

Studying Arabic Abroad with AU Abroad

Please see the information below to guide you to the most appropriate program based on your goals in advancing your Arabic language skills. **Program prerequisites are noted in the program description.** Students take a language placement exam on-site in all locations.

Programs designed for Arabic language acquisition at all levels

- **Egypt: American University in Cairo**
 - Modern Standard Arabic courses available: Standard and accelerated MSA courses available at all levels; Arabic literature and media courses available for advanced students
 - Colloquial Arabic courses available: Yes
 - Terms available: Fall, Spring, Full year, Summer
 - Program structure: Students directly enroll in American University in Cairo as an international student. Students can choose from a wide range of content courses in English and a wide variety of Arabic language courses. While the university accepts a large number (300-400) of international students who mostly speak English, the majority of the degree-seeking student population (3500 students) is from Egypt (70%). AUC also offers an entire semester of intensive language study through the Arabic Language Institute (ALI) for students completely focused on learning Arabic (earlier application deadline).
- **Egypt: AMIDEAST in Cairo**
 - Modern Standard Arabic courses available: Required (3 credits)- available at all levels
 - Colloquial Arabic courses available: Required (3 credits)
 - Terms available: Fall, Spring, Full year
 - Program structure: This program is offered in coordination with AMIDEAST. Students take courses with other U.S. students at AMIDEAST's center in the Dokki neighborhood of Cairo. In addition to language courses, students take content courses in English in Middle East/ North African Studies and Egyptology. AMIDEAST also coordinates student housing (furnished, shared apartments), excursions and cultural activities as part of the program. *Please note, this program has an early application deadline.*
- **Morocco: AMIDEAST in Rabat**
 - Modern Standard Arabic courses available: Required (3 credits)- available at all levels
 - Colloquial Arabic courses available: Required (3 credits)
 - Terms available: Fall, Spring, Full year
 - Program structure: This program is offered in coordination with AMIDEAST. Students take courses with other U.S. students. Language courses take place at AMIDEAST's language center in Rabat and the content courses in English take place at Mohammed V University. Content courses are focused on Moroccan history, politics and culture. AMIDEAST also coordinates student housing (homestay or student dormitory), excursions and cultural activities as part of the program. Advanced French language courses are also available. *Please note: this program has an early application deadline.*

Programs designed for Arabic language acquisition at the INTERMEDIATE or ADVANCED level

- **Egypt: Summer Intensive Arabic Program in Alexandria**
 - Modern Standard Arabic courses available: Required
 - Colloquial Arabic courses available: Required
 - Terms available: Summer, 8 weeks, late May through mid- July, offered most summers
 - Prerequisites: Level I: ARAB 103; Level 2: ARAB 203, or the equivalent
 - Program structure: Program offered in coordination with the University of Alexandria. This program is designed to allow intermediate and lower advanced level Arabic students to complete one year of Arabic language courses (2 classes) in just eight weeks. Students complete 24 hours of instruction per week including 4 hours of Media Arabic and 4 hours with an Egyptian language partner.
- **Jordan: University of Jordan (CIEE)**
 - Modern Standard Arabic courses available: Required (6 credits)- available at all levels
 - Colloquial Arabic courses available: Required (3 credits)
 - Terms available: Fall, Spring, Full year

These programs are offered in coordination with CIEE and hosted by the University of Jordan.

Language + Culture

- Program structure: Students take courses with other U.S. students. Students choose 2 content courses which are instructed in English and include topics on Jordanian life and culture and issues confronting the Middle East region today. CIEE also coordinates student housing (homestay or student apartment), excursions and cultural activities as part of the program. *Please note: this program has an early application deadline and admissions are competitive.*

Advanced Arabic Language

- Prerequisites: ARAB 303, or its equivalent
- Program structure: All coursework and programming is conducted in Arabic. Students enroll in courses with other students on the program to complete 4 credits of Advanced MSA, 5 credits of Advanced Topics in Arabic Conversation, and two additional courses (3 credits each) in Arab Media, Literature, Poetry or Business Communication. CIEE organizes housing in homestays, as well as, cultural activities and excursions. *Please note: this program has an early application deadline.*

- **Syria: University of Aleppo (CET)**

- Modern Standard Arabic courses available: Required (Fall, Spring = 6 credits; Summer = 3 or 5 credits),
- Colloquial Arabic courses available: Required (Fall, Spring = 3 credits; Summer = 1 or 3 credits)
- Terms available: Fall, Spring, Full year, Summer (8 weeks)

- Intensive Arabic Language and Cultural Studies; 2 levels**

- Prerequisites: ARAB 202, or its equivalent
- Program structure: These programs are offered in coordination with CET and hosted by the University of Syria.
- Students take courses with other U.S. students. Students take an Arabic language placement exam on-site. Students choose 2 content courses which are instructed in either English or Arabic (based on students' language level) and include topics on contemporary Syrian life and culture and issues confronting the Middle East region today. CET also coordinates student housing on campus, excursions and cultural activities as part of the program. *Please note: special scholarships are available for this program.*

- Summer Intensive Arabic**

- Prerequisites: ARAB 103, or its equivalent
- Program structure: All coursework and most programming is conducted in Arabic. Students commit to a language pledge throughout the program. Students undertake intensive study of the Arabic language with small classes and Syrian language partners. CET organizes housing, cultural activities and excursions. *Please note: special scholarships are available for this program.*

Programs designed for Arabic language acquisition at the ADVANCED level only

- **Egypt: University of Alexandria (Middlebury)**

- Modern Standard Arabic courses available: Required
- Colloquial Arabic courses available: Required
- Terms available: Fall, Spring, Full year
- Prerequisites: ARAB 303, or its equivalent
- Program structure: Students participate in Middlebury College's study abroad program based at the TAFL Center at the University of Alexandria. All coursework and programming is conducted in Arabic. Students commit to a language pledge throughout the program. Students enroll in courses with other students on the program to complete 4 credits of MSA, 4 credits of colloquial instruction, 2 credits of Media Arabic, 2 credits of translation and one independent study, content course taught in Arabic each semester. Middlebury organizes housing in homestays or Egyptian student dormitories. Cultural activities and excursions are also provided. *Please note: this program has an early application deadline.*

Programs NOT designed for Arabic language acquisition in an Arabic Speaking country

- **United Arab Emirates: American University of Sharjah**

- Modern Standard Arabic courses available: Yes
- Colloquial Arabic courses available: No
- Terms available: Fall, Spring, Full year
- Program structure: Students directly enroll in American University of Sharjah as an international student. Students can choose from a wide range of content courses in English. Some MSA courses are available depending on enrollment and of variable quality. While study at AUS is a great opportunity to meet students from all of the Middle East, the wide range of dialects spoken makes language acquisition difficult. Also a significant number of students are from the Indian sub-continent and do not speak Arabic. Students focused on learning Arabic are encouraged to hire a tutor in addition to their studies at AUS and at their own cost.

Programs offered in non-Arabic Speaking countries, but which have strong Arabic language departments

- **England: School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)**

- Modern Standard Arabic courses available: Yes
- Colloquial Arabic courses available: Yes
- Terms available: Fall, Spring, Full year
- Program Structure: Students directly enroll in the world-renowned School of Oriental and African studies. MSA courses are available at all levels. Intermediate and advanced students can enroll in colloquial language courses. Students interested in Arabic literature (classical and modern) or Middle Eastern studies will be well-served at SOAS.