

A person with a backpack is walking up a wide, colorful staircase in a narrow alleyway. The stairs are painted with various colors and patterns, including handprints and stars. The walls on either side are covered in graffiti and murals. A large, vibrant mural of a hand is on the left wall. Pink flowers hang from a balcony above the stairs. The scene is bright and sunny.

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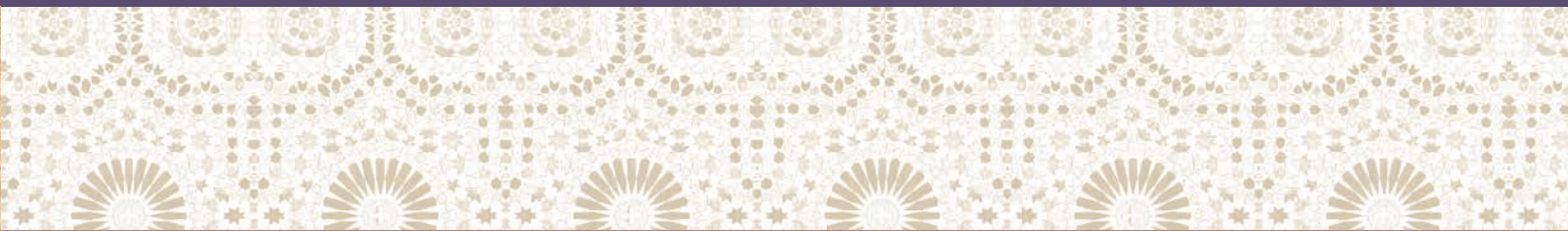


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LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR KATTOUF



The importance of building cross-cultural understanding has never been more crucial than right now. Because the challenges we face are global in nature, the best solutions will be found through the peaceful exchange of ideas and perspectives across cultures. These discussions are more likely to succeed with a citizenry possessing intercultural competencies. These competencies include the ability to communicate in multiple languages, and understanding the cultural diversity of populations around the world. To achieve these goals, we must focus on educating and preparing our students to participate effectively in cross-cultural dialogues.

With this in mind, AMIDEAST is dedicated to providing academically rigorous and culturally authentic education abroad programs in the Middle East and North Africa region. These programs provide the opportunity for American students to forge genuine connections and learn about the peoples and cultures of the Middle East and North Africa. Our programs are designed to encourage respectful engagement, academic curiosity, and the development of intercultural skills.

Established in 1951 to improve mutual understanding between Americans and peoples of the Middle East and North Africa, AMIDEAST has a long tradition of collaborating with partners in the region. Through these relationships, we have established networks which provide opportunities for authentic engagement with locals. From providing partners that allow students to practice their linguistic skills through exchange, to nurturing long-standing connections with local organizations that provide service learning opportunities, we strive to create programs that provide mutual benefits for our students and the people of the host culture.

We are proud that upon program completion, many AMIDEAST alumni find ways to utilize their intercultural skills and passion for the region by pursuing work in government agencies, international NGOs, and other institutions dedicated to the mission of engagement with other nations. At AMIDEAST, we are committed to our work promoting intercultural exchange through educational experiences that will equip our students with the tools necessary to become future global leaders.

Theodore H. Kattouf
President and CEO of AMIDEAST

AMIDEAST'S ROOTS IN THE REGION

Established in 1951, America-Mideast Educational and Training Services, Inc. (AMIDEAST) is a private American nonprofit organization engaged in international education, training, and development assistance work. Today AMIDEAST programs and services touch the lives of half a million individuals throughout the MENA region each year and include improving educational opportunities and quality, strengthening local institutions, and developing language and professional skills critical for success in the global economy.

THE AMIDEAST ADVANTAGE

AMIDEAST's longstanding presence in the Middle East and North Africa means that students benefit from the organization's extensive experience, strong regional connections, and deep understanding of local culture. AMIDEAST Education Abroad Programs provide students wide-ranging opportunities to gain the most from intercultural encounters on semester, academic year, short-term, and summer study abroad experiences in Arab countries.

WHO WE ARE

Our programs are student centered and have an emphasis on Arabic language acquisition. They are intended to develop knowledge of the host country and region and designed to maximize exposure to the host culture. Our programs are regularly reviewed by an Academic Consortium of U.S. colleges and universities for quality assurance. We have a diverse student cohort and our host country staff promotes interaction with the host society.

CORE PRINCIPLES

Our programs help develop mutual understanding between peoples of the MENA region and students from U.S. universities by providing study opportunities in the MENA region. Students interact with local university faculty members, students, host families, and other locals to develop intercultural and global competence. AMIDEAST provides living and learning environments that are academically rigorous and challenging, intellectually stimulating, and interculturally open and accepting.

AMIDEAST EDUCATION ABROAD

ACADEMICS

SEMESTER/ACADEMIC YEAR

Area & Arabic Language Studies
Regional Studies in French

- ☞ Arabic: Blended Modern Standard & Colloquial ♦ 120 contact hours/8 credits
- ☞ Colloquial Arabic ♦ 45 contact hours/3 credits
- ☞ Content/Elective Courses ♦ 45 contact hours/3 credits

SUMMER

**Conflict & the Struggle for Peace:
Explorations in Ireland and the Middle East**

Visit the Foundation for International Education's website: www.fie.uk

SUMMER

Intensive Arabic

- ☞ Arabic: Blended Modern Standard & Colloquial
- ☞ 1 session = 4 weeks; 2 sessions/summer
- ☞ 95 contact hours & 6 credits per session

SUMMER

**Action AMIDEAST:
Social Innovation Abroad**

- ☞ Colloquial Arabic ♦ 15 hours/1 credit
- ☞ Community-Based Learning ♦ 45 hours/3 credits
- ☞ Placement ♦ 150 hours/2 credits

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

While each program has its own style, influenced by the unique characteristics of the host country and city, all AMIDEAST programs include the following distinctive features.

