

Study Arabic in the Middle East and North Africa



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Our mission is to make sure that you get the course you are looking for, wherever you choose to study, at whatever level and whenever you want.

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Congratulations on making the first steps towards broadening your horizons! Studying either in the Middle East or in North Africa gives you the opportunity to develop your language skills and explore one of the world's most fascinating regions.

AMBERGH Education offers you the opportunity to improve your Arabic language skills in either the Middle East or North Africa whatever your level of skill, age or background.

Where to study

We offer courses in universities and language schools in: *Beirut, Damascus, Amman, Cairo, Alexandria, Luxor, Fez, Meknes, and Rabat.*

Full package and personal touch

In addition to arranging your course of studies, we will also provide you with important information, and take care of your transfer and accommodation arrangements if wished upon. You will receive contact persons on site, who can assist you with registration and visa assistance if need be.

Study when, where and how it suits you – flexible programs!

Whether you are a beginner or at an intermediate or advanced level, we can offer courses that suit you. You can study the number of weeks of your choice and decide on how and when you want to study. If you have any special requirements we will be glad to suggest the most suitable course for you. We offer group courses, as well as individual lessons all year around. The pro-

gram can be tailored to meet your specific needs and you have the opportunity to influence the pace and content of your learning experience. All tuition is given by qualified teachers.

Certification after completion

Following the completion of your course you will receive a certificate from the university, institute or language school where you have studied.

Family, dormitory, hotel – choose what you want!

Accommodation is available in student residences, hostels/hotels, flats or with selected host families.

Cultural programmes

We also offer you the opportunity to take part in tempting excursion and cultural programmes in several locations, which provide you with extra opportunities to get to know the country and culture, and practice the language.

Prices

Course packages include tuition, and normally accommodation and transfer from airport or rail way station. Current prices are available on our website.



The Middle East



Beirut – بيروت

- 'Paris of the East'
- Dynamic multicultural metropolis
- Cultural intellectual center, vivid nightlife
- Skiing and diving in one day!

The capital of Lebanon, Beirut, is a regional hub for arts and culture, outdoor adventures, and pulsing nightlife. Overlooking the Mediterranean Sea and flanked by the Lebanon Mountains, the city offers astonishing views and experiences. After the destructive civil war, between 1975 and 1990, Beirut has undergone major reconstruction. The once destroyed town center is thriving again. Its former reputation as a crossroads between three continents and a gateway to the East has been restored and modernized.

Levantine dialect

The Language Institute is located in Hamra, the heart of modern Beirut. Cafés, restaurants and shopping



are just around the corner and the famous Mediterranean boardwalk is within easy walking distance. We offer group courses in Lebanese Colloquial Arabic (CA), the Levantine dialect. If taking an individual course, you can choose to study Modern Standard Arabic (MSA) or CA. Learning takes place in small friendly classes led by a highly qualified tutoring team.



Special courses and ecotourism

Special Arabic courses are available at intermediate and advanced levels: Music, Tourism, History, Business, Film, Media etc. In your free time, you can enjoy mountain hikes, climbing, diving, rafting, and over-night stays in mountain villages.

View of Beirut sky-line

We offer accommodation in student residences, furnished apartments, convents, and at hotels in and around the centre of Beirut.

I had a really great time in Lebanon. Beirut is an amazing place and has loads of things to do with lovely, friendly people and delicious food.

Janine R, UK

Damascus – دمشق

- Modern and historical 'gate to the orient'
- Melting pot of cultures, languages, religions
- One of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world
- Buzzing bazaars, relaxed and friendly city

The capital of Syria, Damascus, is a dynamic city where modern and traditional life styles co-exist. The old city, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is enclosed by city walls and has a wealth of historical sites. Traces of settlement in Damascus date back to 6300 BC. Syria is also known for its wonderful cuisine; Damascus offers some great restaurants and cafés. You will find plenty of opportunities to practice Arabic with Syria's friendly people, as well as the chance to explore interesting sites all over the country.

Intensive Standard Arabic

Intensive group courses in Modern Standard Arabic (MSA) are available at Damascus University, and semester long courses at a Language Institute. You will have class mates from all over the world and enjoy tuition from highly qualified teachers. If you take an individual course, you can study MSA or Colloquial Arabic, or a combination of both.

Crusader castles and camel rides

Learn how to cook traditional Syrian dishes by taking part in cooking courses with Syrian chefs or in family homes. You can also join excursions to, for instance,

Palmyra 'the Desert Bride', crusader castles, historic mountain towns, as well as to Jordan and Lebanon.

Charming old town

We offer accommodation in apartments, at hostels/hotels, and with carefully selected families in the beautiful old town of Damascus.

