



CIEE Amman, Jordan

Course title:	Colloquial Jordanian Arabic, Intermediate I
Course code:	ARAB 2003 AMJO
Programs offering course:	Middle East Studies
Language of instruction:	Arabic
U.S. semester credits:	3.00
Contact hours:	45.00
Term:	Fall 2023

Course Description

This course is designed to teach students to communicate effectively in Jordanian dialect. Students will be introduced to words, expressions and structures used frequently in everyday life. They will also be introduced to the Jordanian culture and how to successfully interact with locals.

Learning Objectives

By completing this course, students will:

- Distinguish the fundamental grammatical structure of colloquial Arabic from that of MSA
- Express themselves on all aspects of daily life in colloquial dialect, and understand native speakers themselves on these same subjects
- Recognize different accents of Jordanian colloquial dialect
- Demonstrate appropriate cultural inferences

Course Prerequisites

Students are placed in this course depending on the on-site placement test and OPI that is based on ACTFL. The Colloquial class is usually in line with the MSA level.

Methods of Instruction

This course emphasizes a communication-based method of instruction. Students are expected to be active-learners, coming to class prepared to activate vocabulary and grammar through group activities. Instead of lecturing, instructors primarily facilitate these communication-based activities and guide student learning.

Assessment and Final Grade

1.	Homework	20%
2.	Oral Presentations	20%
3.	Short Quizzes	10%
4.	Mid-term Exam	20%
5.	Final Exam	20%
6.	Class Participation	10%
	TOTAL	100%

Course Requirements

Homework

You are expected to turn your homework in on-time on the day that it is due. If you do not, the instructor can refuse to accept your work or reduce your grade on the assignment.

Oral Presentations

Students will be asked to prepare and present various types of graded oral presentations, such as skits, dialogues, and formal presentations. The instructor will provide the students with clear guidelines and expectations

for these oral presentations so that the students can prepare accordingly. Students may prepare scripts or outlines for these presentations but they should be prepared to deliver the presentations without reading from them verbatim.

Short Quizzes

There will be a number of minor quizzes throughout the semester to check that students have adequately prepared for class by learning new vocabulary or grammar lessons.

Mid-term Exam

The midterm exam will test the student language skills that were covered in the class.

Final Exam

The final exam is comprehensive, testing student's mastery of all vocabulary and grammar covered in the course. While the exam requires students to respond to written questions, emphasis will be on listening comprehension and oral production.

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

MSA and Colloquial, p. 6-9

Homework:

- Prepare for next class

Class: 1.2 .

Lesson 1:

- Nice to Meet you, p. 10-12
- WH questions, p. 13-15
- "What's up?", P.16-P.17

Homework:

- Worksheet

Week 2

Class: 2.1 .

Short quiz

Possessive pronouns, P.18-P.19.

Lesson 2 (Taxi), P.20-P.22.

Homework:

- Homework given by the instructor

Class: 2.2 .

Presentation "Your first two weeks in Jordan".

Grammar, P.22-P.24.

Lesson (What did you study at University?), P.25-P.26.

Active participle, P.27-P.28.

Homework:

- Homework given by the instructor

Week 3

Class: 3.1 .

Short quiz.

Lesson 4 (Numbers and Money), P.29-P.39.

Grammar, P.33-P.36.

Grammar (negation + past tense), P.40-P.41.

Homework:

- Homework given by the instructor

Class: 3.2 .

Lesson 5 (Time), P.42-P.53.

Presentation "Things you bought in Jordan".

Homework:

- Homework given by the instructor

Week 4

Class: 4.1 .

Short quiz.

Lesson 6 (Weather), P.54-P.55.

Grammar, P.56-P.57.

Homework:

- Homework given by the instructor

Class: 4.2 .

Lesson 7 (Restaurant), P.58-P.76.

Connectors, P.69.

Homework:

- Homework given by the instructor

Week 5

Class: 5.1 .

Short quiz.

Lesson 8 (I'll direct you), P.77-P.81.

Lesson 9 (In a rush), P.82-P.84.

Past participle, P.83.

Connectors, P.84.

Homework:

- Homework given by the instructor

Class: 5.2 .

Lesson 10 (Isn't so?), P.85-P.88.

Connectors, P.88.

Presentation "Food in Jordan".

Homework:

- Homework given by the instructor

Week 6

Class: 6.1 .

Lesson 11(My daily routine), P.89

Homework:

- Study for Midterm

Class: 6.2 Midterm Exam

Week 7

Class: 7.1 .

Short quiz.

Connectors, P.90.

Lesson 12 (The family), P.91-P.96.

Homework:

- Homework given by the instructor

Class: 7.2 .

Connectors, P.96.

Lesson 14 (At doctor's clinic), P.101-P107.

Presentation "Your family" or "Your daily routine".

Homework:

- Homework given by the instructor

Week 8

Class: 8.1 .

Short quiz.

Lesson 15 (Adjectives), P.108-P.115.

Homework:

- Homework given by the instructor

Class: 8.2 .

Lesson 16 (Phone calls), P.118-P.130.

Homework:

- Homework given by the instructor

Week 9

Class: 9.1 .

Activity: Watching Jordanian movie "Captain Abu Ar-raed"

Homework:

- Homework given by the instructor

Class: 9.2 .

Discussion about the movie "Captain Abu Ar-raed".

Homework:

- Homework given by the instructor

Week 10

Class: 10.1 .

Short quiz.

Lesson 17 (Colors), P.131-P.138.

Homework:

- Homework given by the instructor

Class: 10.2 .

Lesson 17 (Colors), P.139-P.145.

Presentation "Culture in Jordan".

Homework:

- Homework given by the instructor

Week 11

Class: 11.1 .

Lesson 18 (Body parts), P.146-P.149.

Homework:

- Homework given by the instructor

Class: 11.2 .

Lesson 19 (Office of airline tickets, Departures), P.150-151.

Homework:

- Homework given by the instructor

Week 12

Class: 12.1 .

Short quiz.

Lesson 19 (Seat #, Customs), P.152-153

Homework:

- Homework given by the instructor

Class: 12.2 .

Lesson 20 (Animals in proverbs and common phrases), P.154-157

Homework:

- Homework given by the instructor

Week 13

Class: 13.1 Review for the Final Exam

Class: 13.2 Final Exam

Course Materials

Readings

1. Abu Orabi N., 2011. "Sho Fii Ma Fii (Part 3)" CIEE, Amman/Jordan
2. Outside material that will help you to understand the Jordanian culture better for example: Songs, Movies and Proverbs.