STAFF

AMIDEAST programs are supported by a well-trained and diverse staff of Americans and host country nationals.

LANGUAGE

Modern Standard Arabic, Colloquial Arabic, and Media Arabic are offered at multiple levels.

Students are paired with local students as part of the Language Partner Program in order to improve their conversational Arabic.

CULTURAL EXCHANGE

All programs are structured to include opportunities for students to engage in meaningful cultural exchange with host communities and develop their intercultural competence.

HOUSING

Morocco & Tunisia:
Host family

Jordan:
Host family or Shared Apartments

PRE-DEPARTURE PLANNING & IN-COUNTRY ORIENTATION

Students receive extensive pre-departure information, attend a live pre-departure webinar, and receive an in-country orientation covering logistics, academics, safety, cultural adjustment, and more.

CONTENT COURSES & STUDY ENVIRONMENT

On semester programs, students choose 2–4 content courses taught in either English or French (depending on the program) from a wide range of disciplines. Courses are taught in a U.S. format by local faculty.

TRANSCRIPTS & SCHOOL OF RECORD

SYLLABI

Syllabi are created for each course by Area Studies and Arabic Language faculty members prior to the start of the term. Each syllabus is thoroughly reviewed by the Academic Coordinator and AMIDEAST Education Abroad staff in Washington, D.C. for consistency and content. In order to facilitate the approval of credit for courses, all syllabi are available online.

After a student completes an AMIDEAST Education Abroad program, AMIDEAST issues an official grade report that documents letter grades and credit received. This grade report is sent to the student's home institution 4–8 weeks after the end of the program. Alternatively, students can request a transcript issued by AMIDEAST's School of Record (SOR) for an additional fee. Students who have indicated this option will receive their transcript from the SOR approximately 8–10 weeks after the end of the program.



QUALITY ASSURANCE

ACADEMIC CONSORTIUM

AMIDEAST's Education Abroad Programs benefit from the advice and quality assurance of an Academic Consortium, a group of institutions that represent a cross-section of U.S. higher education. The following institutions are members of the AMIDEAST Academic Consortium:

American University
Bard College
Creighton University
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Grinnell College
Kenyon College
Knox College
Lawrence University
Marquette University
Michigan State University
Middle Tennessee State University
Ocean County College
Queens College
University of Richmond

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My experience abroad was extremely worthwhile. It opened my eyes to so much culture, history, and I was able to see many beautiful places while having meaningful interactions with locals.

— Morocco Summer Alum

ARABIC CONSULTANT AND ADVISORY BOARD

The Qasid Arabic Institute serves as the Arabic Studies Consultant for AMIDEAST Education Abroad Programs in the Arab World. The Qasid Arabic Institute is based in Amman, Jordan and has developed a reputation as one of the leading programs in the Middle East for Arabic language learning. Its comprehensive curriculum begins with the proper pronunciation of Arabic letters and continues through to a high degree of proficiency.

AMIDEAST Education Abroad Programs benefit from the advice of a distinguished group of Arabic language faculty at U.S. colleges and universities. The Arabic Language Advisory Board members work with Dr. Khaled Abu Amsa and the Qasid Arabic Institute to define the proficiency-based curriculum for Arabic instruction and the expected outcomes at each level in both Modern Standard Arabic and Colloquial Arabic. They also participate in the continuous assessment of the programs.

COURSES & SYLLABI

For our semester programs, we offer several area studies courses to choose from. Prior to the start of the semester abroad, AMIDEAST Education Abroad will notify students as to which courses will be available that term.

To review the syllabi for all of our semester and summer courses, please visit our blog site: www.amideastedabroad.org/syllabi.



INTERCULTURAL LEARNING

AMIDEAST Education Abroad Programs include opportunities for students to develop their intercultural competence. Students are encouraged to use language, non-verbal cues, communication, perceptual styles, and cultural assumptions and values as key windows to understand cultural difference.

SOME KEY COMPONENTS OF AMIDEAST'S APPROACH TO INTERCULTURAL LEARNING INCLUDE:

LANGUAGE PARTNERS

In each host country, AMIDEAST field staff recruits local students, young professionals, and participants in AMIDEAST English language courses to act as language partners for Education Abroad students. Education Abroad students work with host country peers to practice language and foster cultural exchange.

CULTURAL EXCHANGE & CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

During semester programs, Education Abroad students participate in structured exchange and a range of activities. These opportunities create space for guided, meaningful discussion, interaction, and problem-solving with host country peers.

REFLECTION RETREAT

All AMIDEAST Education Abroad semester/academic year programs include a mandatory "Reflection Retreat" at the end of the term. Summer students will participate in a mandatory "Reflection Day" at the end of their program. Students often feel excitement and anxiety about returning home. Reflection has been designed to create time and space for students to consider their experience as they depart their host country.



JORDAN

LIST OF PROGRAMS

SEMESTER/ACADEMIC YEAR

- Area & Arabic Language Studies

SUMMER

- Intensive Arabic
- Conflict & the Struggle for Peace: Explorations in Ireland & the Middle East

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AREA & ARABIC LANGUAGE STUDIES

مرحباً!

WELCOME!

Amman, the capital of Jordan, has expanded from a quaint sleepy town to the bustling, multicultural metropolis it is today. As Jordan is deeply enmeshed in the international relations of the region, students may find no better place to study pressing Middle Eastern issues and Levantine Arabic.

ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

- Arabic: Blended Modern Standard & Colloquial Jordanian (8 credits) is recommended
- Colloquial Jordanian Arabic (3 credits) is required if not in the 8-credit course
- Elective Area Studies courses (3 credits each) taught in English in a variety of disciplines. Recent courses have been drawn from art, history, political science, religion, and women's studies.
- Media Arabic (3 credits) is also available as an elective



COMMUNITY-BASED LEARNING

This interdisciplinary course aims at strengthening and deepening students' knowledge of the Middle East through direct experience in local organizations and a series of lectures aimed at providing the theoretical framework for studying and interacting with Jordanian society, culture, and politics.

