## CultureTalk North Africa Video Transcripts: <a href="http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu">http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu</a> Student Advantages in the U.S. vs. Tunisia

## **Tunisian Arabic transcript:**

أكثر حاجة عجبتني هنيا بما أنها أمهرست يعني منطقة كلها تلامذة و... أكثر حاجة عجبتني التسهيلات ألي تقدمها ل آآ الدولة أو الجامعة للتلامذة، يعني مسهلين له مهمته كتلميذ ساهلة عليه هو كان باش يقرا و يجيب معدلات باهية. يعني تمنيت كان نفس الشئ موجود في تونس. مانيش نقول يعني ما نقصدش نظام التعليم في تونس خايبة أو ما عندوش المستوى المطلوب أو ، بالعكس يعني شهادة تونس شهادة معترف بها دوليا، عالميا يعني أآآ أما التسهيلات يلقاها التلميذ هنيا تمنيت لو كانت موجودة في تونس يعني، التلميذ لما يكون عنده بحث، عنده أآآ يحب يعدي وقته في القاها التلميذ هنيا تمنيت لو كانت موجودة ألى الحرل... فين يقرا هو ، يحب يمشي ل أآآ يعني أآآ كيما نقولو... سفرات أآ تشمل كل ما هو تبادل ثقافي ما بين الدول، يحب يتعرف على لغة أخرى أآآ كل شئ متوفر هنيا. و حاجة اخرى عجبتني ألي التلميذ هو في مقدوره يختار يعني يختار المواد ألي باش يقراها مادة مادة. يعني في تونس انت تختار الشعبة، ما تختارش مادة مادة شنهيا باش تقرا. حاجة كان توجد بتونس الحق يعني... يكون نظام التعليم في تونس كامل مكمل.

## **English translation:**

The thing I liked most here, since Amherst is a place full of students, are the facilities provided for the student by the government or the university. It means his or her mission as a student is made very easy: He or she has just to study hard and get good grades. I wish that the same thing [facilities] existed in Tunisia. I'm not saying that... I don't mean that the education system in Tunisia in not reliable; on the contrary, a Tunisian degree is recognized all over the world. But I wish that we had the same facilities provided for students. For instance, when the student has to do research, he will probably want to spend a long time in the library, to move easily from one place to the other, to travel to other countries in a cultural exchange context. Everything is provided for the student here in the USA. Another thing that I really like here is that the student can choose his courses one by one. I mean, in Tunisia you can choose the department but not the courses you will study. This is the thing missing in the Tunisian education system. If these facilities would be found in the Tunisia the education system, it would be perfect.

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