**Levantine Arabic Study Guide 11**

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**Materials to study:**

Syrian Colloquial Arabic, Unit I “Welcome to Damascus!” – Conversation and Functions A through F (do exercises and audio).

LangMedia: [Levantine Audio Comparisons](http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu/legacy/arabic/levantine/index.html) – Getting Acquainted Phrases and Greetings Phrases (compare regional variations in Levantine Arabic)

LangMedia: [Levantine Audio Comparisons](http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu/legacy/arabic/levantine/index.html) – Numbers – compare the pronunciation and expression of numbers in different forms of Levantine Arabic

LangMedia: [Levantine Situation Videos](http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu/legacy/arabic/levantine/index.html) under Greetings

Formal Greetings

Good Morning

Good Evening

Female Friends Greeting

Male and Female Friends Greeting - Work your way through the video comprehension guide

Greeting and Asking about the University – Work your way through the video comprehension guide

Three People Introducing Themselves

**Checklist for review and filling in gaps:**

This week is for review and to fill in gaps. You should already know or be able to quickly learn:

* how to greet people, exchange pleasantries such as “how are you?,” and say goodbye
* how to ask and answer questions about occupations, where someone is from, nationality, and marital status
* how to ask for things you need; how to offer things to others; and use please and thank you
* how to count from 0 to 100 and how to give and write down phone numbers using 0 through 9
* how to tell time and talk about schedules

**Prepare for conversation session:**

* Study where you can practice talking out loud. You should be prepared with the vocabulary and expressions needed to do role plays and other speaking activities in class. For suggestions on how to study, please consult the Levantine I study guides. They have detailed suggestions about how to study for a speaking-intensive course.
* You should be prepared to practice role playing many different types of formal and informal greeting and getting acquainted conversations using what you have learned from your text, audio, and video selections. Your conversation partner will play the role of various people with whom you may interact: customs agent, vendors, and people your own age, parents of friends, professors, etc. Make it a goal to learn how to exchange pleasantries in order to establish and maintain rapport with people.
* Be prepared to practice asking and offering things and using please and thank you.
* Be prepared to practice using numbers using counting and phone number exercises.
* Be prepared to practice telling time and talking about schedules.