3.	Final Exam	20%
4.	Quizzes	15%
5.	Term's Project	15%
6.	Participation	20%
	TOTAL	100%

### Course Requirements

#### **Homework**

Homework is due in class on the date noted on the weekly plan schedule and should be handed into the folder on my desk at the start of each period. Students are expected to keep all handouts and organize them so that they can use them again in the future.

## **Mid-term Exam**

The midterm exam will be divided into two parts; one is written, and the other is an oral presentation on a topic assigned by the instructor.

## **Final Exam**

At the end of the term, there will be a final exam that includes a set of articles and questions including text analysis.

## **Quizzes**

There will be a number of quizzes throughout the semester to check that students have adequately prepared for class, learned the vocabulary and structures. Quizzes are usually after each unit.

## **Term's Project**

Students will choose a topic of their interest and produce a research paper according to the guidelines provided by the instructor. In addition, students must present their paper to the class.

## **Participation**

In order to get the most out of each class, it is very important that you are prepared, alert, and engaged during class activities. In-class activities are designed with the assumption that you already studied the vocabulary and grammar explanations at home and are prepared to activate that knowledge in class.

## **Attendance**

To encourage engaged learning, regular class attendance is required throughout the program. This includes any required co-curricular class excursion or event, as well as internship, service-learning, or other required field placement.

An excused absence in a CIEE course will only be considered if approved by a CIEE Center Director/Academic Director (not the Instructor), and:

- it is a self-certified absence for illness (only once per course, requires formal request before or within 24 hours, cannot miss assessment worth more than 5% of final course grade)
- a doctor's note from a local medical professional is provided
- evidence of a family emergency is provided
- it is a pre-approved observance of religious holiday

Unexcused absences include personal travel and/or travel delays, as well as missing more than 25% of a single class period (including tardiness and early departure). Assessments missed due to unexcused absences will be marked as zero. Students with over 10% unexcused absences will be contacted by CIEE staff. Students with over 20% unexcused absences will be contacted by CIEE staff, receive a formal warning letter (shared with their home institution) and lose 10% of the final course point total (e.g., a final A grade of 93% will be lowered to a B grade of 83%).

For more detail, please consult your CIEE Academic Manual.

## **Academic Integrity**

Academic integrity is essential to a positive and inclusive teaching and learning environment. All students are expected to complete coursework responsibilities with fairness, respect, and honesty. Failure to do so by seeking unfair advantage over others or misrepresenting someone else's work as your own can result in grade penalties or disciplinary action. See the CIEE Student Academic Manual for further information on academic integrity.

***N.B. Course schedule and co-curriculars are subject to change. The final duration and distribution of content and assignments will be determined and presented to students at the onset of the course.***

## **Weekly Schedule**

## Week 1

Class: 1.1 Introduction

- الصحافة والإعلام العربي Press and Arab Media
- الصحافة والإعلام الأردني The Jordanian Press and Media

Class: 1.2 .

- مصادر المعلومات - وكالات الأنباء العربية والدولية Arab and International News Agencies
- Expressions (internet)

Homework:

- Use the vocabs and expression in a paragraph
- Read th new article.

## Week 2

Class: 2.1 .

- Syria: الجيش السوري يقصف إدلب ومسلحو المعارضة يستعدون لهجوم
- Reading: - <http://alrai.com/article/10450228/> - ادلب - السوري - يقصف - ادلب - ومسلحو المعارضة - يستعدون لهجوم

Class: 2.2 .

- The volatility of the Syrian economy وأفاقه تقلبات الاقتصاد السوري
- Reading: <https://www.aljazeera.net/news/ebusiness/2017/12/31/2017> - تقلبات - الاقتصاد - السوري - وأفاقه

Homework:

- Study the article, and the list of the vocabs.
- Prepare the articles for the next week

## Week 3

Class: 3.1 .

- News Headlines – Local and International
- Readgin:
- مسلح يقتل 5 أشخاص بالرصاص قبل ان ينتحر في كاليفورنيا
- <http://alrai.com/article/10451141/> - قتل - 5 - أشخاص - بالرصاص - قبل - أن - ينتحر - في - كاليفورنيا
- بحرية الاحتلال تعتقل 3 صيادين بغزة وتصادر مركبهم - صحيفة الرأي
- <http://alrai.com/article/10451148/> - بحرية - الاحتلال - تعتقل - 3 - صيادين - بغزة - وتصادر - مركبهم

Class: 3.2 .

- watching news from Roya T.V

Homework:

- Write news in 2 paragraphs like the articles we took it in the class
- Prepare the articles for the next week.

## Week 4

Class: 4.1 .

- Happening in Jordan
- Readings:
  - بنوك تعرضت للسطو المسلح منذ بداية العام الجاري، أخبار رؤيا 4
  - <https://royanews.tv/news/151557>

- News article about Environment and Recycling

Class: 4.2 .

- Presentations

Homework:

- Presentation: every group will talk about one bank in the article and discuss it with other groups
- Prepare the articles for the next week.

## **Week 5**

Class: .