Students will have a volunteer placement in a local organization where they are expected to spend at least five hours a week. There are also lectures/seminars to contextualize the placement, providing the opportunity to directly observe and analyze different aspects of Jordanian culture, social relations, and politics under the framework provided by the class readings and discussions.

	TERMS	DATES	CREDITS
SEMESTER	Fall	Late August to Mid December	12 - 17
	Spring	Mid January to Early May	12 - 17
ACADEMIC YEAR	Fall & Spring	Late August to Early May	24 - 34

INTENSIVE ARABIC IN AMMAN

مرحباً! كيفكم؟

HELLO! HOW ARE YOU?

Intensive coursework combined with daily interactions with host families help students at all levels increase their Arabic proficiency within a short period. The Intensive Arabic Program is offered in two 4-week sessions, so students can choose to spend one or two months living and studying in Amman.

ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

- Arabic: Blended Modern Standard & Colloquial Jordanian (6 credits)
- Classes meet five hours per day, five days per week



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I gained real use of the language and found myself able to communicate with locals on the street better than I could have ever imagined prior. I was so happy to finally be able to use Arabic!

- Intensive Arabic in Amman Student

	TERMS	DATES	CREDITS
SUMMER	Session 1	Mid June to Mid July	6
	Session 2	Mid July to Mid August	6
	Sessions 1 & 2	Mid June to Mid August	12

CONFLICT & THE STRUGGLE FOR PEACE: EXPLORATIONS IN IRELAND & THE MIDDLE EAST

LEARN IN DUBLIN AND AMMAN!

While exploring the process of peace and conflict resolution and the sensitive cultural and societal roots of conflict, students spend a total of five weeks of the summer in Dublin and Amman. Organized by the Foundation for International Education (FIE) in cooperation with AMIDEAST, students are exposed to the theory and practice of peace keeping, peace-making, peace building, and conflict resolution in Europe and the Middle East. See the FIE program website for course description and application information:

<https://www.fie.org.uk/peace-conflict-program>

ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

- A study tour to Derry, Northern Ireland to contextualize theory on peace and conflict resolution
- Students examine the Arab/Israeli conflict and various regional and local conflicts, all of which are addressed in a Middle East cultural context
- Students have the option to extend the experience in Jordan by participating in a 4-week Intensive Arabic Summer Session with AMIDEAST



	PROGRAMS	DATES	CREDITS
SUMMER	Conflict & the Struggle for Peace only	Early June to Mid July	See FIE website (above)
	Conflict & the Struggle for Peace with Intensive Arabic extension	Early June to Mid August	See FIE website (above)

EXCURSIONS IN JORDAN

Experiencing life outside the host city is an integral part of AMIDEAST Education Abroad programs. Semester programs travel on three major organized excursions and summer programs travel on one to two excursions. Included in the program fees, excursions provide students a way to experience their host country firsthand, taking them places they might not otherwise be able to access.

Previous excursions in Jordan have included Jerash, the Dead Sea, Wadi Rum, and Petra (pictured).



I learned a great deal of cultural understanding & flexibility. My preconceived notions about the Arab world were challenged and my sense of identity was further shaped.

- Morocco Program Alum



I learned a lot about myself. My program was definitely more challenging than a lot of my friends who studied in Europe, but I also feel that I got a lot more out of my experience.

- Morocco Program Alum

A new culture, new mindset, and unique sides of learning a new language. It was incredibly worthwhile.

- Jordan Program Alum

This program, as well as the host country, can be a life-changing experience. I would highly recommend it for people interested in the region, people, and language.

- Jordan Program Alum



I gained a huge appreciation for the Jordanian culture, as well as the complexities of the regional context.

- Jordan Program Alum

AMIDEAST has been doing this for a very long time, so they know how to handle things thrown their way.

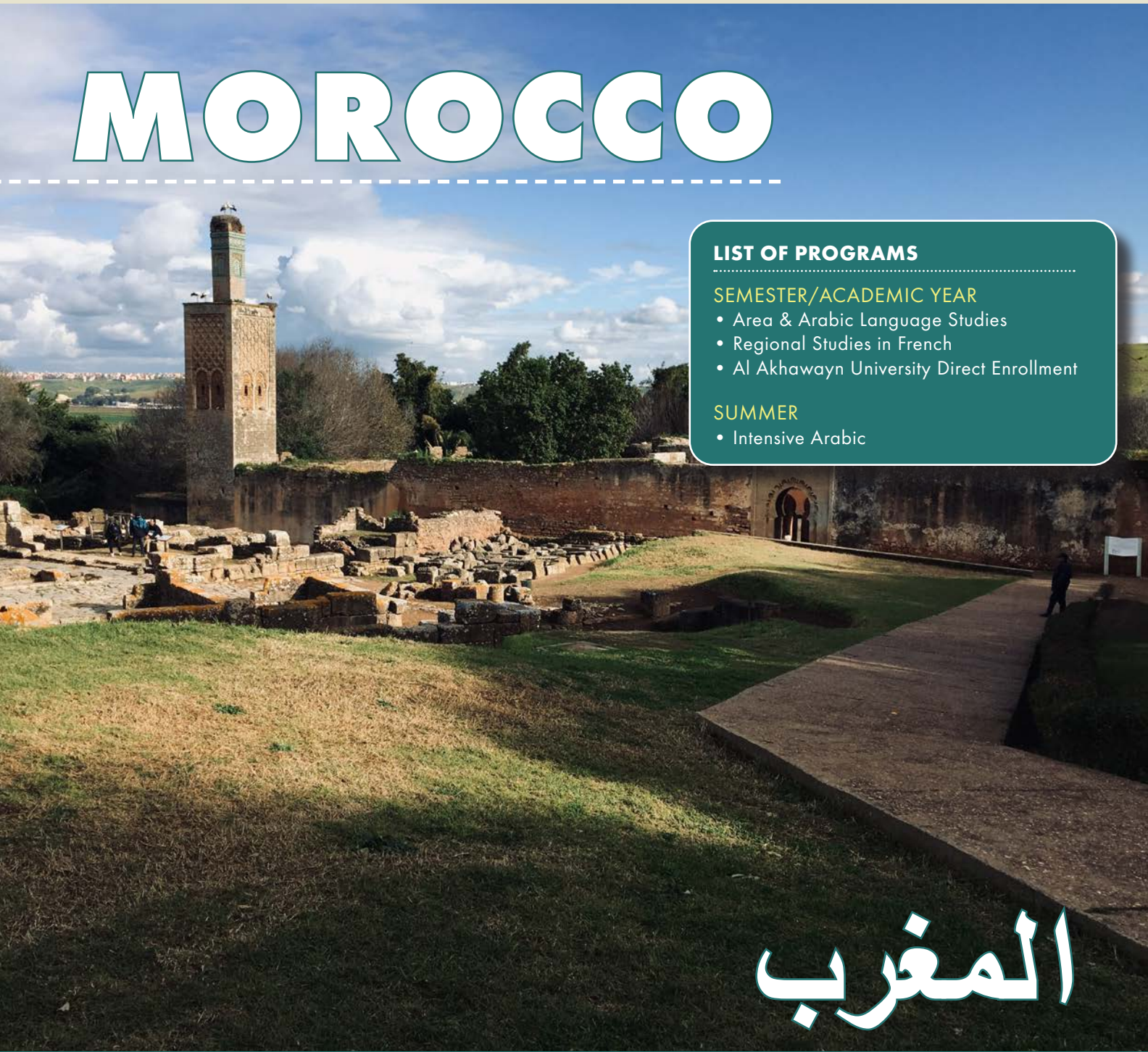
- Morocco Program Alum



Incredibly worthwhile – great introduction to Arabic and an even better exposure to the diversity of the North African region.

- Morocco Program Alum

MOROCCO



LIST OF PROGRAMS

SEMESTER/ACADEMIC YEAR

- Area & Arabic Language Studies
- Regional Studies in French
- Al Akhawayn University Direct Enrollment

SUMMER

- Intensive Arabic

AREA & ARABIC LANGUAGE STUDIES

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HOW IS IT GOING, STUDENTS?

In the westernmost outpost of the Arab world, students learn firsthand from leading faculty about Morocco's efforts to address contemporary issues such as gender rights, ethnic diversity, and democratization. Students' access to Moroccan culture offers unparalleled insights into the country's approach to pressing social, religious, and cultural matters of the Middle East and North Africa.

ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

- Arabic: Blended Modern Standard & Colloquial Moroccan (8 credits) is recommended
- Colloquial Moroccan Arabic (3 credits) is required if not in the 8-credit course
- Elective Area Studies courses (3 credits each) taught in English in a variety of disciplines. Recent courses have been drawn from Middle East and North Africa studies, history, political science, religion, sociology, women's studies, and *Amazigh* studies.
- Media Arabic (3 credits) is also available as an elective



COMMUNITY-BASED LEARNING

This interdisciplinary course is designed to enhance students' professional, analytical, and communication skills within the context of a local placement, which will focus on practical engagement and interaction with Moroccan society.

Students will have a volunteer placement in a local organization where they are expected to spend at least five hours a week. There are also lectures/seminars to contextualize the placement, providing the opportunity to directly observe and analyze different aspects of Moroccan culture, social relations, and politics under the framework provided by the class readings and discussions.

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SEMESTER	Fall	Late August to Mid December	12 - 17
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ACADEMIC YEAR	Fall & Spring	Late August to Early May	24 - 34

REGIONAL STUDIES IN FRENCH

BIENVENUE AU MAROC!

WELCOME TO MOROCCO!

Immergés dans la passionnante ville historique de Rabat, les étudiants suivront divers cours en Français sur les identités Musulmanes, Arabes, Africaines et Méditerranéennes au Maroc. Tout en améliorant leur niveau de Français dans cet environnement Francophone non européen, les étudiants approfondiront leur expérience marocaine en apprenant l’arabe parlé et exploreront le Maroc.

ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

- Students are required to have a high level of French language proficiency to participate (intermediate-high on the ACTFL scale).
- Arabic: Blended Modern Standard & Colloquial Moroccan (8 credits) is optional
- Colloquial Moroccan Arabic (3 credits) is required if not in the 8-credit course
- Elective Regional Studies courses (3 credits each) taught in French in a variety of disciplines. Recent courses have drawn from Francophone literature, history, Middle East and North Africa studies, political science, religion, sociology, and women’s studies.



	TERMS	DATES	CREDITS
SEMESTER	Fall	Late August to Mid December	14 - 17
	Spring	Mid January to Early May	14 - 17
ACADEMIC YEAR	Fall & Spring	Late August to Mid May	28 - 34

AL AKHAWAYN UNIVERSITY DIRECT ENROLLMENT PROGRAM

WELCOME TO AL AKHAWAYN!

This program offers a diverse curriculum through direct enrollment at Al Akhawayn University (AUI), an English-language Moroccan university patterned on the American model of higher education. Students usually take 15 credits per semester and may choose from any of the course offerings listed in the AUI catalog. Students at AUI live in residence halls on the 98-acre campus in Ifrane, Morocco.



MOROCCAN ARABIC & CULTURE

There is a mandatory 1-credit orientation at the AMIDEAST center in Rabat prior to the start of the AUI semester. Students will take Colloquial Moroccan Arabic instruction and attend several lectures/activities in preparation for their semester. Students will stay with a host family for this 10-day program.

	TERMS	DATES	CREDITS
SEMESTER	Fall	Mid August to Mid December	15 + 1
	Spring	Early January to Early May	15 + 1
ACADEMIC YEAR	Fall & Spring	Mid August to Early May	30 + 1

INTENSIVE ARABIC IN RABAT

تعلم اللغة العربية الفصحى و الدارجة في المغرب!

