

Spoken Arabic for Beginners 1

اللغة العربية العامية

August 1 - 24, 2023 Intensive Course

Language of instruction: English (first week) and Arabic

Credits: 5

Hours: 100 academic hours

I- COURSE MATERIALS:

Course Book:

The textbook used in the course is:

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

II- COURSE DESCRIPTION AND STRUCTURE:

This course is designed for students with **no prior knowledge** of spoken Arabic or the written language (Modern Standard Arabic). Emphasis will be put on the Palestinian dialect.

The program 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 program progresses.

Students are introduced to the spoken Arabic first 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 fascinating Arab culture, The variety of Arab societies in Israel, Arabic songs, and conversations with Arab native speakers. Card games and working in groups are used to assist in a better absorption of the material taught in class.

Classes meet four days a week for five hours each day. To provide an opportunity for students to actually speak Arabic and immerse themselves in the culture, an academic tour will take place once a week to locations of interest in various Arab communities in Israel, such as: The old city of Acre, Druze villages, and Jerusalem.

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 everyday situations.

IV- FINAL GRADE:

The determination of the final grade is weighted as follows:

Attendance	10%
Participation and homework:	20%
Periodical quizzes	30%
Final Presentation:	40%

V- COURSE POLICIES AND EXPECTATIONS

Homework:

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

In class:

Students are expected to attend class on time and to participate fully in all class activities. Class participation will be an important factor in determining the final grade.

***Academic tours are part of the program and are obligatory.**

Office Hours:

A. Instructor's Office:

The instructor will hold office hours once a week. The exact time and place will be announced in class. Please use the office hours for questions, special requests, or extra help.

B. International School Office Hours:

Sunday–Thursday from 08:00-09:00, 13:00-15:00, in Room 228, Hatter Student building.

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The aim of this course is to teach the local spoken Palestinian Arabic on an elementary level so students can acquire basic skills in vocabulary and grammar. Emphasis is on current topics that will enable students to communicate with native-Arabic speakers in actual everyday situations.

Topics:

Grammar:

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

Conversational Topics:

Introducing oneself
Greetings
Family
Verbs\ actions
How do you feel today?

Colors
Days of the week
Months of the year
Seasons and weather

Time expressions
What's the time?
Directions
Holidays

Expressions of politeness and commands
In the coffee shop and restaurant

Meals and food

We wish you a fruitful course and a wonderful summer in Israel!