

### AMIDEAST is Relocating: Come See our New Offices!



New AMIDEAST office location in Airport Heights

AMIDEAST is excited to announce that it is moving to Airport Heights this coming January. We have larger, custom-designed classrooms, improved student lounge and prayer facilities, and a greatly expanded parking area. Classes will begin at the new location in mid-January. Call us for more details.

It is our hope that AMIDEAST's new facilities and service will better serve our community of clients, and the needs of Oman. We remain committed to keeping the numbers in our classrooms low, the standards of our testing high, and to providing the best opportunities for hosting, and for cultural and educational exchange. Check out the rest of our newsletter to discover our latest schedule of opportunities and services.

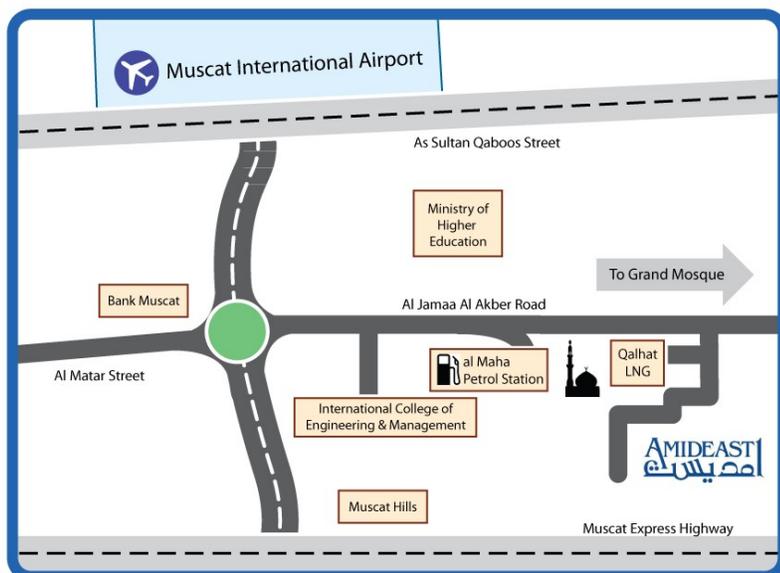
We will be finalizing the dates of our February Open House soon, so be on the lookout for your invitation to the event. In the meantime, our banner is up on our new building. If you happen to be in the area, feel free to drive by and see our new location. It's important for all our friends to be able to find us.

#### Special points of interest:

- AMIDEAST TO RELOCATE OFFICES
- UPDATES ON 2013 SCHEDULE
- CAREER OPPORTUNITIES WITH AMIDEAST

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Map to new AMIDEAST offices in Airport Heights



## Omani Families Sought For Hosting Exchange Students

Have you ever wondered what it is like to live in the United States? You can finally find out by opening your hearts and homes to an American exchange student.

AMIDEAST is seeking Omani host families for American exchange students already residing in Muscat on the Youth Exchange and Study Abroad Program.

Students in the exchange program are 16 and 17 years of age both male and female, and will be staying in the Muscat area for the upcoming high school year of 2012-2013. The personable and academically select exchange students are curious to learn about Oman by living as part of an Omani family while attending high school.

Each student is fully insured, has his or her own personal spending money and expects to bear his or her share of household responsibilities as well, in addition to being included in everyday family activities and lifestyles.

AMIDEAST covers tuition and other school-related fees, and a monthly stipend is paid to each host family to assist in covering incidental costs. The students arrived in Oman on August 25th, 2012 and depart in June 2013. Throughout the year, AMIDEAST/Oman staff will work closely with the students, the host fami-

lies and the host schools to ensure that the exchange experience is an enriching one for all who participate in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Students are well screened and qualified by experienced recruiting organizations in the States.

To become a host family or find out more about AMIDEAST and its programs, call 2456-1727 or e-mail our Program Assistant Manager on

[falmaawali@amideast.org](mailto:falmaawali@amideast.org)



## Academic Writing Sessions

Wondering how Academic writing classes will benefit you? Our classes will teach you to:

- Polish your Grammar
- Learn Parts of an Essay
- Use Important Phrases
- Apply Techniques in Reporting
- Avoid Plagiarism

- Develop Better Research Practices
- Become a Better Self-Editor

**Required:**

**Level:**

Pre-Intermediate II and Above

**Deadline:**

Register by Jan 16th, 2013

**Price:**

OMR 150 (textbook included)

For more info, contact:

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## Academic Writing Session Breakdown (Weekly)

Punctuation, sentences, academic vocabulary, paragraphing, conjunctive adverbs	• Week1
Introductions, conclusions, describing graphs, planning, 5-paragraph essay (IELTS Writing task 2 style)	• Week2
Paraphrasing, summarizing, APA formatting, citations, reference list, set report assignment, searching for sources	• Week3
Report sections, abstract, literature review, methodology, results, discussion	• Week4
Writing workshop, proofreading and editing	• Week5
Exam, report deadline	• Week6

## Women Only Classes at AMIDEAST!

LEARN ENGLISH



*Who*

*Women only!*

*When*

*Morning! Twice a Week*

*How*

*Take a Placement Test & Express your interest*

*Where*

**AMIDEAST**



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## Muscat Access Students Receive a Very Italian Welcome to SQU

