

Community Education – Fall Quarter 2026

Course Title: Culture and Traditions of Syria and Lebanon.

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Course Description

Join us to explore the rich history, civil customs, and religious holidays of the neighboring countries Syria and Lebanon.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students will:

- Learn about ancient civilizations and their creations.
- Discover the unique wedding customs.
- Understand the importance of family and community.
- Explore food and hospitality, and the most important religious holidays.

Course Schedule

1. Week 1: The ancient, historic, and archeological cities of Syria and Lebanon: the invention of Ugaritic, Phoenician Scripts, and the color purple.
2. Week 2: Wedding traditions among the Muslim and Christian communities: Dabke, Damascene Hammam, the Zaffe, Zaghareed, and Henna.
3. Week 3: Hospitality, food, and family gatherings and visits.
4. Week 4: Christian and Islamic religious holidays: Saint Barbara's Holiday, Virgin Mary's Holiday (the Feast of the Assumption). Easter, Ramadan, Eid Al-Fitr, and Al Adha.

Class Evaluation

- Class evaluations are sent by email.
- If you don't see it right away, check your **junk/spam folder**.
- Evaluations are **anonymous** and come directly from Clark College.
- If you don't receive one, contact:

- Email: continuingeducation@clark.edu
 - Phone: 360-992-2939
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