Program Overview

Integrating classroom instruction and field-based activities, this five-week program allows you to discover and study the rich cultures of Morocco. Immerse yourself in a multicultural society at the crossroads of Europe and Africa. Live the Moroccan lifestyle: drink mint tea, eat tajines, and discuss Morocco’s regional and global significance with your instructors and your English- or French-speaking family!

Academics

Classes meet 9-10:30 / 10:45-12:15 / 1:00-2:30 at the Amideast center.

Students must enroll in two of the following courses:

PAR 230: Judaism, Christianity, Islam (3): Examine the sacred history, historical development, and principle beliefs and practices of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. This study abroad course will help you more fully appreciate your Moroccan experience by focusing on how these three religious traditions have lived side-by-side for centuries in Morocco, the Middle East, and North Africa. Taught in English. (No prerequisites. PAR 230 fulfills the “Historical and Philosophical Approaches” and the “Living in a Global Society” requirements for University Studies.)

FRH 394: Moroccan Conversations (3): Improve your spoken French and your knowledge of the francophone world. Explore Morocco’s complex linguistic diversity and discover Moroccan music and cinema. Discuss North Africa today, focusing on the changing role of the French language in Morocco, tourism and the environment, gender identity, and immigration. Taught in French. (Prerequisite: FRH 202 or equivalent.)

FRH 394: Mediterranean Journeys (3): Engage in the theories and practices of the Mediterranean. Discover how trade, piracy, diplomacy, migrations, and tourism have shaped and continue to mold the southern and northern shores of the Mediterranean. Taught in English. (No prerequisites. Counts in International Studies for the Globalization, Africa, Middle East, Art and Literature concentrations.)

By taking both FRH 394s, French majors fulfill their applied learning requirement.

Eligibility

Students are eligible to apply for this program if they meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Degree-seeking student
- Good judicial standing
- 2.50+ GPA at time of application
- Students who are not UNCW sophomores, juniors, or seniors should be ready to provide a letter of recommendation from a professor and/or to have an interview with one of the program leaders. Contact program leaders for further information.

Program Facts

Location .................................................. Rabat, Morocco
Tentative Program Dates ....................... June 26 - July 29, 2017

Program Leaders:
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Application

Application Deadline: March 15, 2017

- To apply, log in at: https://itsappserv02.uncw.edu/intprogapp/ and select your program of choice
- A $500 non-refundable deposit is due at time of application
Location

Morocco is a North African country of stunning beauty with coasts on both the Mediterranean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean. Embracing modernity while safeguarding its tolerant religious and artistic traditions, Morocco is the ideal place for American students to witness multiculturalism and multilingualism and to participate in the global world.

Rabat, the capital, is a cosmopolitan city with a state-of-the-art and inexpensive tramway connecting Agdal to the old medina (city) and Salé across the Bouregreg River. Agdal, where you will live and study, is the European district of Rabat. It offers French pastry shops, cafés, and boutiques, as well as traditional Moroccan convenience stores and restaurants.

Today, Rabat is home to the international music festival of Mawazine and offers a laidback yet vibrant living environment to locals and foreign visitors alike. Rabat is a few miles away from the surfing beach of Skhirat.

Program Activities & Features

Embark on a breathtaking tour of Morocco and learn about the intersection of Berber, Arab, and French cultures. In the North, visit the imperial city of Meknes, walk the thousand-year-old roads of Volubilis (an ancient Roman settlement), and let yourself be guided through the maze of the medina in Fez. The second excursion, to the South, will take you to Marrakech and the Atlas Mountains. After offering a tour of Ouarzazate’s movie studio, this overnight trip culminates with a camel ride in the Sahara desert.

Program Fee Includes:

- Housing and meals (home stay)
- Local cell phones
- Student health insurance
- Arrival and departure airport transfers
- Cultural excursions (Meknes, Fez; and Marrakech, Imlil, Ouarzazate, Merzouga in the south)
- Welcome reception and orientation
- Closing ceremony and dinner

Additional Costs:

(Not included in program fee)

- Tuition and fees
- Airfare to/from Casablanca
- Personal expenses

Estimated Program Fee: $3,600

Federal and state financial aid may be applied toward this program. Even if you are normally ineligible for financial aid, you should submit a financial aid application (FAFSA). You may find that you are eligible for additional funding.

UNCW students may also apply for a UNCW Education Abroad Grant and additional study abroad scholarships. Grant applications and additional information are available at: www.uncw.edu/international/abroad/aid.html