

Moroccan Arabic (ARB 427a/527a)

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Course Description and Objectives

Moroccan Arabic is a general designation used for a continuum of dialects spoken in Morocco. An alternate designation for this dialect cluster is Maghribi Colloquial Arabic. There are 18,800,000 speakers of this dialect throughout Morocco according to the Ethnologue, and 742,000 elsewhere.

Since the course focuses on spoken rather than Standard written Arabic, it will target primarily the two auditory skills, speaking and listening. Knowledge of Arabic orthography is not required, as the text is in phonetic transcription; reasons for choosing phonetically transcribed over orthographic Arabic can be found in your textbook.

By the end of this course, I expect you to reach an “Intermediate Low” level on the ACTFL proficiency scale; i.e., performing various functions using simple sentences, mainly in the present tense. You should be able to master the following social and communicative functions:

1. Greeting others; introducing yourself and getting information about others.
2. Identifying and describing objects.
3. Giving and receiving simple directions.
4. Giving simple description of people and places.
5. Narrating daily and habitual actions.
6. Dealing with simple hospitality tasks; invitations, offers, thanks.
7. Ordering a meal at a restaurant.

The minimum requirement for this course is one year of Arabic (any variety). Permission to register for this course may be granted to students with no background in Arabic at the discretion of the Instructor, so you need to consult with the Instructor before registering.

Grading Policy

Your final grade will be based on the following:

- 3 Oral Interviews: 30%
- Class Presentation: 10%
- Listening quizzes: 20%
- Homework (taped): 20%
- Class attendance and participation: 20%

For Graduate Students

Graduate Students will be further required to hold a weekly conversational hours outside of class at a location approved by all class members. Should this requirement prove impossible or inconvenient, students will alternatively lead 15 minute interactive sessions each class; activities for these sessions will be planned by the instructor, or by the student under the instructor's supervision.

Required Text

Introduction to Moroccan Arabic by Ernest Abdel Massih; University of Michigan, 1982; ISBN: 093209807X.

Calendar

WEEK I

Introduction; Requirements; Unit 1 Greetings

Unit 1 Greetings; Pronouns and Demonstratives; Yes/No Questions

Unit 1 Identifying objects; WH-Questions

WEEK II

Unit 1 Review; Unit 2 Possessive with pronouns

Unit 2 Introducing oneself; Professions; Negation

WEEK III

Unit 2 Review; Unit 3 Nationalities

Unit 3 Introducing oneself and getting information about others

Unit 4 Countries and Cities

WEEK IV

Unit 4 Cities; Question Formation; Schedule OI 1

Unit 5 Possessive constructions; Negation of possessive constructions

Unit 5 The Family

WEEK V

Unit 5 Description of objects

WEEK VI

Unit 6 Numbers

Locative Adverbs and Prepositions

Unit 6 Location; Courtesy Expressions; Review; Schedule OI 2

WEEK VII

Unit 7 Duals and Plurals

Unit 7 Constructions with numbers; Questions with numbers

Unit 7 Conjunction

WEEK VIII

Unit 7 Description of locations

Unit 7 Review

WEEK IX

Unit 8 Verb conjugation

Unit 8 Academic Fields

Unit 8 Languages

WEEK X

Class Presentations; Review

WEEK XI

Unit 9 Telling Time

Unit 9 Meals

WEEK XII

Unit 9 Daily Schedules

Unit 9 Review Verb conjugations-present tense

WEEK XIII

Unit 9 More courtesy Expressions

Unit 10 Transportation

Unit 10 Question formation

WEEK XIV

Unit 10 Drinks

Unit 10 Hospitality

WEEK XV

Unit 11 Foods

Unit 11 Utensils; at a restaurant

Directions; Geography

WEEK XVI

Unit 11 Adverbs; Habits

Unit 11 Expressions; Verbs; Review; Schedule Final OI's

Final Interviews