American University of Beirut  
Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies  
Summer Arabic Program  
June 23 - August 8, 2014

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. Applicants should make sure the completed application form for the colloquial Lebanese Arabic program and accompanying documents reach the CAMES office in Beirut no later than February 28, 2014. All applications must be accompanied by the following documents:

- Official copy (sealed and stamped by the student’s University) of university transcript(s)
- Photocopy of the front page of the applicant’s passport
- Two passport photographs (identical; to be sent by airmail; not scanned or photocopied)
- Personal Statement: describe in 400-500 words your reasons for applying to CAMES (question 22 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

- A 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.

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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 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 may not be reviewed.

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.