



ARANASasri 2026

The ARANAS*sasri* (Arabic Language & North African Studies)
Transdisciplinary Programme

Dear Colleagues and Students,

We write to introduce you to one of the oldest and most respected programmes in Arabic and North African Studies in North Africa, hosted by Al Akhawayn University of Ifrane (AUI), Ifrane, Morocco.

Founded 30 years ago as the only liberal arts university with English as the language of instruction, AUI is fully accredited by the New England Commission on Higher Education (NECHE). And students receive fully-transferable Carnegie credits for all their work.

The classic ARANAS (Arabic Language and North African Studies) Summer Language programme has prepared several cohorts of students from across the world at the AUI campus nestled in the majestic mid-Atlas mountains, students who are now leaders in academics, business, culture, media, government, public service, and diplomacy. Now, we present a programme that merges engaged liberal arts, community-based practice, and curated apprenticeships, with the finest Arabic language learning. We are venturing out into and beyond the summer, anew, with an ARANAS for the times! Hence, ARANASasri.

The New ARANASasri, embedding Arabic language teaching in an applied liberal arts model.

ARANAS is in a new groove, integrating diverse faculty expertise and institutional resources into its offerings that embed the teaching of the Arabic language into a transdisciplinary engaged liberal arts model. It seeks to restore academic, intellectual, and social status to the teaching of a key historic language by actively drawing on its varied geographies and communities as real participants, not mere observers or consumers.

Featuring carefully curated communities of learning, building on your interests, the "asri" edition of ARANAS offers the following:

1. Summer Arabic Language for Undergraduates meeting language requirements, June & July (~8 US SCH)
2. Arabic Language for Research and Advanced North African Studies for Graduate Students, January, June, August (4-8 US SCH)
3. Arabic for Professionals (1-3 US SCH, see below for examples)
4. Intensive curated interdisciplinary apprenticeships and community-based summer three-day weekends as well as two-week inter-semester sessions in January, June, and August, on the following themes (ideally combined with any of the above, but also enrolled separately) (1-3 US SCH) [tuition varies based on theme]
 - a. Arabic for Filmmakers
 - b. Arabic for Scientists
 - c. Arabic for Theologians

- d. Arabic for Community Organizers and Social Workers
 - e. Arabic for Economists and Entrepreneurs
 - f. Arabic for Travellers and Flaneurs
 - g. Arabic For Philosophers and Poets
 - h. Arabic for Public Servants and Diplomats
 - i. Arabic for Foodies and Farmers
 - j. Arabic for Journalists and Media
 - k. Arabic for Historians and Social Researchers
 - l. Arabic for Digital and Public Humanists
 - m. Arabic for Artists and Curators
 - n. Arabic for Game Design
5. Engagement with actual communities of learning and practice in Moroccan society as part of the learning experience
6. Potential for Euro-Arab engagement that pairs travel and study in Morocco with a country historically connected to Morocco

We welcome institutional and pedagogical partners for any of these above courses so as to build a new modality of liberal arts language learning that immerses students in the language without isolating them from their passions and key interests that provide the impetus for the language learning itself.

As the only North African university accredited by NECHE, we are well-placed to offer a fresh approach to Arabic language learning in North Africa given our ability to grant Carnegie credits, the resources available at dynamic and leading academic institution, innovative pedagogies and a multi-dimensional learning experience that draws on our excellence in sciences, humanities, social sciences, arts, and business, as well as a safe and enriching learning ecology of the gorgeous AUI campus as a home base for this learning.

The ARANASasri team will ensure that student academic and practical interests are always imbricated with their learning of the language, and offer ourselves as collaborators and partners in a unique educational mission that gives due respect to this great language, its history, and its promise.

Sincerely,

Asma Abbas, Professor of Politics and Dean of the School of Social Sciences, Arts, and Humanities, Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane

Jaouad El-Bakili, SSAH Dean's Liaison for Special and Curated Programmes

Brian Seilstad, Director, AUI Office of International Programmes

ARANASasri Courses and Fees

All our Arabic courses are established in accordance with ACTFL standards. We offer both Standard Arabic and Colloquial Moroccan Arabic. All courses are accredited by NECHE.

Now offering curated learning experiences for professionals and those seeking practice- and community-based language learning, such as

- Arabic for Filmmakers

- Arabic for Scientists
- Arabic for Theologians
- Arabic for Community Organizers and Social Workers
- Arabic for Economists and Entrepreneurs
- Arabic for Travellers and Flaneurs
- Arabic For Philosophers and Poets
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- Arabic for Game Design

Intensive curated interdisciplinary apprenticeships and community-based summer three-day weekends (June and July) as well as two-week inter-semester sessions in January, May, and August [1-3 credits, tuition varies based on theme]

WINTER SESSION | ARABIC FOR RESEARCH, PROFESSIONS, AND PRACTICE | 2-12 January 2026

1. Arabic for Beginners (3 credits)
2. Arabic for Research (3 credits) Intermediate level required
3. Advanced North African and Middle East Studies for Graduate Students (3 credits)
4. Arabic for Professionals (3 credits) See options above
5. Curated apprenticeships and Community-based language Learning (3 credits) [tuition varies based on theme; please inquire]

Costs:

MOROCCAN UNDERGRADUATE: 9,648 DH

MOROCCAN GRADUATE: 11,298 DH

INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE: 12,948 DH

INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE: 15,348 DH

SPRING SESSION | 22 May - 2 June 2026

1. Arabic for Research (3 credits) Intermediate level required
2. Arabic Creative Writing (3 credits)
3. Arabic Linguistics (3 Credits)
4. Advanced North African Studies for Graduate Students (3 credits)
5. Teaching Arabic as a Foreign Language (3 credits)
6. Special Topics in North African and Middle East Studies (3 credits)
7. Arabic for Professionals (3 credits) See options above

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SUMMER SESSION I | EMBEDDED AND IMMERSIVE LANGUAGE LEARNING + PRACTICUMS | 25 May - 18 July 2026

1. Arabic for Beginners (6-8 credits)
2. Intermediate Arabic (6-8 credits) 2-3 semesters of Arabic required
3. Advanced Arabic (6-8 credits) 4-5 semesters of Arabic required
4. Courses in North African and Middle East Studies such History of the Arab World, Islamic Art and Architecture, etc. (3-6 credits)

5. Internships and Field Experience on- and off-site **included** (intensive curated interdisciplinary apprenticeships and community-based summer afternoon and three-day weekends) [special fees may apply for certain options]

Cost: \$6000, which includes all tuition, room/board, pickups from airport, and trips within Morocco. Only flights to/from Morocco (if required) and personal travel and expenses are not covered. Formal AUI exchange partners can inquire about differential rates.



SUMMER SESSION II | SOCIAL SCIENCES, ARTS, AND HUMANITIES RESEARCH ACADEMY + ARABIC LANGUAGE | 10 - 30 August 2026

1. Intensive Research Academy for Advanced Undergraduates, Graduates, and Professionals
2. Arabic for Research (3 credits) Intermediate level required
3. Arabic for Professionals (3 credits) See options above
4. Off-Site Field Practicums included

Costs

MOROCCAN UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE: 19900 DH

INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE: 26900 DH



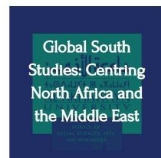
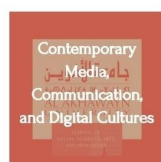
19-31 AUGUST 2024

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SOCIAL SCIENCES, ARTS, AND HUMANITIES RESEARCH ACADEMY

knowledge to build, lead, and connect
a world we want

6-CREDIT CERTIFICATES



APPLY BY 5 AUG 2024



FULL RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM
20,900 MAD (MOROCCO)
29,000 MAD (INTERNATIONAL)
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A two-week intensive 6-credit summer certificate academy, on-site at the lush campus of Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane, invites advanced undergraduates, professionals, and all interested individuals with a passion for contemporary regional and global affairs, human development, and communication and media studies, to join a unique learning community, with a view to practical, professional, and advanced research prospects.

