

**Middle East Institute****Egyptian Arabic Beginner Syllabus**

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**Course Description and goals**

A functional approach to the study of Egyptian Arabic –the spoken dialect most frequently studied and most widely understood in the Arab world. This course is rich in everyday cultural content and real-life functional situations as well as basic comprehensive grammar. This course trains students in important skills, with emphasis on speaking and listening on everyday life situations, from expressing personal likes and dislikes to initiating conversations and describing events and experiences. The key topics covered gradually lead students to understand, use and speak the Egyptian Dialect for future work, travel and study in the region.

*\*The accompanying audio CD has recordings of each chapter's dialogues and exercises, made by native Egyptian speakers to enrich the student's exposure to the spoken language in its natural context and speed.*

**Textbook and Materials**

- Kallimni 'Arabi Bishweesh A Beginner's Course in Spoken Egyptian Arabic and Audio CDs,  
By Samia Louis
- Additional reading and listening materials assigned by the instructor

***\*Students are strongly urged to use the CDS with the book.***

**Grade distribution:**

20% Participation & Attendance

20% Homework & preparation

25% Midterm

35% Final exam

**Week 1 الأسبوع الأول**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>الواجب Homework</b></p> <p>-Use the grammar and vocabulary presented in unit 1 and 2 to:</p> <p>- write a dialogue to be presented with a partner in class similar to the one presented on page 13 <i>(You can be as creative as you would like to be!)</i></p> <p>- bring a picture similar to the one on page 30 and describe it in class.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Module 1 &amp; Module 2</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greetings and apologies</li> <li>• Introducing yourself , nationalities and small talk</li> <li>• Identifying and asking about classroom objects</li> <li>• Asking about personal and common office objects</li> </ul>
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**Week 2 الأسبوع الثاني**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>الواجب Homework</b></p> <p>-Use the grammar and vocabulary presented in unit 3 to:</p> <p>-prepare to tell the times on pages 56-57</p> <p>-prepare a paragraph similar to the one on page 81 to be presented in class with a partner.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Module 3 &amp; Module 4</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asking about numbers, telephone, passport, etc.</li> <li>• Asking about times and appointments</li> <li>• Talking about money and asking for prices</li> <li>• Dealing with money ,asking for prices,</li> <li>• Shopping for food and groceries</li> </ul>
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**Week 3 الأسبوع الثالث**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>الواجب Homework</b></p> <p>-Use the grammar and vocabulary presented in unit 5 to:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Module 5 &amp; Module 6</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asking about the location of things</li> <li>• Exchanging information about addresses and where we live</li> </ul>
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<p>-prepare a paragraph similar to the one on page 105 to be presented in class with a partner.</p> <p>-prepare a paragraph in the hotel with questions similar to the ones on page 132 to be presented in class with a partner.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asking about places and directions</li> <li>• Asking about places and services</li> </ul>
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#### الأسبوع الرابع Week 4

<p><b>الواجب Homework</b></p> <p>-Use the grammar and vocabulary presented in unit 7 to:</p> <p>-talk in class about your daily routine and activities</p>	<p><b><u>Module 7</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taking about habits and daily routines activities</li> </ul>
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#### الأسبوع الخامس Week 5

<p><b>الواجب Homework</b></p> <p>-Use the grammar and vocabulary presented in unit 8 to:</p> <p>-talk in class about professions of family ,relatives and friends</p> <p>-prepare a paragraph similar to the ones on pages 174 /178 to be presented in class with a partner.</p>	<p><b>*Midterm 3-5 minutes speaking presentation on a topic assigned by the instructor</b></p> <p><b><u>Module 8</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talking about jobs and working places</li> <li>• Language for visiting and invitation</li> </ul>
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#### الأسبوع السادس Week 6

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Homework الواجب</b></p> <p>-Use the grammar and vocabulary presented in unit 9 to:</p> <p>-write an email and a reply similar to those on pages 191-192</p> <p>-prepare a paragraph similar to the ones on page 198 to be presented in class with a partner.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Module 9</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offering and inviting , accepting apologies , suggesting gifts ,giving gifts</li> <li>• Likes and dislikes</li> </ul>
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**Week 7 الأسبوع السابع**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Homework الواجب</b></p> <p>-Use the grammar and vocabulary presented in unit 10 to:</p> <p>-prepare 2 dialogues one with a taxi driver and one at the train station similar to those on page 206 to be presented in class with a partner.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Module 10</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asking for services (taxi, bus, train reservation, etc.)</li> <li>• Ordering food at a restaurant</li> </ul>
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**Week 8 الأسبوع الثامن**

**Final Exam الامتحان النهائي**