Famous Italian Shakespearean character Romeo Capulet welcomed Muscat Access students to SQU earlier this month for the English and Translation Society's "Italian Night." Hosted by the society's members currently studying majors in English language, Muscat Access students enjoyed an Italian cultural exhibition, a university tour, and even a theatrical performance put on by university students in English! Check out photos from this

Access Program trip and other exciting activities at [www.facebook.com/accessinoman](http://www.facebook.com/accessinoman)



## English Language Program Schedule

8-week classes (64 hours)			
Registration Deadline	Start Date	Final Day of Class	Courses Offered
January 16th	January 19th	March 12th	<input type="checkbox"/> English for the Workplace <input type="checkbox"/> Academic Writing
March 20th	March 23rd	May 14th	<input type="checkbox"/> English for the Workplace <input type="checkbox"/> Phonetic Fundamentals
May 22nd	May 25th	July 9th	<input type="checkbox"/> English for the Workplace <input type="checkbox"/> Free Speaking

**All Classes Saturday – Tuesday Evenings Elementary and Intermediate Classes 4:00-6:00 Pre-Intermediate, Upper Intermediate and Skills Courses 6:15-8:15**

Please be advised class sessions starting in January will be taking place in the new AMIDEAST office in Airport heights.

## Advising Center Calender for Jan 7 Feb 2013



**EducationUSA**  
group advising  
sessions are free to  
the public

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### Session Topics

**CU** = Choosing a US  
University workshop  
*\*For anyone who is  
beginning the search process  
for a US university*

**A&E** = Application & Essay  
workshop

**GA** = Graduate Admissions  
Session

*\*For those who wish to  
obtain a Masters or PhD*

**UG** = Undergraduate  
Admissions Session  
*\*For anyone who wants to  
pursue a Bachelors degree*

**F** = Financing Your  
Education

**V** = Visa Process

**BYG** = Before You Go  
*\*For those leaving for USA*

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### January 2013

Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
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5	6 UG 3:00pm	7	8 GA 4:00pm	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20 Alumni Talk	21	22 Intensive Eng Programs	23 GA 4:00pm
26	27 CU 4:00pm	28	29 Trivia & Prize Giveaways!	30

### February 2013

Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
2	3 UG 3:00pm	4	5 Alumni Talk	6
9	10 UG 3:00pm	11	12 GA 4:00pm	13
16	17 CU 4:00pm	18	19 Intensive Eng Programs	20
23 Prophet's Birthday	24 GA 4:00pm	25	26 Trivia & Prize Giveaways!	27

## TOEFL Jr Now Available at AMIDEAST!

AMIDEAST offers the TOEFL Jr test to school students between the ages of 12 and 15 years of age. For more information on TOEFL Jr.

Please visit [www.amideast.org](http://www.amideast.org) or

contact our Testing Manager  
on [falmaawali@amideast.org](mailto:falmaawali@amideast.org)

**TOEFL**®

## Test Prep Courses

### GRE Prep Course

December 29—February 5

48 hours;  
Sat/Sun/Mon/Tues

OMR 200/- including book

### TOEFL Prep Course

January 19—February 26

36 hours; Sun/Mon/Tues

OMR 150/ - including  
book

### SAT Prep Course

January 26—March 6

36 hours; Sun/Mon/Tues

OMR 150/ - including  
book

## Career Opportunities with AMIDEAST



AMIDEAST offers training programs that are 3 month in duration designed for fresh University graduates who are interested in longer term opportunities at AMIDEAST following the training. The trainee is entitled to a daily travel stipend during the trainee period.

The current training programs available are:

### Human Resources:

#### **Required qualifications, skills and experience:**

- University degree in relevant field, must be recent graduate
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills in both English and Arabic
- Strong computer skills, specifically with MS Office Suite, and a willingness to learn other software
- Friendly, cooperative and proactive attitude
- Interest in working for AMIDEAST after the trainee program is completed
- Omani citizen
- Translation skills (preferred)
- Experience of NGO and charity sector (preferred)

### Customer Service Representative:

#### **Required qualifications, skills and experience:**

- High-School/Secondary degree (recent graduate)
- Good verbal and written communication skills in both English and Arabic
- Good computer skills, specifically with MS Office Suite, and a willingness to learn other software
- Friendly, reliable, cooperative and proactive attitude
- Omani citizen

**Please send a letter specifying which program you would like to be considered for along with your resume to [oman@amideast.org](mailto:oman@amideast.org)**

**Deadline: December 31st 2012**

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Founded in 1951, AMIDEAST ([www.amideast.org](http://www.amideast.org)) is an American nonprofit organization engaged in international education, training, and development assistance. With over 20 field and project offices in the Middle East and North Africa and more than 600 dedicated professional staff, AMIDEAST provides programs and services to improve educational opportunity and quality, strengthen local institutions, and develop language and professional skills for success in the global economy. Since its establishment, more than two million students and professionals have benefited from its educational services, and over 60,000 individuals have participated in AMIDEAST-administered education and training programs.