**LEARN MODERN STANDARD ARABIC AND
DARIJA IN MOROCCO!**

The summer Intensive Arabic Program focuses on high-quality Modern Standard and Colloquial Moroccan Arabic instruction at beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels. From haggling in the easily accessible medina using Darija (Moroccan Arabic) to navigating Rabat's contemporary neighborhoods, experiences with conversational Arabic are reinforced with coursework.

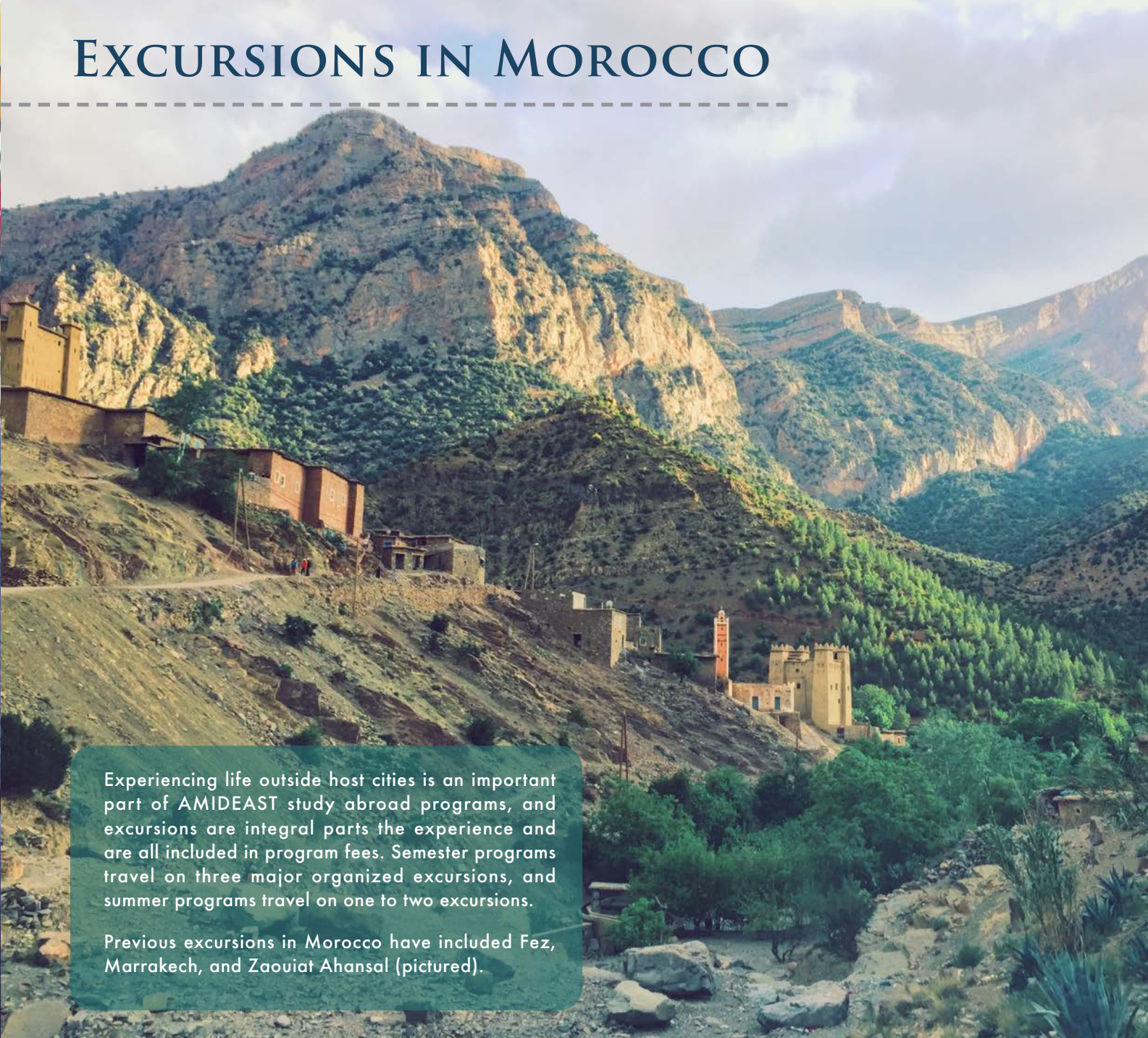
ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

- Arabic: Blended Modern Standard & Colloquial Moroccan (6 credits)
- Classes meet five hours per day, five days per week

	TERMS	DATES	CREDITS
SUMMER	Session 1	Mid June to Mid July	6
	Session 2	Mid July to Mid August	6
	Sessions 1 & 2	Mid June to Mid August	12



EXCURSIONS IN MOROCCO



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Previous excursions in Morocco have included Fez, Marrakech, and Zaouiat Ahansal (pictured).

TUNISIA

LIST OF PROGRAMS

- SUMMER**
- Action AMIDEAST: Social Innovation Abroad

تونس

ACTION AMIDEAST

أهلاً و سهلاً في تونس!

WELCOME TO TUNISIA!

This is a distinctive summer education abroad opportunity for students to engage in community-based learning in a Tunisian workplace. The program includes a study component in Tunisian Colloquial Arabic and a service-learning component through a Community-Based Learning course. Applicants do not need prior Arabic study, knowledge of the region, or study abroad experience to participate in this program. Service-learning placements are available for students who speak English, ASL, French, and/or Arabic.

ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

- Colloquial Tunisian Arabic (1 credit)/ Tunisian Sign Language (1 credit)
- Community-Based Learning (3 credits)
- Placement (2 credits)

TERM	PROGRAM	DATES	CREDITS
SUMMER	Action AMIDEAST	Early June to Mid July	6

CUSTOMIZED PROGRAMS



CUSTOMIZED PROGRAM

4 weeks in Jordan
15 contact hours of Colloquial Arabic
27 contact hours of Jordanian Culture
Homestays in Amman
Amman City Tour

FACULTY-LED PROGRAM

4 weeks in Morocco
27 contact hours of Service Learning
Cultural Activities: Breadmaking, Cooking & Henna
Homestays in Rabat
Excursions to Fez, Chefchaouen, Merzouga & Marrakech
Welcome & Farewell Dinners



EXAMPLES OF CUSTOMIZED PROGRAMS

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FACULTY-LED PROGRAM

2 weeks in Tunis, Tunisia
Daily site visits to local organizations, cultural activities, and lectures
Excursions to Dougga, Kairouan, and Hammamat
Hotel accommodation
Day trips to the Tunis Medina, Bardo Museum, Sidi Bou Said, and Carthage
Cultural exchange activity with Tunisian students

FACULTY-LED PROGRAM

11 weeks in Morocco
3 sections of Modern Standard Arabic, 30 hours each
3 Lectures & 3 Cultural Activities
Reflection Week Activities
Excursions to Volubilis, Moulay Idriss, Meknes, Marrakech, Tangier & Spain
Homestays in Rabat
Visiting University Faculty Teaching Content Courses

VIRTUAL LEARNING & CULTURAL EXCHANGE

TAKE INDIVIDUAL CLASSES OR A WHOLE SEMESTER ONLINE!

AMIDEAST Education Abroad is excited to offer classes on our LMS platform, **amideastonline.org**. Students will be able to take Arabic and Area Studies courses, either as an entire semester of virtual study abroad, or can supplement their other coursework with individualized options.

ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

- Arabic: Blended Modern Standard & Colloquial (8 credits) is available at all levels.
- Colloquial Arabic and Media Arabic (3 credits each) are both available as electives.
- Elective Area Studies courses (3 credits each) taught in English or French in a variety of disciplines, including our Community-Based Learning course.
- A Cohort Course is available for all students enrolled with a minimum of 11 credits. This course will include orientation, guest lectures, and other cultural exchange opportunities.



VIRTUAL CULTURAL EXCHANGE

All of the courses offered as part of AMIDEAST Education Abroad's online program will include fully integrated and meaningful cultural exchange with faculty and students from Egypt, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia.

From language partners in Arabic to virtual placements in our Community-Based Learning course, students will not only take classes, but work on collaborative projects with a host community from the Arab world.

PHOTO CONTEST

Every term we hold a photo contest, open for all of our students and alumni. Check out our social media for more wonderful student photos and to vote for your favorite during our next contest.



HEALTH & SAFETY

AMIDEAST provides the support necessary for students to have a safe and healthy education abroad experience. The health, safety, and security of students, faculty, and staff are collectively the number one priority on AMIDEAST Education Abroad programs.



“ ” AMIDEAST really made my safety and learning a priority. I felt taken care of the entire time and knew if I had a concern they would be there.

– Morocco Program Alum

PRESENCE IN THE REGION

AMIDEAST was established in 1951 to build human connections between Americans and the diverse peoples of the Middle East and North Africa. This longstanding physical presence in the region has enabled AMIDEAST to develop an extensive network of contacts with local educational and other institutions, organizations, government offices, and civil society.

INSURANCE

As part of the program fee, AMIDEAST provides medical insurance for all students. In addition to medical insurance, AMIDEAST purchases high-quality security evacuation coverage for program participants.

STUDENT HEALTH

All students should submit a detailed medical profile on the Student Portal prior to departure, and AMIDEAST staff works with students to make accommodations for any health or dietary needs. Once in country, program staff helps students deal with health issues as they arise. Staff recommends providers and hospitals both in the host city and in areas visited on excursions.

RISK MANAGEMENT

In addition to AMIDEAST's longstanding physical presence and strong relationships with local institutions, risk is managed in the following ways:

- AMIDEAST's Country Directors maintain close ties to the Regional Security Officers at U.S. Embassies.
- Local program staff members are included in the U.S. Embassy warden network.
- AMIDEAST is a member of the U.S. Department of State's Overseas Security Advisory Council.
- AMIDEAST contracts with World Aware: Intelligent Risk Systems (formerly iJet) to provide students direct access to up-to-the-minute information regarding security.
- Field office staff maintains a vital local network and contributes to the understanding of ongoing and developing situations on the ground.
- Key staff members in the field and in Washington, D.C. are available 24/7 to respond to emergency situations.
- AMIDEAST study centers are accessible only through controlled entrances. Local staff is able to send out text messages (SMS) simultaneously to all students' program-provided mobile phones to update them instantly as issues related to health, safety, and security develop.

STUDENT SUPPORT

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION

- Includes:
- Information on academics, visas & insurance
 - Information on issues of safety & security
 - Detailed, country-specific student handbook
 - Webinar series covering Health, Safety & Security, Identity & Intersectionality, and Program Logistics
 - Live Question & Answer Session

IN-COUNTRY ORIENTATION

- Includes:
- Discussion about cultural adjustment
 - Program components
 - Academic advising
 - Setting goals & expectations
 - Safety
 - Survival language instruction
 - Host city exploration

ONGOING PROGRAM SUPPORT

- Includes:
- One-on-one and group meetings
 - Assistance obtaining mental or physical health care services, including a staff escort
 - Being a highly accessible resource for all types of questions and concerns
 - Working with local authorities and AMIDEAST staff to promote student safety and security
 - Being available 24/7 for emergencies via the local and U.S.-based emergency lines

POST-PROGRAM SUPPORT

- Includes:
- Grade reports and transcripts
 - Course syllabi from classes taken while on the program to assist in the credit transfer process
 - Enrollment verification for any scholarship-granting or background check organizations
 - Alumni network
 - Access to transcripts for future applications

ACCOMMODATIONS

ACADEMIC

Academic accommodations can be made for a variety of reasons. Examples of reasonable accommodations include extra time to sit for an exam, arranging for flexibility of assignment due dates, or large print documents. Contact your university's office that handles accommodations and have them provide us a copy of your accommodations.

