**Levantine Arabic Study Guide 19**

Five College Center for the Study of World Languages

Available online at http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu

Version Date: August 2016

**Materials to study:**

Syrian Colloquial Arabic, Unit 5 “What’s so expensive!” – Functions D – E (do exercises and use audio mp3 files)

LangMedia: [CultureTalk Arab Levant](http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu/culturetalk/arab_levant/index.html). Work through these videos. First watch and listen without consulting the Arabic transcript or the English translation. Go through the video multiple times to see what you can pick up without help from a text. Then study the Arabic transcript, watch again. Finally, check the English translation to fill in gaps and meanings you are unsure of. Finally watch the video again. Focus on adding words for clothing and other common household items to your vocabulary.

Everyday Life: Shopping – “Shopping for Household Items”

Everyday Life: Shopping – “Shopping Seasons”

**Assignment goals checklist:**

* Be able to buy clothing and other common household items in markets and stores.
* Be able to describe clothing items in terms of color, patterns, size, and type of material.
* Be able to describe and compare people in terms of appearance and what they are wearing.

**Conversation session preparation:**

* Be prepared to role play shopping for clothing and other household items in markets and stores. Your conversation partner will play the role of the market sellers and store keepers. Discuss when it is okay to bargain and when it is not okay. What do you say if you think something should be cheaper?
* Be prepared to describe what people are wearing (yourself, others in your session, people in pictures).
* Be prepared to describe people’s appearance in pictures and to pick out people in pictures based on descriptions given by your conversation partner.