



**Beginners Course Egyptian Colloquial Arabic
GROUP LESSONS**

30 September – 9 December 2019

You are working or studying in Egypt but find it hard to communicate in spoken Egyptian Arabic. Then this course is perfect for you. In ten weeks' time, you will be equipped with the communicative skills in Egyptian Colloquial Arabic needed to engage in basic social interactions. Scheduled in the evenings, this course can be combined with your professional activities.

Course description

This 40 hours interactive course in survival Arabic focuses on everyday language use. It is based on a communicative approach in which communication between instructor-students and students-students is the main tool of teaching. Authentic tasks related to the language of everyday life are used in class activities as well as for homework. The course targets students and professionals living in Egypt who in their daily life have to communicate in Arabic. The course also makes use of peer-work and games in the classroom in order to enhance communicative skills. Course materials will be in transliteration (Arabic written in Latin letters) as well as in the Arabic script, which participants will be able to use by the end of the course.

Course outcomes

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Identify the most common greetings and phrases used in everyday life.
- Introduce themselves and other people.
- Describe their family.
- Conduct short conversations related to everyday life, including but not limited to taking a taxi, buying things and renting a flat.
- Read street signs and short ads.

Course materials

For this course NVIC has developed its own course book: *Yalla Masr. A beginners' course in Egyptian Arabic* (included in the course fees), which contains grammar, vocabulary and exercises.

Based on authentic materials, it combines the strengths of other available handbooks, while avoiding some of their shortcomings. In addition, handouts and audio recordings for listening exercises will be provided by the course instructors as well as additional materials.

The instructors

NVIC's language instructors, all native speakers, are formally trained to teach Arabic to non-native speakers, and have long-standing experience in teaching Arabic (including Egyptian Colloquial Arabic) to undergraduate and graduate university students as well as diplomats and professionals residing in Egypt. Our teachers pride themselves in being up-to-date on the latest theoretical insights in language teaching, ensuring the efficiency of our teaching methods.



Target groups

This course targets professionals and students who reside in Egypt and intend to enhance their communicative skills in everyday social interactions. Prior knowledge of Arabic, or the Arabic alphabet, is not required.

Assessment

Attendance/Class participation	30%
Written final exam	25%
Oral final exam	45%

NVIC

The Netherlands-Flemish Institute in Cairo is an academic institute located on the island of Zamalek in the heart of Egypt's bustling capital. It is one of five Dutch Scientific Institutes Abroad (NWIB) and is supported by the Research Fund–Flanders (FWO-Vlaanderen). NVIC provides services to students and researchers of six Dutch and two Flemish universities. It fosters international research in Arabic and Islamic Studies, Egyptology and Archaeology, and Middle East Studies, and for over forty years now, offers undergraduate and graduate programmes in the same fields.

Practical

The Egyptian Colloquial Arabic Group Lessons span ten weeks from 30 September to 9 December. Classes take place Mondays and Wednesdays from 6pm to 8pm, in the Institute.

On Wednesday 4 December there will be a written exam and on Monday 9 December there will be an oral exam.

The course fee is EUR 300, including all course materials.

The **registration deadline** is Wednesday, 25 September 2019 at 2 pm.

A minimum of five students is required and a maximum of fifteen students are accepted.

If the minimum number of 5 students has not been reached, fees will be refunded to the students

For more information or to register, please visit <https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/nvic/> or email us at info@nvic.leidenuniv.nl