

## Spoken (Colloquial) Arabic for Beginners

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**Location:** TBA

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### Course Requirements:

- Attendance of 80% of the classes
- Active participation in class conversations
- Preparing for the dialogs, homework, quizzes...
- Mid-term + oral + written final exam

**Final grade:** Quizzes, homework, participation and attendance 15%

Mid-term exam 25%

Written final exam 30%

Oral final exam 30% .

**The Aim of this Course** is to teach the local spoken Arabic (colloquial) on an elementary level 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.

### **Topics:**

#### Grammar:

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

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

Market and shopping

Body parts

#### Conversational Topics:

\* Besides the material given in class, we will also use the book:

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

Lessons	Subjects	Notes
Lesson 1	- Introducing yourself: Simple questions and answers - What's your name? Where are you from?... (Introduction) - Syllabus - The Arabic Letters - Long and Short Vowels	Handout
Lessons 2+3	- Arabic and Semitic Languages - Introduction - The Definite Article + "Sun" Letters and "Moon" Letters	PowerPoint presentation Handout
	- Question Words	Handout
Lessons 4+5	Greetings, Expressions Commonly Used and Replies	Handout + worksheet + book pp. 7 + 8 + 30 + 117-119 + Listening
Lesson 6	Directions	Handout + pp. 96 + 93 (+70)
Lessons 7+8	- Pronouns - Noun Declension (Masculine + feminine) + Genitive construction	Handout + pp. 9 + 11 + 15 + 39 + 52 + 65 + 78
Lessons 9+10	- Days of the Week - Feasts and Holidays	Handout + pp. 41 pp. 67 + 69
	How do you Feel Today?	Handout
Lesson 11	The Family	Handout + pp. 66
	Declensions: Nouns + Prepositions (with, from, for/to...)	pp. 11 + 15 + 17
	Participles + negation	pp. 27
Lesson 12+13	Numbers	pp. 23 + 44-45 + 89 + 101 (+74)
Lesson 14	What's the Time?	pp.23
Lesson 15	- How Old are You? (+ birth date in numbers) - Months of the Year	pp. 67 Handout
Lesson 16	Midterm	
Lesson 17+18	Verbs: Verb conjugations (+ Negation)	pp. 34-35 pp. 29 + 67 + 84 + 85 (+ 50 + 62)
Lesson 19	- The Direct Object - The Indirect Object	pp.39 + 40 + 50 + 51 pp.63-64
Lessons 20+21	- Adjectives (+ comparative + superlative)  - Seasons of the Year +	Handout + pp. 19 + 20 <sup>box</sup> pp.21 + 77 + 78 + Listening (+pages from "Speaking Arabic" by J. Elihay) pp. 26 + 104

	How is the Weather Today? - Colors - Review and Exercise for adj. + colors	PowerPoint Presentation Song: "Shayef l-bah <sup>r</sup> shu kbir?" (Fairouz)
Lesson 22	- Expressions of Politeness and Commands - Body Parts	Handout
Lesson 23+24	Food: In the Coffee shop + In the Restaurant	ppt Presentation + pp. 24 + 46-49 + 114-116
Lesson 25	Review (Songs and exercises)	