



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	<a href="#">Middle East Studies, Amman</a>	<a href="#">Advanced Arabic Language, Amman</a>
<b>Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2.50 cumulative GPA at the time of application and maintained through departure</li> <li>• Sophomore, Junior, Senior</li> <li>• No language prerequisite</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3.0 cumulative GPA at the time of application and maintained through departure</li> <li>• Sophomore, Junior, Senior</li> <li>• <b>Language:</b> 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.</li> </ul>
<b>When</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fall Semester: late August to mid-December</li> <li>• Spring Semester: mid-January to mid-May</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fall Semester: late August to mid-December</li> <li>• Spring Semester: mid-January to mid-May</li> </ul>
<b>Coursework &amp; Overview</b>	<p>22.5-27 UC 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 typically offered in: Communication, Diplomacy, Economics, Environmental Studies, History International Relations, Middle East Studies, Political Science, Religious Studies, and Sociology. Additionally, students may substitute 1 course with guided <b>research</b>, or an <b>internship</b> 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 <b>volunteer</b> opportunities are included.</p>	<p>24 UC units; 4 classes</p> <p>The Advanced Arabic Language program increases your Arabic language skills in an environment of complete cultural and linguistic immersion. All students take: Superior Modern Standard Arabic, Advanced Topics in Arabic Conversation, Arabic Writing, and one Jordan area studies course taught in Arabic such as Contemporary Arab Media, Arabic Poetry, or participate in directed independent <b>research</b>. 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 <b>volunteer</b> opportunities are included.</p>
<b>Housing</b>	<p>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.</p>	
<b>Application Window</b>	<p>Fall Semester 2025: Nov. 20, 2024 - Feb. 5, 2025 Spring Semester 2026: April 15, 2025 - July 30, 2025</p>	

**Scholarships**

- Studying Arabic in Jordan is highly desirable for scholarships, especially the Gilman Scholarship (up to \$8k!). See [eap.ucsb.edu/finances/scholarships](http://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 \$1,500. **Guaranteed** for all Pell-eligible applicants on a first-come, first-served basis.
  - CIEE Gilman Go Global Grants- \$2,500. For 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 and other scholarships!

**COST COMPARISON**

	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Year Total
<b>UCSB Year</b>	UCSB Year (\$40,700) <sup>†</sup>											\$40,700
<b>Jordan Fall</b>	Jordan Fall (\$29,700* / 22.5-27 UC qtr units)			UCSB Winter (\$13,550) <sup>†</sup>			UCSB Spring (\$13,550) <sup>†</sup>					\$56,800
<b>Jordan Spring</b>	UCSB Fall (\$13,550) <sup>†</sup>			Jordan Spring (\$29,000**/ 22.5-27 UC qtr units)								\$42,550

Fees listed are estimates, rounded to nearest \$50, and subject to change. See the UCEAP program page's Cost tab for customized cost estimates.

<sup>†</sup>UCSB 2024-25 undergrad cost of attendance for 2023-cohort CA residents living off-campus.

\*UCEAP 2024-25 (\*\*2023-24) undergrad cost includes: UC tuition for 2023-cohort CA residents, fees, housing, meals, predeparture expenses, airfare, travel insurance, and incidentals. Not included in fall/winter/spring/year costs (if applicable): UC Student Health Insurance \$450/qtr.

Non-Residents: add supplemental tuition to costs above: \$32,550/yr, \$16,300/sem, \$10,850/qtr (2023-cohort).