Introduction to Colloquial (Spoken) Arabic
Syllabus for Summer Semester, 2018

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Course Description:

Arabic is a diglossic language, for which two varieties exist: Modern Standard Arabic (MSA), used mainly in written texts and formal settings, and colloquial (spoken) Arabic, which refers to the various dialects spoken in Arab countries and communities. Though these varieties complement each other, even after studying MSA you may still feel a need to work specifically on your spoken Arabic. Thus, the main goal of this course is to enable you to be able to confidently converse in Arabic. Through the course you will acquire basic vocabulary and functional grammar that will contribute to your fluency in colloquial Arabic.

By the end of the course you will:

- be familiar with the Arabic alphabet
- be able to read simple texts and dialogues
- have a basic knowledge of Arabic everyday vocabulary and basic grammar
- be able to participate in simple conversations on everyday day topics

Topics:

Getting to know you, greetings, home and family, work, telling the time, months and seasons, Arabic proverbs and songs.

Instructional methods:

The course will include lectures, interactive activities, and will be accompanied by a software program “SAFA 1”.

Course Requirements:

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<td>Quizzes and class assignments</td>
<td>Oral quizzes and written quizzes</td>
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<td>Participation</td>
<td>Class attendance, participation and homework</td>
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<td>Final exam</td>
<td>Includes an oral component and a written component</td>
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NOTE: Attendance is compulsory (80% of lessons). Homework is very important. Because learning a language requires extensive practice, doing exercises is critical.

Bibliography: