

Ecole Supérieure de Direction et de Gestion

colloquial moroccan arabic language / modern standard arabic language / moroccan studies



program snapshot

- Arabic Language training for students at all levels; elective Colloquial Moroccan Arabic course enables students to learn the local dialect
- Innovative elective course focusing on Moroccan and Arab studies
- Homestays with local Moroccan families
- Cultural activities including visits to museums and festivals; group activities in the Medina and Kasbah; field trips to the ancient ruins of Chellah and Andalucian Gardens; and a multi-day stay in another Moroccan city such as Marrakech

what you'll learn

The Language and Culture summer program is designed to help students develop an understanding of contemporary Morocco, gain insight into Morocco's role in the Arab world and its ties to Europe, and develop Arabic language skills—no matter what their level—beginning through advanced. To meet these goals, the program provides innovative coursework, and a variety of community engagement opportunities.

thoughts from abroad

Morocco today is at the center of global, Islamic, Pan-Arab, and Western influences and serves as an important engine for regional political and cultural discussions. It is a fascinating place to study and live, as you will observe the changes taking place firsthand. The Language and Culture summer program has been designed to provide a powerful academic and experiential learning opportunity that brings you as close as possible to the core of Islamic and Arab realities. By going inside the multicultural, multilingual, and multifold nature of Arab-Islamic communities, you'll learn about the tolerance and openness that exists among people; examine the finest forms of art; and gain new understanding of the literature, philosophy, political and economic thinking, scientific achievements, and technological expressions that have characterized the rise and fall of Islamic and Arab communities throughout history. As you develop your Arabic and French skills, you will connect with local Moroccans on many levels and acquire an insider's viewpoint on life in present-day Morocco.

We are committed to offering you the opportunity to be an active witness and participant in the making and assessment of ideas, arguments, attitudes, opinions, and policies that are currently shaping the face of global politics and cultures in Morocco, and throughout the world today.

— Abdellatif Zaki, Academic Director

About the Academic Director

Professor Abdellatif Zaki serves as the Academic Director. He is responsible for overseeing the academic program, and coordinating the core course, Contemporary Moroccan Society and Culture. Professor Zaki is a co-founder and senior faculty member at the Ecole Supérieure de Direction et de Gestion. He is also a senior faculty member at the Institut Agronomique et Vétérinaire Hassan II.

About the Resident Coordinator

Madiha DeRosa, Resident Coordinator, received her M.A. in International Education and Development from George Washington University and a B.A. in International Relations from Boston University. Bicultural and multilingual, Madiha has worked in the U.S. and in Morocco with various university student and faculty groups. She brings a strong background in student services, teaching, and intercultural project coordination.

about rabat

Rabat, Morocco's capital and second largest city, has a population of 3,000,000. Rabat hosts Morocco's most prestigious universities, as well as many international governmental and non-governmental institutions such as UNESCO and the World Bank. The city offers a combination of modern and traditional, and provides a wide range of opportunities for students to experience its culture through art exhibits, music, and theater. Central Rabat has a modern infrastructure with large office buildings, palm tree-lined boulevards, cafés, restaurants, and shopping centers.

academics

Academic Program

Established in 2008, the CIEE Study Center at Ecole Supérieure de Direction et de Gestion (ESDG) in Rabat, Morocco gives students the opportunity to enroll in classes taught by faculty from ESDG, as well as from the Université Mohammed V and Institut Agronomique et Vétérinaire Hassan II (Institut Hassan II). Classes are held at ESDG. The program is designed to provide intensive Arabic language training and an academic analysis of Moroccan culture and history. Students wishing to focus a larger percentage of their studies on Arabic language may opt to take an elective language course in Colloquial Moroccan Arabic.

Academic Culture

Teaching methods involve a combination of lectures, tutorials, seminars, and fieldwork.

Guest lectures, field trips, and excursions are also an important component of the academic curriculum.

Nature of Classes

Participants take classes with other CIEE students only.

Grading System

All courses utilize a continuous assessment model and may include quizzes, exams, individual and group presentations, research projects, and papers. Courses are designed to follow a standard U.S. grading scale from A–F.



where you'll study

The Ecole Supérieure de Direction et de Gestion (ESDG) is a private business and intercultural communication school with approximately 300 students. ESDG is accredited by the Ministries of Education in Morocco and France. The school was founded to provide high quality education to local and foreign students, and many of its courses have an intercultural communication component. LangCom, the educational business partner of ESDG, is responsible for coordinating special programming such as the programs offered by CIEE.



living

Housing and Meals

Students live with Moroccan families in modern or traditional homes in various neighborhoods throughout Rabat. Families are carefully selected by local CIEE staff. Most homes combine western and traditional Moroccan elements, and families are typically multilingual. Host families provide breakfast and dinner on weekdays and additional meals on the weekend.