"I stayed with the lovely Sluiman family who really adopted me into their home and made my stay so relaxed and enjoyable. They helped me with my smallest queries or issues.

Rachel M, UK



Amman – عمان

- A unique blend of ancient and modern
- Multicultural, multidenominational
- Bedouin hospitality prevails
- Desert castles and Dead Sea within reach

The capital of Jordan, Amman, is built on hills, close to the desert and the fertile Jordan valley. It is one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world. Amman of today is a liberal city and a hub for business. In the commercial heart of the city, ultra-modern buildings, hotels, smart restaurants, art galleries and boutiques rub shoulders with traditional coffee shops and tiny artisans' workshops. A grand Roman theatre in the city centre and other monuments, remain evidence of the city's ancient history. Jordan is the home of fantastic historical sites, such as Petra and Jerash.

Jordanian culture integrated in tuition

The Language Institute is located in the heart of Amman, near the University of Jordan. The pulsing university area hosts all types of restaurants and shops. Combined group courses in Modern Standard

My stay in Amman has been great: the country is beautiful and the people are welcoming. The course is taught by excellent teachers and all the staff is very friendly! I very much enjoyed the weekend trips organised by the language centre.

Yveline A, France



Arabic (MSA) and Colloquial Arabic (CA) are available. You will enjoy small classes. Aspects of the Jordanian culture are integrated in each course. Individual courses in MSA and CA are also available.

Explore Petra and Wadi Rum

Here you have the opportunity to take part in guided tours to major historical and cultural sites. Explore Jordan's magnificent attractions, such as Jerash, Desert Castles, Petra, Wadi Rum and the Dead Sea. If you want to practice Arabic on a one to one basis, you can be paired with a 'Language Buddy'.



Unique window into culture and traditions

Home stays with Jordanian families provide you with a unique insight into family life and culture. Accommodation can also be arranged in apartments, student dormitory, or in a hotel.



Egypt



Cairo – القاهرة

- Home of the Great Pyramid of Giza
- 'The city of the 1000 minarets'
- Proud keeper of Pharaonic, Greek, Roman, Coptic and Arab history
- 'The cultural capital' of the Arab world

The largest city in Africa and the Arab World, Cairo of today is a centre for world heritage and a multi-cultural melting pot. Cairo holds a treasure of ancient temples, tombs, mosques, churches, magnificent Muslim monuments, an Opera house, and excellent



museums. A strong cinematic tradition, progressive theatre, great music tradition, and a fount of Arabic literature make Egypt the 'cultural capital' of the Arab world.

Group courses in international setting

The main Language Institutes are located in the heart of Cairo. They are well equipped with international language bookshops, restaurants, libraries, study rooms, and internet centres. Group and individual courses in Modern Standard Arabic (MSA) and Colloquial Arabic (CA) are available. You can combine your studies here with studies in Alexandria or Luxor.

Media Arabic and amazing sites

Special courses in Media Arabic focus on the reading of newspapers and listening to news. Tours and cultural excursions in and outside Cairo are available. Visit the pyramids of Giza, Memphis, Luxor, and the Red Sea – to name just a few destinations.

Modern student residence

You can stay in a modern student residence with AC, kitchen, washing facilities, sitting rooms, cable TV and Internet. Accommodation in apartments and local hotels is also available.

... very good, both in, method and didactics. Small classes, good material, motivated and organised teacher: could not be better!

Sabine L., Germany

Alexandria

– الإسكندرية

- 'The pearl of the Mediterranean'
- Founded by Alexander the Great, 331 BC, the capital of Egypt for nearly 1000 years
- Most significant library in ancient times
- Close proximity to the beach and café culture

Alexandria enjoys mild winters and hot summers by the grace of the ocean breeze. Generations of immigrants from Greece, Italy and the Levant have made the city synonymous with commerce, cosmopolitanism and bohemian culture. It is as important to enjoy the relaxed atmosphere as it is to see its famous historical sites. Alexandria is renowned for its beaches, and is a popular summer resort. Few of the natives speak foreign languages and the friendly atmosphere makes an excellent ground for trying your Arabic skills.



Individual attention

The Language Institute is located in the heart of Alexandria, near the famous Mediterranean boardwalk. Individual courses are offered all year around. Intensive group courses in Modern Standard Arabic and Colloquial Arabic are available during the summer. Class sizes are limited to ensure that each student receives individual attention. Besides learning Arabic, you will have the chance to gain an understanding of the Egyptian culture, society, and history. You can combine your studies here with studies in Cairo or Luxor.

Alexandria was great, thanks again. It was a completely different experience from what I was expecting, which made it all the more exciting. The classes were small and at a perfect pace for me, and I met some really wonderful people.

