
Spoken Arabic for Beginners- Summer Programs

اللغة العربية العامية

July Intensive Course

Language of instruction: English (first week) and Arabic
Credits: 5

I- COURSE MATERIALS:

Course Book:

The Textbook used in the course is:

Othman, Omar. 2013. Yalla Niḥki 'Arabi (Let's Speak Arabic), Book 1 and Book 2.
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 (MSA). An emphasis will be put on the Levantine Dialects.

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 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 program also exposes the students to the 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. In order to provide an opportunity for students to actually speak Arabic and immerse themselves in the culture, an academic tour will take place on the fifth day (every Tuesday starting the second week of the program) to locations of interest in various Arab communities in Israel, such as: The old City of Acre, Druze Villages in The Golan Hights and The Temple Mount in 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 actual everyday situations.

IV- FINAL GRADE:

The determination of the final grade is weighted as follows:

Attendance, participation, homework:	20%
Periodical quizzes	20%
Midterm (Oral) Exam:	25%
Final Presentation:	35%

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

B. International School Office Hours:

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

We wish you a Fruitful Course and a wonderful summer in Israel

The Arabic Course Staff