



Damascus

Facts & Figures

Population: 1,700,000
Foundation: 5000 BC
Climate: Mild winters, hot summers
GMT Offset: GMT +2 hours



Damascus is the capital city of Syria. It is one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world. Its current population is estimated at about 6 million including the surrounding area. Damascus may have been inhabited as early as 10,000 BC.

Damascus is the main center of education in Syria and Damascus University, which is the oldest and by far the largest university in Syria, is located in the city.

Courses

AMBergh Education offers, together with Damascus University and Language Institute, Arabic language courses in Modern Standard Arabic and Syrian Colloquial Arabic to international students.

When studying here you will meet a wide range of students from all over the world. Damascus offers great opportunities to practice your Arabic skills with the friendly Syrian people. The course programmes are of different lengths and intensities and are designed to meet the needs of students with different language skills, from absolute beginners to very advanced.

Individual courses

If you choose to take an individual course, the programme can be tailored to meet your specific needs. You have the opportunity to influence the pace and

content of your learning experience. You can choose to study Modern Standard Arabic or Syrian Colloquial Arabic, or a combination of both.

Group courses

Unless you are an absolute beginner, you will be asked to participate in a placement test upon arrival. Certificates may be obtained upon successful completion of each course. Books are purchased directly at the school at a cost of approximately \$20-30 per course. The curricula are in Arabic.

Intensive courses – five weeks

Intensive group courses at a length of four weeks (five weeks including registration) are available at Damascus University. You will study Modern Standard Arabic in a class of 8-20 students. At beginner and intermediate levels, one course includes 80 lessons (one lesson equals one hour including a short break), five days per week. At advanced levels, one course includes 90 lessons.

Semester courses – 16 weeks

Group courses at a length of 16 weeks are also offered. There are three semester courses per year; spring, summer and fall. You will study Modern Standard Arabic in a class with a maximum of 25 students. The courses include approximately 16 lessons per week, five days a week. The courses are longer and less intense than the university courses mentioned above. It is however good to know a little spoken Arabic before starting at beginner's level. The curriculum is in Arabic.

Accommodation

We offer accommodation with a family, in an apartment or in a hotel. Accommodation is generally reserved from Saturday prior to the start of your course until Friday following the end of the course. Extra nights before and after the course can be arranged at an extra fee.

Excursions

Syria offers interesting destinations for practically all visitors. The country's vast history, cultural and religious diversity, and varied nature will provide curious travelers with unforgettable encounters, events, sights and tastes.

- As-Suwayda
- Monastery of Saint Moses the Abyssinian
- Saidnaya
- Crac des Chevaliers – Qal'at al-Hisn
- Maloula
- Palmyra – Bride of the Desert
- St. Paul's Church/Bab Keissan
- Bimaristan al- Noury
- The Souqs
- Damascus Citadel
- The Azem Palace
- The Omayyad Mosque