### **Rural retreat**

## **Week 6**

Class: 6.1 .

- The World's Best Countries in Waste Recycling

Readings:

- هذه أفضل دول العالم في تدوير المخلفات - <https://www.argaam.com/ar/article/articledetail/id/488142>

Class: 6.2 .

- Midterm

## **Week 7**

Class: 7.1 .

- Presentation (every student will present about one country's experience in waste recycling, and try to use the new vocabs)

Class: 7.2 .

- Early Marriage in Yeman الزواج المبكر في اليمن
- Reading:
- <https://raseef22.com/life/2015/08/07/early-marriage-in-yemen/>

Homework:

- Prepare the articles, and read the list of the words.
- Prepare presentation.

## **Week 8**

Class: 8.1 .

- Cont. Early Marriage in Yemen
- Presentation: Every student present about another country that has the same phenomena as Yemen.

Class: 8.2 .

- listen to today's the news
- Class discussion

Reading:

- <https://www.alarabiya.net/>

Homework:

- Write 3 paragraphs about another country suffers such as Yemen.
- Read the new article, and read the list of the words.

## Week 9

Class: 9.1 .

- Political parties in Jordan الأحزاب السياسية في الأردن

Reading:

- <https://www.aljazeera.net/specialfiles/pages/44e4d5c3-e1f3-4ca4-972b-11c7f8991b34>

Class: 9.2 .

- Every student will presentation about Political party

Homework:

- Prepare for presentation

## Week 10

Class: 10.1 .

- Watch a political program: The Opposite Direction ( الاتجاه المعاكس ) to learn how to make an interview

Reading:

- The Opposite Direction: <https://www.aljazeera.net/program/opposite-direction>

Class: 10.2 .

- Discussion of the Interview

Homework:

- Interview Practice
- Every group will present about the relation between Jordan, syria, USA, Palastine

## Week 11

Class: 11.1 .

- The relation between Jordan and other counties
- Readgins: TBD

Class: 11.2 .

- Sixth Discussion Paper: Rule of Law and Civil State by His Majesty King Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein. الورقة النقاشية السادسة: سيادة القانون أساس الدولة المدنية.

Reading:

- الورقة النقاشية السادسة: سيادة القانون أساس الدولة المدنية
- <https://kingabdullah.jo/ar/discussion-papers/الدولة-المدنية-أساس-القانون>

Homework:

- Read the new article, and read the list of the words.

## Week 12

Class: 12.1 .

- Cont. Sixth Discussion Paper: Rule of Law and Civil State by His Majesty King Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein. الورقة النقاشية السادسة: سيادة القانون أساس الدولة المدنية

Class: 12.2 .

- Article: Accepting Others في قبول الآخر
- Reading:
- <http://alrai.com/article/10459619/الآخر-في-قبول>

Homework:

- Prepare the articles, and read the list of the words.

## Week 13

Class: 13.1 .

- Review

Class: 13.2 .

Term Project Presentations

## Week 15

Class: .

## Final Exam

### Course Materials

#### Readings

This material will always be up-to-date, because it depends on the news of recent political in Jordan, the region and the world.

- Reuters, 2018. "الجيش السوري يقصف إدلب ومسلحو المعارضة يستعدون لهجوم - صحيفة الرأي". <http://alrai.com/article/10450228/> عربي-ودولي/سوريا-ولبنان/الجيش-السوري-يقصف-ادلب-ومسلحو-المعارضة-يستعدون-لهجوم
- Jboor S., 2017. "تقلبات الاقتصاد السوري وأفاقه" 2017.. AlJazeera, Dec. 31. <https://www.aljazeera.net/news/ebusiness/2017/12/31/2017-تقلبات-الاقتصاد-السوري-وأفاقه>
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- عربي-ودولي/مسلح-يقتل-5-أشخاص-بالرصاص-قبل-أن-ينتحر-في-كاليفورنيا/AlRai, Sep. 13. <http://alrai.com/article/10451148/بحرية-الاحتلال-تعتقل-3-صيادين-بغزة-وتصادر-مركبهم>
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- Shukri A., 2015. "حيث الزواج المبكر يكاد أن يكون القاعدة" Raseef 22, Aug. 7. <https://raseef22.com/life/2015/08/07/early-marriage-in-yemen/>
- King Abdullah II, 2016: "Sixth Discussion Paper: Rule of Law and Civil State الورقة النقاشية السادسة: سيادة القانون أساس الدولة المدنية" King Abdullah, Oct. 16. <https://kingabdullah.jo/ar/discussion-papers/الدولة-المدنية-أساس-القانون>
- AlKaraki Z., 2018. "في قبول الآخر" AlRai, Nov. 18. <http://alrai.com/article/10459619/الآخر-في-قبول>

- Students will be asked to follow news from various media resources such as newspapers: Al-Ra'í, Al-Dostoor, Al-Gad, and Al-Sabeel, Al-Ahram, Al-Hayat, and Al-Quds Al-Arabi and satellite TV: Al Jazeera, BBC, Al-Arabia, CNN.