FEATURING

PREPARATION FOR ADVANCED STUDY (AND AN OFFER OF ADMISSION TO OUR GRADUATE PROGRAMS IF YOU QUALIFY).
TRAINING IN RESEARCH TOOLS FUNDAMENTAL TO ALL FIELDS OF GLOBAL RELEVANCE.
SPECIFIC INTERDISCIPLINARY TRACKS, SUPPORTED BY CRITICAL ACADEMIC & ANALYTIC SKILLS, SYSTEMS & DESIGN THINKING, PORTFOLIO & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT
FIELDWORK, PRESENTATIONS, LECTURES, AND PERFORMANCES.
ACCESS TO RESOURCES OF A WORLD-CLASS LIBERAL ARTS UNIVERSITY WITH THE MOST DIVERSE AND QUALIFIED FACULTY IN ALL OF MOROCCO.
A VIBRANT, SAFE, AND PURPOSEFUL INTELLECTUAL COMMUNITY IN WHICH TO EXPLORE PRESSING QUESTIONS AND NEW FIELDS OF RESEARCH.

Come experience a unique educational enterprise in the best tradition of the liberal arts in a setting that has produced leading scholars, diplomats, leaders, educators, entrepreneurs, culturalists, designers, media experts, changemakers, capacity-builders for Morocco, Africa, and beyond.

Gain theoretical, practical, scientific, cultural, and professional knowhow, confidence, and credentials to widen your horizons and expand your prospects for 21st-century global demands.

1 - The SSAHRA programme, our Intensive Research Academy for Advanced Undergraduates, Graduates

[Click Here to Express Interest in These Programs](#)

All instructors in our programs are:

National and international experts from various disciplines

Full-time faculty with extensive experience in the undergraduate and graduate North African Studies programs

And are well-versed in both contemporary methodologies and use of technologies.

ARABIC LANGUAGE & NORTH AFRICAN STUDIES



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Integration into the
AUI Community

ARANAS students:

- Maintain a language pledge to use only Arabic throughout the program.
- Interact with other students through public events, classes and lectures.
- Attend a broad range of cultural events.
- Attend selected dinner discussions with teachers and TA's.



Experiential
Language Learning



- Daily exposure to a variety of Moroccan customs and traditions.
- Exposure to local Moroccan culture.
- Involvement in numerous club activities, including music, cooking, debating, and calligraphy.

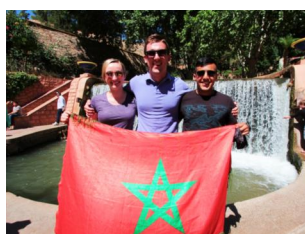


Trips and Cultural Activities

Learn Arabic while traveling

Planned weekend trips to the Sahara Desert, Marrakech, Fes and Meknes.

Independent travel in groups **to explore Morocco and Southern Spain.**



ARANAS is an amazing opportunity to learn and grow academically and personally. The program is a great way to advance and improve Arabic skills as well as gain exposure to a new culture.

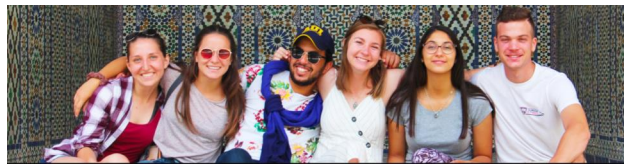
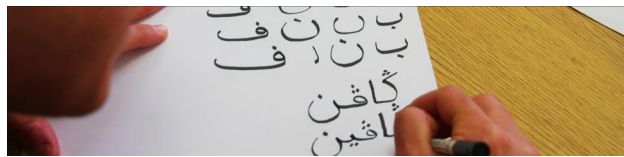
Thanks to the professors who were very helpful both inside and outside class as are the Teacher Assistants and the Program Assistants. I enjoyed all the trips through which I met different people that brought me new experiences.



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(ARANAS 2019)

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