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 Requirements
- **GPA**: 2.5 cumulative GPA at the time of application and maintained through departure.
- **Sophomore, Junior, Senior**
- **No language prerequisite**

### Coursework & Overview
- **Middle East Studies, Amman**
  - **22.5-27 UC quarter units; 4-5 classes**
  - 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. Additionally, students may substitute 1 course with guided research, or an internship with a government agency or a local or intl. development organization.
  - 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.

- **Advanced Arabic Language, Amman**
  - **24 UC quarter units; 4 classes per semester**
  - 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, or participate in guided research. Classes are with other U.S. students, taught by native speaking Jordanian professors.
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### 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 Window
- **Fall 2023**: Oct. 1, 2022 - Jan. 31, 2023
- **Spring 2024**: Oct. 1, 2022 - May 9, 2023

### Scholarships
- Studying Arabic in Jordan is highly desirable for scholarships, especially the Gilman. See eap.ucsb.edu/financial/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!
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| **Requirements** | - 2.50 cumulative GPA at the time of application and maintained through departure.  
- Sophomore, Junior, Senior  
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| When          | Fall: late August to late December  
- Spring: late January to mid-May  

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5.15.23