

SOAS LANGUAGE CENTRE

Maghrebi Arabic Beginners 1

Course Materials: Materials are specially created by SOAS teachers. Once the class is confirmed, registered students will be sent a link to access an online file of specially prepared materials that they will be able to download and print for themselves before each class.

Overview of Course Content	Syllabus Synopsis
<p>Language Systems:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personal pronouns, possessive pronouns• Masculine and feminine forms• Adjectives• Basic Verbs• Negation <p>Use of Language:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Greetings and introductions• Professions and jobs• Family and marital status• Countries and nationalities• Describing places• Asking for directions• Getting around a city• Taking a taxi• Numbers 1-10• Ordering food and drink	<p>Maghrebi Arabic Beginners 1 is designed to enable learners to communicate in spoken Maghrebi Arabic through a graded introduction to the most essential features of the dialect. Students will learn to introduce themselves and describe their families, their jobs, etc. They will be able to conduct short transactions in some common situations in which they may find themselves when visiting the Maghreb region, such as finding their way around a city and ordering in a restaurant. All four language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing are covered and students will learn to read and write basic words and sentences.</p> <p>The class is taught in Arabic and English with the amount of Arabic increasing gradually. Students will undertake a variety of language practice activities with guidance from the teacher. There is a balance between graded grammar teaching, functional language practice and awareness of cultural factors in communication. Class size is limited to fifteen students to allow for intensive interactive practice.</p> <p>Students are expected to do around an hour of homework each week, which may include listening to familiarise them with the Maghrebi dialect as it is spoken. Review and consolidation sessions will be fitted in during the term depending on learners' needs.</p> <p>By the end of the course, learners are expected to be able to communicate confidently in simple and routine tasks requiring direct and straightforward exchange of information in common everyday situations.</p>