Natasha T, USA

Learn Arabic through cultural activities

You can enjoy weekly cultural activities, such as lectures, calligraphy workshops, music performances, as well as visits to the library. Excursions give you an insight in the culture and history of Alexandria and Egypt, while providing an excellent opportunity to acquire valuable Arabic vocabulary. You can spend weekends in Cairo or relax in a desert oasis.

Convent living in the centre

Accommodation is available within walking distance from the school in local convents. We can also arrange hotel rooms and comfortable apartments upon request.

Luxor – الأقصر

- Home of Tutankhamen's grave
- The ancient city of Thebes, more than 4000 years old
- The 'world's greatest open air museum'
- A vivid modern Upper Nile culture

Luxor offers an excellent base for touring Upper Egypt and enjoying cruises on the Nile. In the areas less frequented by tourists the doors to the houses of locals are almost always open. Here you have the opportunity to immerse yourself in the local culture with the help of teachers and guides. Thebes, the



name of ancient Luxor, was the great capital of Egypt 16th– 11th century BC. Across the Nile, you can explore the temples and tombs of the Valley of the Kings and the Queens. Understanding the multiple facets of a culture, ancient as modern, is the aim of the rich cultural programme on offer in Luxor.

Practical communication skills

The Language Institute is located in the heart of Luxor. The Institute is small and hosts students from all over the world. Intensive group courses in Modern Standard Arabic (MSA) are available in the winter and spring when the weather is mild and pleasant. Individual courses in MSA and Colloquial Arabic are available all year around. Practical communication skills are the guiding principle for tuition. You can combine your studies here with studies in Alexandria or Cairo.

Egyptology on the spot

A rich cultural programme including study groups and workshops in Arabic/English led by experts is available. Theoretical studies in Egyptology, Islamic and Coptic Christian religions, as well as local customs of Upper Egypt are complemented by field visits. Classes in traditional cooking, Nile navigation, calligraphy, and oriental dance are also available.

Window into Upper Nile culture

Accommodation with selected families provides you with a unique insight into the local culture. Accommodation in apartments and a wide range of hotels is also available.



Morocco

Fez – فاس

- The Medina is a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Home of traditional carpentry, colourful mosaic, old temples and mosques
- A fabulous myriad of bazaars
- Sweet mint tea and spicy couscous dishes

Located along the Atlas Mountains, Fez enjoys cool winters and hot summer months. The Medina is the name given to the old city inside the city walls. Its labyrinth of streets never ends and the number of shops is overwhelming. The Medina of Fez is believed to be the largest car-free urban area in the world. You might well get lost among the winding streets of Fez, but you are almost certain to enjoy the adventure!

Tailored courses

The Language Institute is located in the Oued Fez quarter of town. Individual courses in Modern Standard Arabic and Colloquial Arabic are available all year around. Group courses are also available. All classes are kept small so as to ensure individual attention for all students. Individual and specialised lessons can be arranged to meet your needs and wishes.

Special courses in religion, music ...

Introductory courses in Berber (Tamazight) give students basic communication skills. Cultural courses are arranged on a private basis and cover such themes as: Media Arabic, Quran Arabic, Women in



Islam, Arabic Literature in translation, Calligraphy, Lute (*Oud*) and cooking. A variety of sporting opportunities are available and you can participate in tours and cultural excursions.

Moroccans open their homes

A home-stay with a Moroccan family is a unique experience that provides you with an insight into the culture. Accommodation in apartments and a wide range of hotels is also available.

Everything excellent indeed: the teacher, the lessons, the homestay and homestay family. No problems at all, I do enjoy my time here.

Rainer S, Germany

Meknes – مكناس

- 'City of the hundred minarets'
- The medina is a UNESCO World Heritage site
- Named after a Berber tribe, Miknasa
- One of the 'imperial cities', the capital of Morocco 1672–1727

Meknes is located on the verge of the Atlas Mountains, between Fez and Rabat. It is a thriving metropolis with a young, educated population. In the old medina of Meknes you find a beautiful Quran school from the 14th century, grand mosques, busy souqs (bazaars), and an endless list of skillful craftsmanship. The El-Hdim Square is one of Meknes' highlights where musicians, story tellers, traditional medicine physicians, and snake charmers entertain locals as well as visitors. Meknes is less of a tourist centre than its sister cities, and as such is a bit of a hidden jewel in Morocco.

Unique palace setting

The Language Institute is located in a former palace inside the old medina. Here you will enjoy a beautiful study environment with colourful mosaics adorning the walls. Individual lessons and group courses in Modern Standard Arabic and Colloquial Arabic are offered all year around. The Language Institute limits class size to ensure adequate individual attention for each student. Staff members are available outside of class to help students in their studies.

