

Studying Arabic Abroad

دراسة اللغة العربية بالخارج

Several opportunities exist for CC students interested in Arabic to take classes in the Arabic-speaking world.

In addition to blocks which may be taught off-campus by CC professors during the year and in the summer, many options exist on CC-approved semester and year-long programs around the world. Here are some options that you might consider; this list is not exhaustive.

If you have questions about participating in one of these programs, please visit the website for CC's Center for Global Education (www.coloradocollege.edu/offices/globalandfield), where you can learn **how to apply**, see a **guide to credit transfer processes**, and also search the **course approval database** to see previous approvals from past semesters. For additional questions about credit transfer to your major or minor, or specific questions about academic planning and goals, check with your academic advisor(s) or Arabic faculty members.

CIEE Jordan

Students can spend the semester or year with CIEE in Jordan, and choose from two approved tracks to accommodate different levels of Arabic proficiency. The CIEE **Middle East Studies** semester in Amman is open to any student with an interest in the Arabic language & the Middle East, from absolute beginner level through intermediate language proficiency. This program will improve your Arabic in intensive language courses in Modern Standard and Colloquial Jordanian Arabic: you will take nine semester credits' worth of Arabic (equaling 2.25 CC units), which more than fulfills the CC Language Requirement. You'll round out your schedule with a variety of area studies courses in English, such as *The Environment and The Politics of Water*, *International Relations & Diplomacy in the Middle East*, *America & The Arabs*, and *Introduction to Islam*. You can also interact with local university students, and improve your Arabic through a peer language assistant program and cultural activities, as well as have a chance to direct enroll in one course at Princess Sumaya University for Technology (PSUT). Finally, you will visit important archaeological and natural sites in Jordan, such as Petra, Wadi Rum, the Dead Sea, and biblical sites.

More advanced Arabic students who have taken through the intermediate 200-level series of Modern Standard Arabic may qualify for the intensive **Advanced Arabic Language** semester program. An on-site proficiency exam is done to determine readiness for this track (or, if not, you would instead then switch to participate in the Middle East Studies track described above). Successful applicants have generally mastered the concepts covered in the al-Kitaab series through the second book or equivalent, and demonstrate oral proficiency at the intermediate mid- to intermediate-high level on the ACTFL scale. This track is designed to provide more advanced students with a full immersion experience commensurate with their abilities and proficiency level. All courses are taught in Arabic and include both subject area content (such as *Contemporary Arabic Literature*, *Arabic Poetry*, *Arabic Media*, *Introduction to Islam*, or *History of The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan*) and language instruction. This approach enables you to develop a high level of proficiency in Arabic, and a better understanding of important issues facing Jordan and the Middle East today. Students in this advanced program take part in the CIEE Community Language Commitment by speaking Arabic at all times.

SIT (School for International Training) Semester Programs

SIT's thematic semester programs in the Middle East and North Africa offer the option to take Arabic courses alongside the thematic, program-specific seminar courses. These programs all offer either three or six credits of Arabic as indicated, ranging from beginning Arabic to the 300-level. No previous study of Arabic is required:

- **SIT Jordan: Geopolitics, International Relations, and the Future of the Middle East** (3 or 6 credits of Arabic)
- **SIT Jordan: Psychology, Well-being, and Mental Health** (3 credits of Arabic)
- **SIT Jordan: Refugees, Health, and Humanitarian Action** (3 or 6 credits of Arabic)
- **SIT Morocco: Migration and Transnational Identity** (6 credits of Arabic)
- **SIT Morocco: Multiculturalism and Human Rights** (6 credits of Arabic)
- **SIT Tunisia and Italy: Politics and Religious Integration in the Mediterranean** (3 credits of Arabic)

Hebrew University of Jerusalem: Arabic Language Studies Program

Arabic is one of Israel's official languages and is spoken in many parts of the country. Jerusalem, holy to three monotheistic religions, is the site of some of the oldest and most sacred institutions of Islam. Almost a third of the city's population speaks Arabic as its native tongue. Hebrew University is home to many prestigious scholars of Arabic, Islam and the Middle East, and their research interests encompass historical as well as contemporary issues. The Rothberg International School, with its faculty and student services, is the perfect venue for this new and exciting program.

The Arabic Language Program offers you a holistic approach to language acquisition: read and listen to local media, converse with native speakers, and become acquainted with the cultural and historical context of the region. Courses in Modern Standard Arabic and Spoken Levantine dialect are taught at the beginners, intermediate and advanced levels. Beginners will take the pre-semester course *Foundations of Modern Standard Arabic*. You'll be invited to participate in a wide array of trips, tours, and activities offered by the Office of Student Life, including a tour of the Old City, a trip to the Dead Sea, and festivals that are held throughout the year. Build your own unique impressions and memories of Jerusalem and Israel. You'll live with other international, Israeli, and Arab students, giving you a chance to form new friendships and practice your language skills. A team of multilingual Israeli students (*madrichim*), some of whom speak Arabic, are also here to help you adjust to your new surroundings and give you tips on things to do. Take advantage of our extensive course offerings in Middle East and Islamic Studies to complement your knowledge of the history and culture of the Arab world.

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