Orientation

The mandatory two-day orientation conducted in Rabat at the beginning of the program introduces students to the city, the culture, and the academic program, as well as provides practical information about living in Morocco. Ongoing orientation discussions and a re-entry workshop at the end of the semester are designed to help students with cross-cultural adjustment and adaptation.

Internet

Students have access to the Internet at ESDG, as well as at Internet cafés throughout the city. Some of the homestays also offer Internet access. Students are encouraged to bring wireless-enabled laptops.

culture

Cultural Activities and Field Trips

The program includes a series of required and optional cultural activities and field trips in and around Rabat, including concerts and festivals, as well as visits to the ancient ruins of Chellah, the Andalusian Gardens, local elementary schools, and government agencies. Group activities are also held in the Medina and Kasbah. As part of the language courses, students may visit local markets and attend music and theater performances, which provides practical language training opportunities. Students also enjoy a multi-day stay in another Moroccan city such as Fez or Marrakech.

immersion

Community Engagement and Field Studies

Students may choose from a variety of volunteer activities with local NGOs, schools, and other organizations. In the past, CIEE participants have worked with blind students, mentally challenged youth, women's groups, Berber groups, the World Health Organization, and the World Bank.

costs

CIEE Fees

Summer 2009: \$6,300

Summer 2010: available 12/15/09

The CIEE fees for 2010 include an optional on-site airport meet and greet, full-time leadership and support, tuition, housing and most meals, orientation, cultural activities, local excursions, a multi-day trip to another Moroccan city (such as Fez or Marrakech), a comprehensive student handbook, pre-departure advising, most course materials, and a CIEE iNext travel card, which provides insurance and other travel benefits.

Estimated Additional Costs

(Summer 2009)

Transportation	\$ 1,500
(round-trip based on U.S. East Coast departure)	
Personal Expenses	\$ 600
Additional Meals*	\$ 350
Books and Supplies	\$ 60
Local Transportation	\$ 150
Total Estimated Additional Costs	\$ 2,660

*Host families provide breakfast and dinner on weekdays and additional meals on the weekend. Students need to budget \$350 for lunches.

Check our website for current fees.

eligibility

- Overall GPA 2.75
- 2 semesters of college-level French or Arabic

duration

6 weeks: early June–mid-July

coursework

Program Requirements

All students enroll in Modern Standard Arabic Language at the appropriate level. Students who want to focus entirely on Arabic language also take Colloquial Moroccan Arabic, while other students take Contemporary Moroccan Culture and Society.

Credit

Total recommended credit for the summer is 7 semester/10.5 quarter hours.

Modern Standard Arabic has 60 contact hours with recommended credit of 4 semester/6 quarter hours. Contemporary Moroccan Culture and Society and Colloquial Moroccan Arabic have 45 contact hours with recommended credit of 3 semester/4.5 quarter hours.

Languages of Instruction

Arabic, English

Faculty

The Arabic language courses are taught by faculty from the Université Mohammed V Department of Foreign Languages. The Contemporary Moroccan Culture and Society course is coordinated by the CIEE Academic Director.

courses

Required CIEE Language Courses

ARAB 1001 MORU, Beginning Modern Standard Arabic

ARAB 2001 MORU, Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic

ARAB 3001 MORU, Advanced Modern Standard Arabic

These intensive courses are offered for students at all levels, from beginning through advanced. The focus of each course is on functional reading and writing for academic and professional communication purposes. The primary objectives are to help students learn the writing and phonetic systems of the Arabic language, and to develop a solid understanding of the academic functions of Modern Standard Arabic. Each course adopts an interactive and participatory methodology using various materials. Students are assessed on in-class work, homework, and a final examination. All course levels are designed and taught by faculty of the Department of Foreign Languages at the Université Mohammed V.

CIEE Elective Courses

AFST 3001 MORU

Contemporary Moroccan Society and Culture

This course, taught in English, introduces students to various aspects of Morocco's multifaceted culture and contemporary society. It includes discussion of Moroccan history, politics, development, economics, education, gender issues, and popular culture. It also examines Morocco's role in the Arab world and ties to Europe. In addition, the course includes a multi-day module in a different Moroccan city, such as Fez or Marrakech, which gives students the opportunity to gain additional insight into Moroccan society. *Coordinator: Abdellatif Zaki, CIEE Academic Director*

ARAB 1002 MORU

Colloquial Moroccan Arabic

This course is designed to help students gain beginning proficiency in the local Moroccan dialect and assist them with their transition into Moroccan society.