RELIGIOUS

Our programs can accommodate religious observances as required by a student's practice or belief. Upon request, students may be excused from classes, examinations, or other program-organized activities for the observance of the religious holy day(s). Excused absences from classes or exams will not be counted against attendance requirements, but they do not relieve the student from responsibility of any required coursework.

DEPENDENTS

If you are unable to attend a program unless a dependent family member accompanies you, this would require an exception to our policies. Please note that any additional costs (i.e., housing, child care, elder care, etc.) related to bringing additional family members will be borne solely by the student and additional waivers may be required.

DISABILITY

If you require accommodations for a disability, please email our team. Unfortunately our region is often not very disability-friendly, but all reasonable accommodations will be considered.

IF YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU WOULD NEED ANY TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION, PLEASE EMAIL EDABROAD@AMIDEAST.ORG TO BEGIN A CONVERSATION.



HOUSING



Host families are wonderful & are **very generous** to welcome American students into their homes.

- Jordan Program Alum



Living with a host family is the **best experience** you can have and it was so beneficial to me.

- Morocco Program Alum

[My host family] made me feel like I was truly part of the family and they exposed me to a lot of **interesting & unique** aspects of Moroccan culture.

- Morocco Program Alum



I loved my host family – they allowed me to get an inside glimpse of family life in Jordan & were **so welcoming and helpful** in guiding me along my semester.

- Jordan Program Alum



Depending on which program you choose, you may live with a host family, in a shared apartment, or in a private student residence hall (AUI only). Homestays provide students with a window into local culture; this unique experience will give you a window into the important role family plays in Arab society as well as how local community affects family life.

Once accepted to the program, you will be asked to provide AMIDEAST with information about your preferences that will help us pair you with a roommate for your host family or apartment. Please note that all students are required to live in AMIDEAST-provided housing.

STAFF & FACULTY

STAFF

AMIDEAST Education Abroad staff members possess a wealth of knowledge about the Middle East and North Africa region. They have served as Peace Corps volunteers, Fulbright Fellows, founders of non-profit organizations, teachers, researchers, and program administrators. While our staff members come from diverse cultures and backgrounds, they share a common passion for the peoples and cultures of the Middle East and North Africa.

FACULTY

Local faculty members develop quality Arabic and Area Studies courses for each Education Abroad Program. In collaboration with Academic and Arabic Coordinators, faculty offer content specialized for the AMIDEAST program. As scholars, professionals, or policy makers with extensive experience in the region, AMIDEAST faculty members teach courses based on firsthand experience.

AMIDEAST Education Abroad Programs in the Arab World are administered by a collaborative team of Field Office and Washington, D.C. Headquarters staff and faculty. This team of education abroad professionals and academics supports AMIDEAST students with their health and safety, academics, language acquisition, intercultural development, cultural adjustment, and logistics.



TUITION & FEES

Tuition and fees vary among programs.

Visit our website for the most up-to-date information on program fees.

Students are encouraged to apply for AMIDEAST scholarships and consider using federal, state, and other institutional aid to reduce the costs of study abroad.

Contact your study abroad and/or financial aid office to discover how aid **may** be applied to for your program. You can generally use your Federal Financial Aid to pay for your education abroad program if you are enrolled full time at an institution of higher education.

TUITION AND FEES INCLUDE:

- All courses and course packs
- Pre-departure and on-site orientations
 - Housing
- Program-organized excursions
- Cultural and co-curricular activities
- Supplementary lectures and special events
- Medical insurance, including medical evacuation & repatriation and security evacuation coverage
- Host country phone and SIM card
- AMIDEAST grade report

MULTIPLE PROGRAM DISCOUNT

Students who participate in multiple AMIDEAST programs will receive a discount on the second program. Please email us for discount information during the following terms:

- Academic Year
- Two Summer Intensive Arabic Sessions
- Successive Terms

SCHOLARSHIPS

AMIDEAST Education Abroad Programs in the Arab World is committed to providing financial assistance to students with demonstrated financial need. AMIDEAST currently awards two types of scholarships.

NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

These are made in the form of a program tuition reduction and normally range between \$500 and \$5,000. Scholarships are awarded based on demonstration of financial need such as financial aid information provided from the home institution and an essay from the applicant.

BLOG ABROAD SCHOLARSHIPS

These are awarded to students on any AMIDEAST semester or summer program. Each student selected participates as a correspondent from their host country. Semester students will receive \$1,000 and summer students will receive \$500 toward their AMIDEAST program in the form of a tuition reduction.

