Notable Programs

Thirteen of North Central College’s 50+ programs abroad offer Arabic and MENA studies courses to students studying abroad.

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- University of Glasgow (Scotland)
- Kadir Has University (Turkey)
- LaTrobe University (Australia)
- Macquarie University (Australia)
- NCC-in-China/Japan
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- NCC-in-England (Canterbury)
- Universidad Pablo de Olavide (Spain)
- Qasid Arabic Institute (Jordan)
- United States International University (Kenya)

MENA studies minor, Hayley Cloyd, says:

“In the span of three months I was able to explore almost every corner of Jordan through weekend trips, delving into Jordanian culture, history and politics through firsthand encounters. Studying abroad in Jordan pushed me to not only step out of my own comfort zone but to better understand a part of the world whose potential is vastly underestimated on an international scale.”

Benefits of studying Arabic and MENA studies abroad:

▪ Study Arabic language and culture and be surrounded by the language daily to work on your fluency
▪ Travel to and explore new places such as local historical and cultural sites
▪ Immerse yourself in the local culture fully by interacting with local families, students and your peers
▪ Dive deeper into international relations by exploring your host country’s relationship with the MENA region
▪ Gain unique and invaluable international experience that you can utilize later in applying for jobs with international organizations, NGOs and global companies
▪ Upon your return, share your experience with fellow students and the NCC community and help enrich NCC’s international and global cultural awareness
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African Popular Culture
Introduction to Islam
Women in Islam
Sufism: Belief and Practice
Islam in Britain
Christian/Muslim Relations
http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/studyabroad/modules-new.aspx

University of Bristol (England)
Christianity and Islam in Early Modern Europe
Christianity and Islam: Viewing the Other
Anthropology of Islam
http://www.bristol.ac.uk/unit-programme-catalogue/AboutUnits.jsa?ayrCode=16%2F17

DEREE, American College of Greece
Middle East—A Crossroad
http://www.acg.edu/current-students/registrar-academic-services/office-of-the-registrar/course_schedules/

University of Essex (England)
Politics of the Middle East
International Politics of the Middle East
http://www.essex.ac.uk/modules/

Freie Universität Berlin (Germany)
Islam and Europe: Historical and Contemporary Dimensions

University of Ghana continued:
Arabic History and Civilization
Arabic Literature
Readings in Hadith Literature
Readings in Quranic Literature
Contemporary Arab World
Islam and Christianity in Africa
Islamic Ethics
The Faith and Practice of Islam
Islam and African Culture
Music of North Africa

University of Glasgow (Scotland)
Program for College Scholars only
Middle Eastern Cities, 1800-1960: Empire, Cosmopolitan and Nationalism
Reading Islam
The Search for Meaning: Christianity, Judaism and Islam
Modern Judaism: Aspects of Life and Literature
Understanding Muhammad
http://www.gla.ac.uk/coursecatalogue/

Kadir Has University (Turkey)
Politics and Society in the Middle East
Turkey’s Security and International Relations

La Trobe University (Australia)
Archaeology of the Middle East
War and Peace: Intro to Conflicts and Conflict Resolution
African Archaeology
Art and Symbolism of the Ancients
Genocides and the Holocaust: Europe, Asia, Africa
States in Transition: Peacebuilding
After Civil War and Regime Change
http://www.latrobe.edu.au/students/subjects

Please Note:
The courses listed under each university are only a small selection of Arabic and MENA studies courses available to study abroad students. Please visit each program’s website to see a full list of available courses.

Macquarie University (Australia)
African Politics and Globalization
International Relations of the Middle East
Islam and the West

Universidad Pablo de Olavide (Spain)
Christianity, Islam and Judaism in the Spanish Context
https://www.upo.es/intl_EN/Programs/Hispanic_Studies/courses/index.jsp

Qasid Arabic Institute (Jordan)
Intensive Arabic Language (various levels)
Arabic Kitchen
Arabic Calligraphy
Ammiya Course
Tajwid
http://www.qasid.com/

United States International University (Kenya)
Arabic language (various levels)
Tourist Arabic
Arabic for International Relations
Advanced Arabic Grammar and Composition
Arabic Culture and Civilization
Contemporary History of Arab World
Literature in Arabic (various levels)
Arab-Islamic Thought (various levels)
Africa-Middle East Relations
Development Issues in Africa
African International Relations
Contact OIP for complete course list

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University of Essex (England)
Politics of the Middle East
International Politics of the Middle East
http://www.essex.ac.uk/modules/

Freie Universität Berlin (Germany)
Islam and Europe: Historical and Contemporary Dimensions

University of Ghana
Introduction to Arabic Studies
Arabic Grammar (various levels)
Arabic Translation (various levels)
Arabic Composition (various levels)