

**SPOKEN ARABIC**

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Office Hours: Monday 14:00-16:00 (by appointment)

Short description:

This course will introduce students to the “Levantine” (Shami) dialect of Colloquial Arabic used by Israeli Arabs in daily speech as well as in other countries of the Levant mainly Syria, Lebanon and Jordan.

The aim of the course is to introduce basic linguistic structures of Colloquial Arabic as well as basic vocabulary that will enable the student to maintain a basic conversation on a variety of topics: personal acquaintance, family, work, studies, residence, areas of interest accompanied with greetings and proverbs.

During the course, students will be exposed through the spoken language to various aspects of Arab society and culture, through teaching techniques combining songs, movies, television programs, interviews, conversations and sketches, etc.

Assessment\* :

Minor assignments:

Class assignments 20%

Midterm:

In-class oral test 19%

Final requirement:

In-class oral exam 31%

Participation:

Participation 20%

Attendance 10%

Attendance:

Attendance is mandatory. Students are permitted a maximum of three absences without penalty. Any additional absences will affect the final grade and may result in failure of the course.

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\* Please note that if distance learning is required, the assessment procedure, modes of assessment and weightings may be changed.

Academic conduct:

Plagiarism is taken extremely seriously. Any instance of academic misconduct which includes: submitting someone else's work as your own; failure to accurately cite sources; taking words from another source without using quotation marks; submission of work for which you have previously received credit; working in a group for individual assignments; using unauthorized materials in an exam and sharing your work with other students, will result in failure of the assignment and will likely lead to further disciplinary measures.