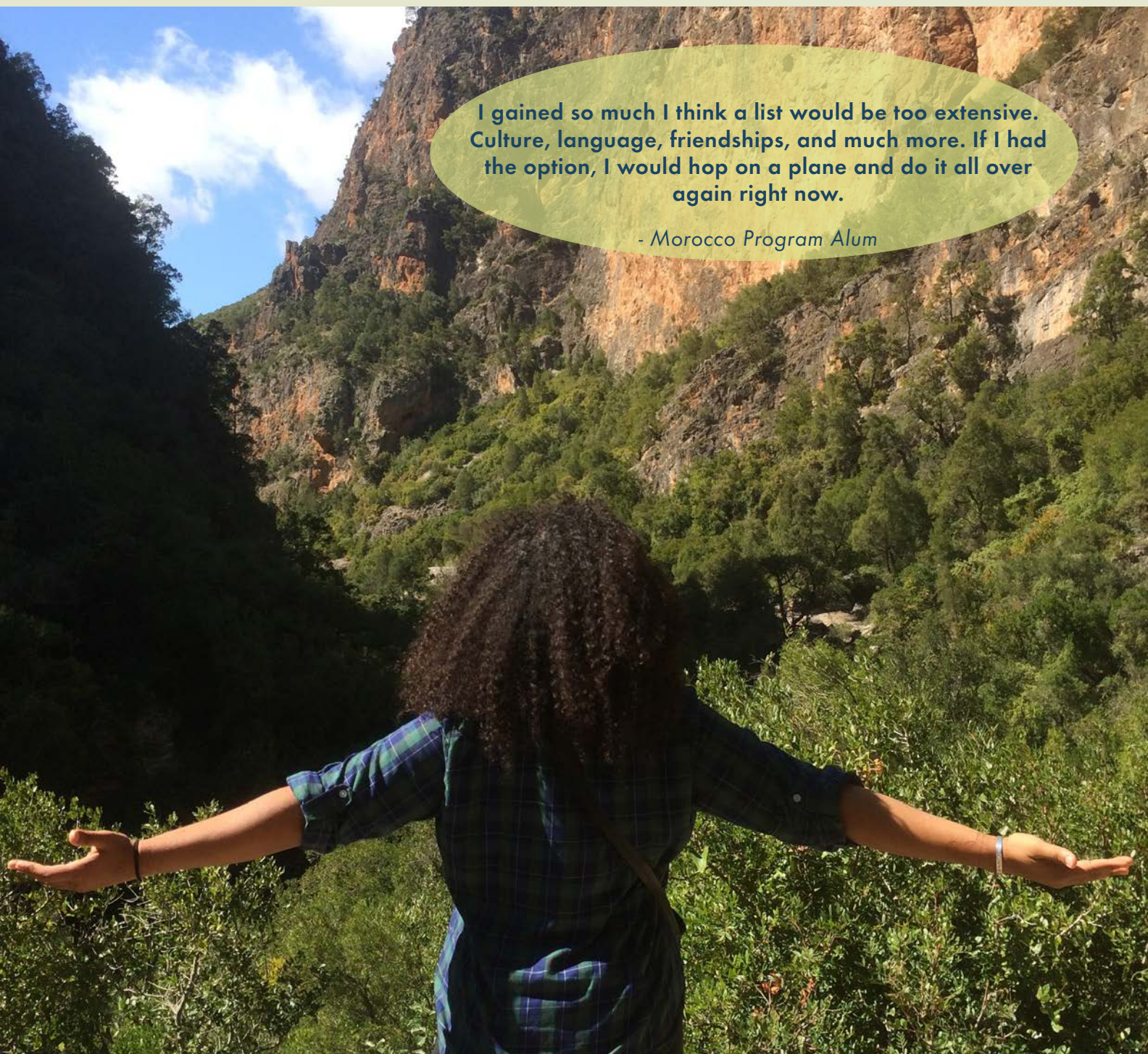
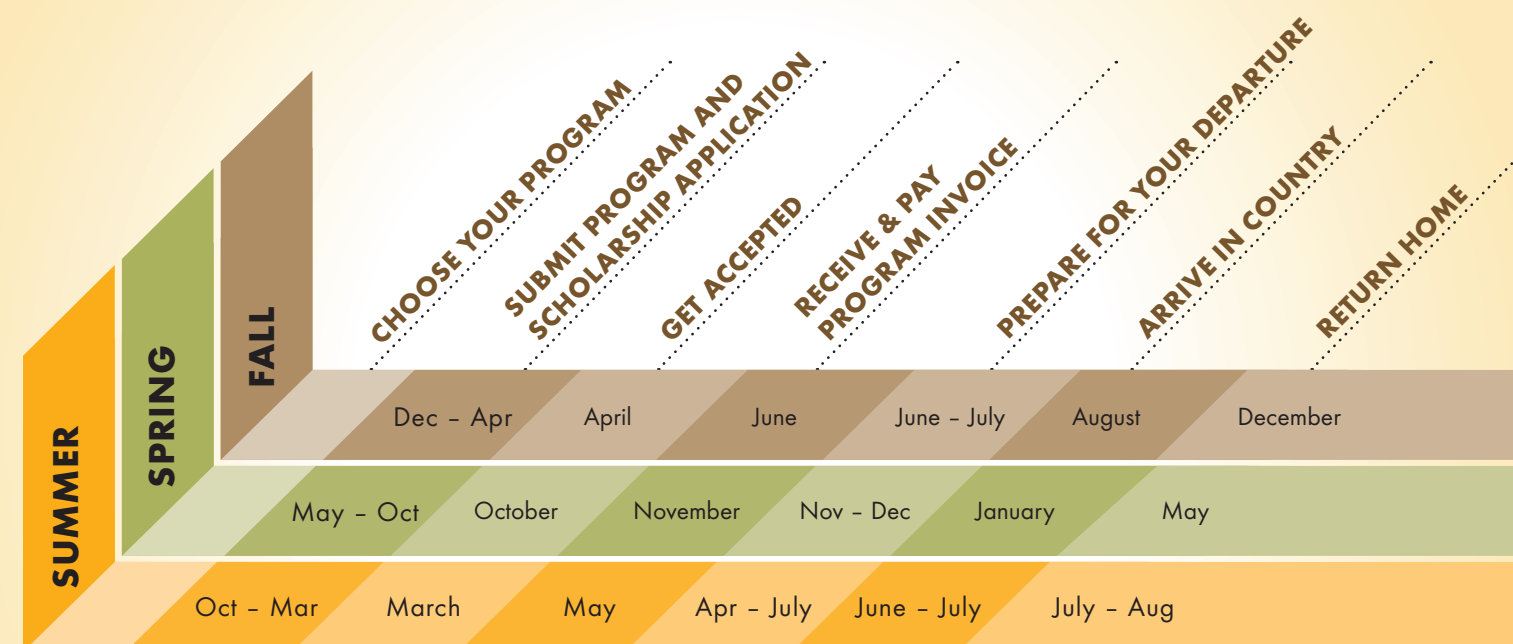
For study abroad in:	Scholarship and program applications are due:
Summer	March 15
Fall/Academic Year	April 15
Spring	October 15

ELIGIBILITY

Funding is available only to U.S. citizens on AMIDEAST Education Abroad Programs. Awards will be made only to students who submit a completed scholarship application and a complete program application by the established deadlines.



- Morocco Program Alum



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