



Amman, the multicultural capital of Jordan, offers a vantage point within the Middle East for studies in Arabic language, culture, history, diplomacy, policy, and more. Evolved from some 5,000 years of history, Jordan plays a fascinating and important role in international relations, current Arab-Israeli affairs, migration and regional humanitarian efforts. Experience-based options such as a homestay with a Jordanian family, special cultural events, activities and volunteer opportunities expand your knowledge of Jordan and the Middle East region.

Students on this program must be able to accept certain travel restrictions. Travel to specified areas must be avoided and students are expected to closely follow all safety and security regulations and guidelines established by UCEAP, CIEE, and the U.S. Department of State.

Program	Middle East Studies, Amman	Advanced Arabic Language, Amman
Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.50 cumulative GPA at the time of application and maintained through departure • Sophomore, Junior, Senior • No language prerequisite 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.0 cumulative GPA at the time of application and maintained through departure • Sophomore, Junior, Senior • Language: min 2 years of university-level Arabic by the time of departure, with a language GPA of 3.3 at the time of application and maintained through departure.
When	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall: late August to late December • Spring: late January to mid-May 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall: late August to late December • Spring: late January to mid-May
Coursework & Overview	<p>22.5-27 UC quarter units; 4-5 classes</p> <p>Take classes in English with US students taught by Jordanian faculty. All students take Modern Standard Arabic and Colloquial Jordanian Arabic in addition to 2-3 classes taught in English. Classes are offered in: Communication, Diplomacy, Economics, Environmental Studies, International Relations, Middle East Studies, Political Science, Religious Studies, and Sociology. Students may opt to take 1 of their courses with local students at the Princess Sumaya Institute for Technology in: Accounting, Business, Communication, Economics, Entrepreneurship, Finance, or Management. Additionally, students may substitute 1 course with an internship with a government agency or a local or intl. development organization.</p> <p>Excursions to Petra and camping with Bedouin in Wadi Rum, guest speakers, cultural activities like Arabic calligraphy, folk dancing, and Jordanian cooking, Jordanian peer tutors, and volunteer opportunities are included.</p>	<p>24 UC quarter units; 4 classes per semester</p> <p>The Advanced Arabic Language program increases your Arabic language skills in an environment of complete cultural and linguistic immersion. Each semester students take: Superior Modern Standard Arabic, Advanced Topics in Arabic Conversation, Arabic Writing, and one Jordan area studies course taught in Arabic in subjects such as Communication, Media, Literature, Middle East Studies, Religious Studies. Classes are with other U.S. students, taught by native speaking Jordanian professors.</p> <p>Excursions to Petra and camping with Bedouin in Wadi Rum, guest speakers, cultural activities like Arabic calligraphy, folk dancing, and Jordanian cooking, Jordanian peer tutors, and volunteer opportunities are included, as is a week-long community service trip to rural Jordan.</p>
Housing	Students have the option of living in an apartment with other program participants or in a homestay. Homestays are highly recommended. They are arranged with local host families who will be carefully matched with you based on your answers in the CIEE housing survey. A homestay contributes to your immersion in the culture, giving you a glimpse into the center of Jordanian society and offering the generosity of a Jordanian family. Host families will also provide two meals on weekdays and all meals on weekends.	
Application Due Date	Fall 2021: January 26, 2021 Spring 2022: May 4, 2021	

Scholarships

- Studying Arabic in Jordan is highly desirable for all scholarships, especially the Gilman. See eap.ucsb.edu/finances/scholarships for a list of scholarships!
- After you submit your UCEAP application you will be asked to complete a CIEE application, which contains these CIEE scholarship applications:
 - CIEE Global Access Initiative (GAIN) Grants- up to \$2,000. Guaranteed for all Pell-eligible applicants on a first-come, first-served basis.
 - CIEE Gilman Go Global Grants- \$2,500. Guaranteed for all qualified Gilman International Scholarship applicants regardless of whether they are awarded a Gilman. Plus, Go Global Grant recipients are guaranteed a GAIN Grant, too!
 - CIEE Merit Scholarships- \$2,500 for semester or year.

COST COMPARISON

	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Year Total	
UCSB Year	UCSB Year (\$34,250) [†]											\$34,250	
MES Fall	MES Fall (\$24,400* / 22.5-27 UC qtr units)		UCSB Winter (\$11,400) [†]			UCSB Spring (\$11,400) [†]						\$47,200	
AAL Fall	AAL Fall (\$24,400* / 24 UC qtr units)		UCSB Winter (\$11,400) [†]			UCSB Spring (\$11,400) [†]						\$47,200	
MES Spring	UCSB Fall (\$11,400) [†]			MES Spring (\$24,700* / 22.5-27 UC qtr units)									\$36,100
AAL Spring	UCSB Fall (\$11,400) [†]			AAL Spring (\$24,700* / 24 UC qtr units)									\$36,100

[†]Based on the UCSB Financial Aid Office 2020-21 cost of attendance for undergraduate California residents living off-campus, rounded to the nearest \$50.

*Estimate based on UCEAP 2020-21 costs includes: UC tuition, program fees, pre-departure expenses (visa, etc.), round trip airfare, room & board, books, travel insurance, and other incidental expenses. Not included: Non-Resident Fees (if applicable), \$325/quarter UC Student Health Insurance (UC SHIP) if you have UC SHIP at UCSB. Fees listed are estimates and subject to change.