

AMIDEAST Education Abroad Programs Arabic 215: Media Arabic I

Credit Hours: 3.0

Program Location: Amman, Jordan

Term and Year:

Class Schedule:

Office Hours:

Course Description

The course introduces students to the Arabic used in the media. The course is designed to assist students to read simple news items in different newspapers from Arab countries, listen to and understand broadcast news, and understand the role of media in shaping Arab thought. This course utilizes the book *Media Arabic: A Coursebook for Reading Arabic News* by Alaa Elgibali and Nevenka Korica in addition to authentic materials, with an emphasis on the local media.

Learning Outcomes

By the completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Master basic vocabulary commonly used in Arabic media
- Successfully understand written and oral news media topics covered in the course.
- Read and understand Arabic newspapers without using a dictionary.
- Write correct news paragraphs.
- Use the new vocabulary effectively in discussing different news items.

Knowledge

The course is designed to assist students to

- Read simple news items in different newspapers from Arab countries
- Listen and understand broadcast news
- Understand the role of media in shaping Arab thought.

Skills

This course is designed to assist students in acquiring or enhancing the following skills:

- Listening comprehension when listening to Arab broadcast media
- Reading comprehension when reading news items in print media.

Attitudes

This course helps develop the following attitudes:

- Understanding the views of Arabs
- Openness to Arab thought.

Course Materials

Media Arabic: A Coursebook for Reading Arabic News, by Alaa Elgibali and Nevenka Koric. Paperback. 2014. This course covers 3 units from the book.

Evaluation and Assessment:

Description	Weight	Due Date
Attendance and engagement	20%	Continuous
Assignments	20%	Continuous
Final Presentation	10 %	Week 14
Quizzes	20%	Every other week
Midterm Exam	15%	
Final Written Exam	15%	

Attendance and Engagement

Students are expected to attend all regularly scheduled classes and come prepared to participate fully in class activities. Students are further expected to be on time for all classes. Arriving late for class is disrespectful of both the instructor and fellow students.

Beyond being in class on time, expectations of student engagement that are accounted for in this portion of the grade include both quality and quantity: full involvement in in-class exercises, class discussions, active listening and asking questions, and proactively seeking additional help during office hours if needed. Throughout the semester, there are a number and variety of program activities that are mandatory for all students. They are announced in advance and reminders are sent. They have an Arabic language component and are tied to activities in Arabic classes. Failure to attend mandatory program activities therefore reflects negatively on students' attendance and engagement grade.

Overview of Attendance Policy

In courses that meet once a week students are permitted one unexcused absence; in courses that meet twice a week students are permitted two unexcused absences; in courses that meet three or more times a week students are permitted three unexcused absences. If a student has more than the permitted number of unexcused absences his/her grade for the course will be lowered by one "mark" for each additional unexcused absence.

In other words,

- In a course that meets once a week only one unexcused absence is allowed. After two unexcused absences an A becomes an A-; after three an A becomes a B+; after four an A becomes a B, etc.
- In a course that meets twice a week, only two unexcused absences are allowed. After three unexcused absences an A becomes an A-; after four an A becomes a B+; after five an A becomes a B, etc.
- In courses that meet three or more times a week, only three unexcused absences are allowed. After four unexcused absences an A becomes an A-; after five an A becomes a B+; after six an A becomes a B, etc.

An unexcused absence is one not caused by illness or otherwise not approved by AMIDEAST staff. An excused absence means written approval from the Program Manager (and sometimes a doctor) justifying the absence. Arriving late to class may also count towards an absence. Students should keep track of their absences and use them wisely. An unexcused absence may not retroactively be excused in the event an interesting opportunity arises and a student has already expended all unexcused absences.

Summary of Attendance Policy

1. Three occurrences of tardiness are equivalent to one unexcused absence; each subsequent instance of tardiness is considered an additional unexcused absence.

2. Students are expected to do the required reading and/or exercises before class, volunteer for presentations, and participate actively in class discussions.
3. Excused absences are determined by the lead AMIDEAST staff member; in some instances a doctor's certification may be required.
4. Deadlines for assignments and scheduled or unscheduled assessments must be respected, even in cases of excused absences. Instructors are under no obligation to accept any work missed due to unexpected absences.
5. Students are responsible for getting homework assignments they miss and submitting them in a timely manner. Assignments turned in after the due date result in a penalty to be determined by the instructor.
6. Any assignments not submitted will result in that assignment being given a grade of 0 (zero).
7. Staff and instructors do their utmost to maintain open and consistent communication with students; students are expected to do the same.
8. The Attendance Policy is in effect until the last day of the program.