Cultural immersion

Cultural experiences provide students with valuable insights into daily life in Morocco and rich opportunities to practice the language. Besides weekly cultural events – lectures, calligraphy workshops, music performances, henna ceremonies, and cooking sessions – excursions are arranged by the Language Institute.

Friendly homes and guest houses

Staying with a family provides you with an opportunity to practice your Arabic in a relaxed atmosphere and to get a sense of Moroccan family life. We can also arrange accommodation in guest houses near the Language Institute.



Rabat – الرباط

- A fusion of tradition and modernity
- Dynamic city – the capital of Morocco
- Close to the beach, breath-taking coastline
- Relaxed cosmopolitan city life

Rabat is a modern city with wide boulevards, gardens, and numerous white buildings. From its towering city walls to its breathtaking Atlantic coastline, Rabat enchants and inspires its visitors. The city's history dates back to pre-Roman times, its fortresses being reminders of Rabat's grand past. The old medina was created by Andalusian Muslim refugees. Rabat is a place where you can enjoy a



pulsing nightlife, natural beauty, and historic settings. With its mild climate, friendly people, and safe streets, Rabat is an ideal place to study Arabic.

City oasis

The Language Institute offers an oasis in the city. The tranquil villa, with fruit trees and song birds, provides students with a relaxed study environment. Group courses in Modern Standard Arabic and Colloquial Arabic are available all year around. Individual courses can also be arranged.

Calligraphy and cultural events

Courses in Calligraphy can make you turn Arabic script into geometric forms and pictures. Guest lectures, round table discussions, musical sessions, and special events are organised by the Language Institute. You can also join weekly excursions, led by Arabic or English speaking tutors.

Hospitable families and student housing

Moroccan host families open up their homes, language and culture for students. We can also arrange accommodation in student rooms close to the Language Institute, as well as in local hotels.

Fatima Zohra and her mother took me straight to their home and heart. I felt at home. Without a problem.

Sabina E, Sweden



Contact us!

At our website www.arabic-studies.com you will find detailed information about all our course destinations, courses, accommodation, cultural events, prices, etc. This is also where you can book your course.

Personal contact

You are always welcome to contact us via mail (arabic@ambergh.com) or phone (+46-8-612 23 30). We are here to answer your questions and provide you with all the information you need to make the right choice when booking your course with us. We have a wealth of experience when it comes to the region and the language. We maintain close contact with our partners in each course location. We work to make sure that you have access to up to date country information as well as contact persons on site. Our accommodation alternatives and host families are all carefully selected.

Tailored course packages

We offer a wide and flexible range of high quality courses, adapted to all levels and types of interests. We strive to put together the course package that suits you, including cultural programmes, special courses, accommodation, and other services upon request. Individual and group based Arabic courses are available at all levels, all year around. You can combine two or more study locations to optimise your Arabic experience.

Cultural knowledge

Together with our partners in the Middle East and North Africa we can offer you the chance to participate in a diversity of rich cultural programmes. By improving your Arabic language skills you will also have the chance to get a better understanding of the local culture. The various language institutes we work together with offer you the opportunity to take part in seminars, workshops, and excursions – all excellent ways to complement your language studies. Staying with a family also provides you with a unique insight into local cultures and traditions.

Information

Having the right information is the key to feeling comfortable and relaxed in a new environment. You will be provided with necessary information about the country, your course, the institute, accommodation, transfer, and additional services prior to your travels. We also provide you with information on visa extensions and course registration as needed.

Counselling

We are happy to provide you with support and respond to your questions pre-arrival, during your stay, and upon the completion of your course. Contact us with any questions you have.

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AMBergh Education

founded in 1985, is a Swedish company that works in association with major universities and language schools in the Middle East and North Africa in order to offer a wide range of courses and support to individuals and groups.

Our wide network of contacts in the Middle East and North Africa enables us to offer a multitude of opportunities. Furthermore, we can offer our clients peace of mind that all arrangements and payments will be made ensuring that their time abroad gets off to the best possible start.

Our partners

We offer students education at several different universities, institutes, and language schools in nine different cities in the Middle East and North Africa – from Beirut on the Mediterranean in the east, to Rabat on the Atlantic Ocean in the west.

Our clients

Our clients come from a range of different backgrounds. Everyone – regardless of age, language knowledge or background – can find a course to suit his/her needs whether coming from an organisation, company, university or as an independent student who wants to improve his/her Arabic language skills. We have organised studies in the Middle East and North Africa for many satisfied students from all over the world.

For more information and to book, please see our website

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