



Bethlehem University

in cooperation with the

Palestinian Arabic Institute

*Documentation, Research, and Training
Under the direction of Prof. Dr. Moin Halloun*

Winter 2012 Intensive Courses in Spoken Arabic

Spoken Arabic January 2012

Spoken Arabic Level I: Beginners level (SPAR 120)

This course is designed for people who have never studied Arabic before. Students learn Colloquial Palestinian Arabic in order to communicate in daily life. The methodology centers on short texts which teach the basic vocabulary and grammar of the dialect. The texts are written also in Arabic alphabet for students who prefer to read the dialect in Arabic letters.

(60 academic hours / 4 Credits)

Spoken Arabic Level II: Intermediate Level (SPAR 121)

The course is design for students who finished 60 academic hours of Spoken Arabic or MSA. In this level students advance in learning longer dialogues from daily life. These dialogues will be presented in front of the class in order to build confidence in speaking in front of people. The focus will be put on the verb system of the dialect. Moreover, the order and the basic syntax will be taught. The instructor will always explain the differences between the dialect and literary Arabic for those who had literary Arabic before.

(60 academic hours / 4 Credits)

Spoken Arabic Level III: Advanced Level (SPAR 122)

This course is designed for students who have 120 academic hours of Spoken Arabic or its equivalent in literary Arabic. The students learn longer, more complex texts on different topics focusing on stylistic features of the Palestinian dialects. Each text is followed by a series of questions. The grammar of the dialect will be compared with literary Arabic grammar for those who have studied literary Arabic previously. The instructors deliver the material only in Spoken Arabic.

(60 academic hours / 4 Credits)

The Spoken Arabic courses run from **Thursday, January 5th to Tuesday, January 31st, 2012.**

Each course meets Monday to Thursday from 9 am to 1 pm.

Program Details

1 **Bethlehem University**

Bethlehem University of the Holy Land is a Catholic Christian co-educational institution of higher learning founded in 1973 in the Lasallian tradition, open to students of all faith traditions. Bethlehem University, the first university established in the West Bank, traces its roots to 1893 when the De La Salle Christian Brothers started to open schools in the Middle East. Beginning with 112 students during its first year, the enrolment of the University increased steadily, establishing a record high of 3,054 in the semester of fall 2009.



The number of highly academically qualified and dedicated Palestinian faculty and staff along with their international colleagues of lay men and women, De La Salle Christian Brothers and members of various religious orders of sisters and priests, grew to meet the developing needs of teaching, research, community service and administration at the University.

The University's story is one of people committed to pursuing their higher education – perseverance and courage in the face of adversity and injustice – working together in hope with an ever widening international circle of colleagues to build a better future.

2 **The Setting**

The University campus is located on the highest hill in Bethlehem, eight kilometers south of Jerusalem. The following historical places in Bethlehem are in walking distance from the campus: the Church of the Nativity, King David's Well, Rachel's Tomb, the Shepherd's Field and Solomon's Pools.

The summer courses will be taught in the Brother Vincent Malham Center, which is a historic, 100 year old Bethlehem house located next to the Church of the Nativity and the Milk Grotto. After a period of renovation, it was dedicated to serve as a multi-purpose building for Bethlehem University in April, 2010. It houses the Palestinian Traditional Music Archive (under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Halloun) which preserves and promotes Palestinian culture, music, and poetry. See map for details (page 5).



3 Academic Credit

Fifteen credit hours of course work are equivalent to one credit in many Northern American institutions of higher education. The credits offered for the courses have been planned accordingly. The Grading Scale is as follows:

90-100	A	75-79	C+	60-64	D
85-89	B+	70-74	C	0-59	Failure
80-84	B	65-69	D+		

4 Course Description

The courses follow a clear and systematic methodology and use the methodology of Prof. Dr. Halloun. Teaching language is English.

The Spoken Arabic courses use the following books:

Moin Halloun, Spoken Arabic for Foreigners. An Introduction to the Palestinian Dialect Vol. I + II incl. CD-ROM (Level 1 Vol. 1, Unit 1-15; Level 2 Vol. 1 Unit 16-28; Level 3 Vol. 2).

Moin Halloun, A dictionary of the Standard Dialect Spoken in Palestine, Bethlehem 2000.

5 Accommodation

Students must make their own arrangements at a hotel, hostel, pension, or private home in Jerusalem or Bethlehem. Reservations should be made well in advance or students have to arrive in Bethlehem several days before registration to find living accommodations. The university does not arrange student housing but the office of the PAI can help with advice and addresses. If you need any assistance, please send an email to: arabiccourses@bethlehem.edu.

6 Insurance

All insurance coverage including medical, life, accident etc. is under the responsibility of the student. Please note that students will be required to present proof of a valid medical insurance at registration.

7 University Regulations

Students are expected to abide by the regulations of Bethlehem University on campus. While living off campus, in the hotels or with families, they are expected to behave as ambassadors of good will.



8 Summary of Fees

All fees are listed in US Dollars. Students from abroad may pay their fees either in US\$ or in the equivalent amount Euro or NIS. The fees/cheques are to be made payable to “Bethlehem University” via cheque or bank transfer to

Arab Bank – Bethlehem Branch #853

Address: Bethlehem-Palestine Account Holder: Bethlehem University

Account Number: 709444-510 (US Dollar Account) 709444-530 (Euro Account)

Swift Code: ARABPS22050

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| a. | Application Fee
to accompany the application (non-refundable) | 20 US\$ |
| b. | Spoken Arabic Audit with credit, all levels | 820 US\$ |
| | Spoken Arabic Audit without credit, all levels | 770 US\$ |

(The total fees (b) include: Application Fees, Tuition per credit, Course fees, Computer Fees, Registration Fees, ID Fees, Accident Insurance Fees in Campus and other fees).

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Registration Form

In order to register, please return the enclosed registration form to the Program Coordinator.

POST	E-MAIL
Bethlehem University Br Vincent Malham Centre Winter Arabic Course Program P. O. Box 11407 92248 Jerusalem Via Israel	arabiccourses@bethlehem.edu

Application Form for Enrollment

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Passport Number: _____ Passport Country: _____

Home Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Country of Birth: _____

Please indicate which course and what level you wish to register for:

Spoken Arabic (Thursday, January 5th to Tuesday, January 31st, 2012)

Level I _____ Level II _____ Level III _____

Please describe any past Arabic language study and experience: _____

Please note:

- Bethlehem University and the Palestinian Arabic Institute do not provide housing. However, they can provide advice about housing accommodations in the area upon request.
- The students themselves are responsible for their insurance.
- All classes are open to foreigners who live in Palestine as well as foreigners from abroad.
- For students who come in a group, BU and PAI can design special classes.