

Arabic Language & Culture in Morocco

# MOROCCO

Fall Semester  
Spring Semester  
Academic Year  
Summer Session



AFRICA & THE MIDDLE EAST

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



### TERM

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### LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English | Arabic



### HOST INSTITUTION

Arabic Language Institute  
in Fez (ALIF)



### HOUSING

Homestay



### ELIGIBILITY

2.5 GPA  
Sophomores and above  
No language  
prerequisite



### WEBSITE

[UMabroad.umn.edu/  
programs/  
africa/morocco](http://UMabroad.umn.edu/programs/africa/morocco)



### About Arabic Language & Culture in Morocco

Learn Modern Standard Arabic in the classroom and practice your language skills on the enchanting streets of Fez, Morocco's cultural capital city. On weekends, explore Morocco's many cultural and historical sites, including the imperial city of Meknes and the historic Fez medina, considered the oldest crafts and food market in the Arabic-speaking world.

### Housing & Meals

Homestays are an integral component of the Arabic Language & Culture in Morocco program learning experience. You will live and share most meals with your Moroccan host family.

Choose to live either in the wandering, energetic 9th-Century medina or the contemporary, French-style Ville Nouvelle.

### Learning Outcomes

- Strengthen Arabic language skills
- Enhance cross-cultural understanding and communication skills through interaction with Moroccan society including local students, host families, and community members
- Deepen your knowledge of Morocco and the Arabic-speaking world in a variety of specially designed courses
- Develop professional skills through increased independence and self-reliance



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## COURSEWORK

The courses on this program are designed for rapid Arabic language acquisition and development in small class-size settings. Language courses typically carry 20 classroom hours per week (120 hours per six-week term). Topics courses provide insight into culture and societies in Morocco and the Arabic-speaking world.

The program also offers volunteer, community engagement, and internship opportunities within local communities in Fez. A variety of opportunities are available based on local community needs and student goals. Research options are also available.

## ARABIC LANGUAGE COURSES

ALIF Arabic courses are offered in six-week terms. You select one language class for each six-week term. Advanced Arabic students have the option of substituting a topics course taught entirely in Arabic in place of their second Arabic language course. Due to the intensive nature of the language courses, students typically earn the equivalent of a year's worth of language credit in one semester.

Modern Standard Arabic (MSA) and Colloquial Moroccan Arabic (Darija) are available.

An accelerated nine-week summer session allows you to earn a full academic year of language credit.

## EXCURSIONS

Excursions include a visit to Volubilis, the site of early Roman civilization, a tour of the imperial city of Meknes, and a weekend experience in the Sahara desert. Additional program activities include cooking classes, drumming and dancing lessons, and a large variety of concerts and performances.

## FINANCIAL PLANNING

Most financial aid may be applied to study abroad. In addition, University of Minnesota students are eligible for \$1.5 million in University of Minnesota study abroad scholarships. For more information about other financial resources, visit the Learning Abroad Center website.

## STUDY ABROAD FITS YOUR DEGREE

Study abroad credits can count toward your major, minor, liberal education, and second language requirements. Contact an adviser on your campus to find out how this program fits for you.

## EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The University of Minnesota is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, or sexual orientation.

“Study abroad is hugely important. I think it adds depth and texture to a liberal education and also allows you to understand your culture more.”

— Eliesa

## A FEAST FOR YOUR SENSES

Explore madrasas, fonduks, palaces, and 13th-Century ruins. Take intensive Arabic language and unique topics courses. Live with warm and welcoming host families and steep yourself in Moroccan culture. Stroll Fez's medina, a UNESCO world heritage site and one of the largest and most enduring Medieval Islamic settlements in the world. On weekends, travel to the imperial city of Meknes and the hypnotizing markets of Marrakesh or attend one of the many cultural festivals and concerts in Fez.

