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In Adventure in
North African, Arabic and Islamic Culture

The CCIS Study Abroad Program
At
Al Akhawayn University
Ifrane, Morocco

“Expect hospitality, ancient tradition and architecture, and adventures from the Mediterranean to the Sahara.”
—Anna Lindstedt
MSU Exchange Student

“At AUI you are able to get a real understanding of the Middle East. When you are taught from an Arab perspective rather than a Western one, you see and understand a broader perspective. I was immediately welcomed at AUI by their friendly staff and faculty. The students will make you feel at home, especially when they prepare their famous mint tea for you.”
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MSU Exchange Student

“Colourfully ethnic and stylishly urban, Morocco is, above all, a visually sophisticated nation. Its landscape and culture have a distinctive beauty which has impressed artists and travelers alike over the ages.”
—Herbert Ypma, Morocco Modern

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Program Site

Al Akhawayn University (AUI) is located in the beautiful resort community of Ifrane in the wooded Middle Atlas Mountains about 37 miles from Fez, a former imperial city and now a protected World Heritage site. The campus is located on several acres of rolling terrain, and consists of large chalets grouped around pleasant squares. This new, state-of-the-art campus offers exceptional housing and all the conveniences to CCIS students. Ifrane, located in an area known for its beautiful forests, mountains, lakes and streams, provides an excellent backdrop for both intellectual and physical pursuits.

Al Akhawayn University (AUI), founded in 1995, is by design and mission an international university. The university’s academic programs foster both an international understanding and perspective. It is the first and only English language university in Morocco developed on the model of US higher education. Montana State University has had a partnership with AUI since its founding, and this unique and wonderful CCIS program offers one of the few opportunities U.S. students have to study in North Africa.

Why Study in Morocco?

Studying in Morocco is a fascinating way to have a nontraditional study abroad adventure and explore the wonders of its mixture of cultures. Moroccan cultural diversity is reflected through both the large number of spoken languages and the eclectic ancestry of Moroccan people that includes Berbers, Arabs, French, Spaniards and Jews. Embrace the opportunity to:

- Develop competence in Arabic language through intensive classes, interactions with Moroccan students, and connections with the local community.
- Gain a better understanding of Islamic culture through an academic program and on-site experience.
- Tour the captivating Imperial cities of Marrakech, Fez, Meknes, and Rabat with political, architectural and cultural experts.
- Visit ancient cities, beautiful beaches, and exquisite religious monuments.
- Explore the diverse geographical areas within Morocco: the Sahara, the Atlantic and Mediterranean coasts, and the Atlas Mountains. Spain and all of Europe wait eight miles away, across the Strait of Gibraltar.

“An aspect of the program is sharing one’s room with a Moroccan student. My roommate Mouna became a very close friend and we are still in touch. We’d drink Shai together in the afternoon and I went to visit her family several times in a town nearby. She taught me to make some Moroccan dishes and we had several feasts with friends in the dorm. The generosity and kindness of the Moroccan people left an indelible mark on me.”

–Catherine Drazt
MSU Exchange Student

Semester/Year Academic Program

One highlight of the academic program at Al Akhawayn is the opportunity to take in-depth Arabic language and culture courses at all levels, from beginning through advanced. All courses, except language study courses, are taught in English. Academic Program highlights popular with CCIS students at AUI include:

- Arabic Language & Culture
- Business Administration
- Chemistry
- Engineering
- French Language
- Humanities & Social Sciences
- International Relations
- Political Science
- Sciences
- Social Sciences
- Sociology

Course Descriptions and Credits

Detailed information regarding specific courses can be found at www.alakhawayn.ma. Students earn 12 – 17 credits per semester. Montana State University will issue an official transcript for ease of credit transfer.

Summer Academic Program

There are five academic tracks to choose from during the summer session at Al Akhawayn University. Each of them lasts for eight weeks and is taught by an AUI professor. The summer curriculum focuses on Arabic Language Instruction (all levels), Moroccan Colloquial Arabic, North African Cultures, North African History, and North African Art and Architecture.

Eligibility

All CCIS students at AUI must have completed at least one year in a college or university and have a minimum 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Application Deadlines & Program Dates

- April 1 for Summer Session (Late May – Late July)
- April 1 for Fall Semester (Mid-August –Mid-December)
- November 1 for Spring Semester (Mid-January – Mid-May)

Program Costs

For detailed information regarding costs for both the semester/year and summer program, please visit www.montana.edu/international/moroccoprogram.