



## ARABIC STUDY ABROAD

Arabic Flagship students have two remarkable opportunities to study abroad during their time with us. They will embark on a summer abroad after two years of studying Arabic at our campus in Austin, Texas, and a full year at the end of their BA degree. Although funding for these spots to study abroad is competitive, The University of Texas at Austin has an excellent success rate in securing our scholars' admission.

Students spend one full summer at the Teaching Arabic as a Foreign Language (TAFL) Center at the University of Alexandria in Egypt when they reach Intermediate High Level Arabic, and one full academic year in either Alexandria or at the University of Damascus in Syria, when they finish their BA to transition from Advanced to Superior Level. This model, which comprises four years at The University of Texas at Austin and one year in Alexandria or Damascus, enables students to focus wholly on undergraduate coursework while stateside. This means that business and medical students, for example, can be accommodated without having to take overloads or key subjects while abroad. Once a student has attained an undergraduate degree, he or she begins the capstone year in Egypt or Syria, focusing on Arabic.

The study abroad programs in Alexandria and Damascus are administered by the American Councils for International Education in partnership with The Language Flagship Organization. Both organizations provide the faculty and facilities needed to achieve our goal of graduating students with superior proficiency.

We understand that location, surroundings and the general learning environment are paramount to the success of a study abroad program. That's why The Language Flagship Organization has invested in building strong educational centers, continually upgrading the facilities in Egypt and Syria to ensure a positive immersion experience for our students. This collaboration allows us to strengthen our relationship with The Language Flagship while enhancing our stateside program. We host faculty from the TAFL Center in Alexandria and the Arabic Language Center in Damascus here in Austin every year to provide them training in communicative teaching methods and to allow them to accustom themselves to American students. Lastly, we are proud to share that feedback from students studying in Egypt and Syria is extremely positive, with diverse personalized internships and a rigorous academic curriculum solidly in place.

### What Students Can Expect While Studying in Egypt and Syria:

- Attend fun, personalized classes that will help you succeed
- Discover a new culture living in a dorm or with a host family
- Finish one whole year of Arabic in just one summer
- Learn and share with an Egyptian or Syrian language partner
- Visit other cities on organized trips to explore the sites of Egypt or Syria

### Our Promise to Parents of Students Studying Abroad:

- A safe, well cared for and structured learning environment for your college student
- Scholarships including airfare, accommodation, tuition and a small living stipend
- Pre-departure orientation in Washington DC and an arrival orientation in Egypt or Syria
- Full health and evacuation insurance with vigorous safety plans in place
- A full time resident director on the ground in Egypt and Syria to oversee the program
- Curriculums designed by prominent academics that dovetail with US domestic Arabic programs

### Sample Study Track for Undergraduates

Academic Year	Coursework
Freshman Year	First Year Arabic (506 & 507)
Sophomore Year	Second Year Arabic (512K & 512L)
Junior Year	Third Year Arabic (420K & 420L)/Colloquial Classes
Summer Semester ( <i>Abroad</i> )	Fourth Year Arabic (330K & 330L)
Senior Year	Content Courses / AFP Internship
Capstone Year ( <i>Abroad</i> )	Full year of study with Language and Content Courses



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### Alexandria—"The Pearl of the Mediterranean"

*The site of one of the wonders of the ancient world, Alexandria is often said to be the greatest historical city. With a population of 4.1 million, it is the second-largest city in Egypt. As Egypt's leading port, the city also serves as a dominant commercial and transportation center.*

*Perhaps what is most amazing about Alexandria is not what you can see above ground, but what lies beneath. Even while admiring the remnants of the 19th-century Mediterranean city, it's all too easy to forget that a few meters down lie untouched and unexplored ruins of a Ptolemaic and Roman city.*

*Alexandria is known for the Lighthouse of Alexandria, the Library of Alexandria, and the Catacombs of Kom el Shoqafa. Couple this with the more than five thousand years of cultural history recorded in Egypt, and we are confident that your immersion in Alexandria will give you a global perspective.*

