

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY

Summer Program

MOROCCO

Morocco is a country of many contrasts, where centuries-old traditions and modern technology are at the heart of dynamic and hospitable culture. From the Roman ruins of Volubilis and the medieval cities of Marrakesh and Fez with their famous souks (markets), to the high-rise financial district of Casablanca, from the mountains and desert of the interior to the long stretches of coastal beaches, from the couscous and tajines to every kind of European cuisine, Morocco offers its visitors the unique example of a country whose deeply rooted cultural values have accommodated ideas and practices of its European neighbors.

The program is based at the Arabic Language Institute in Fez (ALIF). The Institute is housed in a large Moorish-style villa situated in a residential neighborhood and is within easy walking distance of shops, restaurants, and cafes. ALIF has a specialized library, a collection of Arabic films, a satellite television, and a computer center with e-mail access.

Duration: Students leave for Morocco on May 29 and return to the US on July 16.

Academic Program

All students take a language course taught by ALIF instructors (6 hours) and one course in English taught by the 2009 director, Peter Brunette on Maghribi cinema (COM 370/ART 261, 3 hours). The topic of the course will be announced in October, after the 2009 faculty director has been selected. Language course offerings are Beginning Arabic, Intermediate Arabic, Advanced Arabic, or Intermediate French.

Excursions and Cultural Activities

Weekend excursions are tentatively planned to Meknes, Volubilis, Moulay Idriss; Middle Atlas (Azrou, Umm ar-Rabi'a); Desert excursion (overnight); and Rabat (overnight). There is also a planned 4-day excursion to Marrakesh, Essaouira, and Casablanca at the end of the program.

Accommodations

Students are matched with homestay families in Fez according to the language they choose to study. Students stay in hotels during the various excursions.

Costs

2009 program costs are t.b.a., but it should be the same or only slightly more than 2008 program costs: \$5500, which included 9 credit hours of tuition, room and board, and most excursions. Students are responsible for their airfare, personal expenses, and a few meals. WFU students should contact the Center for International Studies for information on summer scholarships.

To Apply

Online applications are found at <http://studyabroad.wfu.edu>. Click on "WFU Programs" and you will find the program listed as "WFU/Morocco (Summer)." Students from all disciplines, undergraduate and graduate, WFU and non-WFU, are all eligible to apply.

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