Assignments

During the first half of the semester, you are required to carefully study the vocabulary, read the news in the book, and use the new words in sentences that you bring to class. You will also have exercises assigned from the book. After the mid-term exam, in addition to the above, you are required to bring a news item from any of the web sites provided or any Arab newspaper to class each day. Assignments are considered both individually and cumulatively throughout the semester, such that their quality and overall presentation are measured continuously for expected improvement over time. Late homework assignments may be checked but will not be given any credit. Students are encouraged to study and work on homework assignments together. Students should follow up on any instructor's comments on the homework, and it is the students' responsibility to come to office hours to see the instructor when questions arise.

Quizzes

There will be five quizzes throughout the course of the semester. Quizzes may take any number of formats, from traditional assessments to production of social media, and may require preparation and implementation outside of the meeting period.

Midterm Exam

The midterm exam will consist of news items that students will have to analyze and answer questions about. It may include a project component that is completed outside of class or exam time but is presented in class as a portion of the exam grade.

Final Presentation

The presentation includes your choice of a news item. If any new vocabulary is used in the item, a list of vocabulary should be attached in addition to at least five questions for discussion. You are responsible to present it in class.

Final Exam

The final exam will consist of news items that students will have to analyze and answer questions about. It may include a project component that is completed outside of class or exam time but is presented in class as a portion of the exam grade.

Course Schedule

Week 1

Date	Activity	Homework Assignments	Exams/Quizzes
	الوحدة الأولى أخبار اللقاءات و " المؤتمرات التمهيد للقراءة / القراءة لفهم الأفكار الرئيسية	فهم تنظيم النص 14 القراءة المتعمقة 16 - 18	
	فهم تنظيم النص 15 تمارين خارجية لممارسة المفردات	تنمية المفردات 26 - 27	

Week 2

Date	Activity	Homework Assignments	Exams/Quizzes
	مناقشة أخبار خارجية	Students bring an article about the topic	
	القراءة المتعمقة 19 - 21	Students bring an article about the topic	

Week 3

Date	Activity	Homework Assignments	Exams/Quizzes
	تنمية مفردات 28 - 30		
	مناقشة أخبار خارجية		Quiz 1

Week 4

Date	Activity	Homework Assignments	Exams/Quizzes
	القراءة السريعة 30 – 32		
	القراءة الناقدة 33 – 36 + استماعات خارجية		

Week 5

Date	Activity	Homework Assignments	Exams/Quizzes
	الوحدة الثانية أخبار المظاهرات “والاضرابات التمهيد للقراءة / القراءة لفهم الأفكار الرئيسية		
	قراءة أخبار خارجية		Quiz 2

Week 6 Midterm Exams Week

Date	Activity	Homework Assignments	Exams/Quizzes
	Media 215 Midterm Exam		

Week 7
Break Week

Date	Activity	Homework Assignments	Exams/Quizzes
	No Classes		
	No Classes		
	No Classes		
	No Classes		

Week 8

Date	Activity	Homework Assignments	Exams/Quizzes
	فهم تنظيم النص 42 تمارين خارجية	Students bring an article about the topic	
	القراءة المتعمقة 43 – 48		

Week 9

Date	Activity	Homework Assignments	Exams/Quizzes
	تنمية المفردات 50 – 55		
	القراءة السريعة 56 - 57	Students bring an article about the topic	

Week 10

Date	Activity	Homework Assignments	Exams/Quizzes
	القراءة الناقد 59 – 61 استماع لأخبار		
	مناقشة أخبار خارجية		Quiz 3

Week 11

Date	Activity	Homework Assignments	Exams/Quizzes
	الوحدة الثالثة "أخبار الانتخابات" التمهيد للقراءة / القراءة لفهم الأفكار الرئيسية		
	فهم تنظيم النص تمارين خارجية	Students bring an article about the topic	

Week 12

Date	Activity	Homework Assignments	Exams/Quizzes
	القراءة المتعمقة 77 -79	Students bring an article about the topic	
	تنمية المفردات 80 -82	تنمية المفردات 83 - 85	

Week 13

Date	Activity	Homework Assignments	Exams/Quizzes
	استماع لأخبار		
	القراءة السريعة 91 - 88 القراءة الناقدة 96 - 92		Quiz 4

Week 14

Date	Activity	Homework Assignments	Exams/Quizzes
	No Classes		
	التقديمات النهائية	Students bring an article about the topic	

Week 15 Final Exams Week

Date	Activity	Homework Assignments	Exams/Quizzes
	Revision (optional)		
	Media 215 Final Exam		
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Week 16 Reflection Week

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	Final Day of the Program