

**American University of Beirut
Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies
Summer Arabic Program**

June 21 - August 9, 2017

How to Apply - Colloquial Lebanese Arabic:

Please read carefully the information available on the **CAMES website** about the **Summer Arabic Program**, especially the sections on **Frequently Asked Questions** and on **Policies and Regulations**. The deadline for early admission is **February 15, 2017**. Students who apply by February 15 will receive a response by the second week of March. The deadline for regular admission is **April 12, 2017**. Students who apply before April 12 will receive a response by the first week of May. All applications must be accompanied by the following documents:

- Official copy (sealed and stamped by the student's university) of university transcript(s)
 - Scan of the front page of the applicant's passport
 - Passport size photograph (scanned)
 - Personal Statement: describe in 400-500 words your reasons for applying to CAMES (question 24 on the application form)
 - Two letters of recommendation: from the student's Arabic instructor and one from another referee, preferably academic
 - A copy of the latest Arabic language exam taken
- OR**
- An unaided writing sample in Arabic (150-200 words) introducing the student, discussing the experiences he/she had while studying Arabic and reasons why he/she wishes to gain further fluency in the language. Please make sure that the writing sample is not aided, as this will affect the student's placement in the appropriate level.

Applicants should make sure the completed application form and accompanying documents reach the CAMES office in Beirut no later than **February 15** for the early deadline and **April 12** for the regular deadline.

Each student's level will be determined by a Skype interview before arrival to Beirut, as well as a face-to-face interview on the first day of the program.

Applicants may submit the **application form** by email. **Letters of recommendation** may be sent by email, but should come **directly from the recommenders to CAMES**. If they are sent in the mail or by courier, they must be in sealed envelopes. **Official transcripts** must remain in their sealed envelopes and be sent by mail or courier. Unofficial transcripts may be submitted by email to meet the deadline, but admission to the program is conditional on CAMES receiving official transcripts. Students who wish to send their application materials by airmail, courier or through AUB's New York office should allow **a minimum of 2 weeks** for the package to reach the CAMES office in Beirut. Applications received after the deadline will be reviewed and placed on the waiting list (if the applicant qualifies for acceptance).

Students must read the Summer Arabic Program's Policies and Regulations very carefully before signing their applications. Applications without signatures will not be reviewed. Signing the application indicates that the student has read the policies and agrees to abide by all the stated terms.