

North Central College D-Term 2016 Study Abroad

Morocco

Cultural Transformation and Tradition

Dr. Mara Berkland, professor of speech communication
Dr. Sophie Hand, professor of French

NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 14, 2016

Itinerary:

Monday - Tuesday, November 28 - 29: Pre-departure sessions

Wednesday, November 30: Travel to Morocco; arrive in Casablanca; bus to Fez; welcome dinner; meet host families

Thursday, December 1: Moroccan Arabic and Moroccan culture classes

Friday, December 2: Tour of Fez medina and lecture on Islam in Morocco

Saturday, December 3: Moroccan Arabic class and lecture on Moroccan education

Sunday, December 4: Tour of the Jewish quarter, visit to synagogue, lecture on Jewish culture in Morocco

Monday, December 5: Lecture on women in Morocco; community service

Tuesday, December 6: Moroccan Arabic class; lecture on Moroccan politics

Wednesday, December 7: Cooking lesson (making couscous); roundtable with Moroccan university students

Thursday, December 8: Free day

Friday, December 9: Moroccan Arabic Class; calligraphy workshop

Saturday, December 10: Free morning; Henna Party with live Andalusian music

Sunday, December 11: Visit to Ain Nokbi, meeting with artisans at Fez Arts and Crafts; lecture on arts and architecture

Monday, December 12: Free day

Tuesday, December 13: Depart to Casablanca; visit to Hassan II Mosque

Wednesday, December 14: Return to Chicago



The Course (GLS 260-D1: Study Abroad in Morocco)

This course gives students the opportunity to apply intercultural communication theory and discussions of cultural change through work and research within Moroccan culture. Via observation, interaction and reading, students will learn about the push and pull between cultural influences, particularly those unique to colonialism (both historical and contemporary). Students will live in pairs with Moroccan host families in the city of Fez, where they will attend lectures and classes, addressing such topics as Moroccan Dari'ja dialect, Moroccan customs, women's place in Moroccan society, Moroccan economy, political system, media, religion and art. Students will visit the Fez medina, local museums and points of artistic and architectural interest.

Information Session

Thursday, February 18, 2016: 12:15-1:45 p.m., Goldspohn 27

Enrollment Instructions

To enroll in GLS 260-D1, Study Abroad in Morocco, students are required to:

- Attend the information session and sign in.
- Meet with the faculty leader(s).
- Confer with their academic advisors.
- Complete a green "Add a Course/Instructor Consent" form and have it signed by the appropriate faculty leader.
- Bring the consent form to the Office of International Programs, Abe House, 48 E. Jefferson Ave., and fill out a brief application.
- Pay \$400 nonrefundable airfare deposit by April 8, 2016.

NOTE: This course fulfills the Humanities general education requirement.

Registration Procedure

The Office of International Programs will enroll each student as each deposit is received. After April 8, students will be placed on a waiting list and notified if spaces become available. Students with the highest number of credits earned at the College will be given first priority. Final registration will appear in the student's Merlin account.

Contact Information

Dr. Mara Berkland, professor of speech communication
mkberkland@noctrl.edu, 630-637-5367

Dr. Sophie Hand, professor of French
shand@noctrl.edu, 630-637-5124

Initial Deposit due April 8, 2016

Scholarships: Deadline February 29, 2016

A limited number of scholarships will be awarded to selected sophomores, juniors and seniors with 3.0 GPA and demonstrable financial need. Applications are available in the Office of International Programs and must be submitted by February 29, 2016. Thanks to a special grant devoted to MENA studies, additional scholarships will be available for students enrolling in this course.

Statement of Conditions

1. Estimated cost and minimum number of participants:

\$2,800 based on a minimum of 10 registered students. The course will not be offered for less than 10 students. The price includes:

- Airfare: estimated \$1,200
- Program fee, including land expenses and some meals: estimated \$1,600

2. Accommodation and meals:

Host families, breakfast included

3. Payment schedule:

- \$400 nonrefundable airfare deposit due April 8, 2016.
- Balance of the airfare due no later than September 16, 2016, according to payment schedule determined by the faculty leaders; most deposits will be due during the summer.
- \$500 nonrefundable program fee deposit due October 14, 2016.
- Program fee balance is billed to the student's account in late November as part of the invoice for winter term 2017.
- In addition to these airfare and program fees, tuition for this course will be billed as part of each student's winter 2017 invoice.

4. Cancellation and refund policy:

- Refund schedules for airfares depend on individual airlines; faculty leaders will inform all participants of the relevant deadlines and policies.
- If the student participant drops the course before November 1, 2016, 50 percent of the remaining balance of the program fee will be refunded.
- If the student participant drops the course after November 1, 2016, 100 percent of the program fee is forfeited.

5. Exclusions:

The following items are NOT included in the fees listed above:

- Meals other than those included in the itinerary
- Optional entertainment and excursions
- Excess baggage charges
- Personal items, including telephone calls, laundry fees, room service
- Departure taxes (except U.S.)
- Passport fees

6. Other matters:

- Proof of a valid passport is due April 29, 2016: EITHER a color copy of the photo ID and signature pages of a passport valid through June 20, 2017, OR a receipt from your passport application.
- All North Central College students are covered under a secondary insurance policy (EIIA) and will be given emergency information and telephone contacts through American International Group international services.
- Every student participant is required to abide by College policies as outlined in the North Central College Student Handbook and by the rules listed on the course syllabus. If, in the judgment of a faculty member leading the course, a student has violated the course rules or College policy as stated in the Student Handbook, the student may be sent home at his or her own expense. In such circumstances, a student's parents may also be notified and additional disciplinary action may be taken by the College upon a student's return to the United States.
- All courses include required pre-departure sessions on campus and at least one follow-up session in January 2017 upon return.
- Final course assignments are due as specified on each course syllabus but no later than week 4 of winter term 2017.