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UIR FACILITIES AND STUDY ENVIRONMENT



Amphitheatres



5 Buildings



Indoor heated semi-olympic pool

UIR



Indoor and outdoor sport facilities



Library



Restaurants



Student dorms





MENASA SUMMER SCHOOL

The MENASA International Program Summer School 2024 is a 4-week intensive program offering a variety of study tracks of either or both language and content courses. In its fifth edition, the July 2024 summer school offers courses in:

- Modern Standard Arabic (MSA) (from beginning to advanced levels),
- Moroccan Colloquial Arabic (*darija*),
- MENA and Sahel area studies.

Students attending this program can earn up to 16 ECTS, equivalent to 6 American credits. The credits earned are transferrable.

COMPONENTS

The MENASA summer school consists of two program components:

1. Summer Arabic Program (SAP)

The Summer Arabic program aims to significantly increase students' learning and fluency in MSA and enhance their ability to communicate with confidence. Classes in *darija* are offered to help students with everyday interactions with locals on and off campus sites. Students will have opportunities to put their language skills to use through community service, workshops, sports activities and class presentations

The Summer Arabic program includes 45 contact hours (8 ECTS/ 3 American credits) of MSA and 24 contact hours of *darija* (4 ECTS/ 1.5 American credits).

2. MENA Area Studies

The MENASA Area Studies Program aims to introduce international students to the region through the study of the culture, history, society, and politics. Students make their course selection from the following, earning up to 8 ECTS/ 3 American Credits:

- Contemporary Moroccan Society, Culture & Politics (4 ECTS),
- Morocco: A Gateway to Africa and the Middle East (4 ECTS),
- Challenges & Prospects of the New Geo-Politics of the Afro-Mediterranean Region (4 ECTS).





PROGRAM TRACKS AND FEES

	Track	Cost (in MAD)	Contact hours	Credits
1	MSA only	10900	45	8 ECTS/ 4 American credits
2	MSA and darija	14900	70	12 ECTS/ 6 American credits
3	MSA and one or two courses from the MENASA Area Studies	MSA and 1 MENASA Course: 15900 MSA and 2 MENASA courses: 21000	70-94	12-16 ECTS/ 6-8 American credits
4	Darija and one or two courses from the MENASA Area Studies	1 darija course & 1 MENASA course: 11900 1 darija course & 2 MENASA Courses: 16900MAD	48-72	8-12 ECTS/ 4-6 American credits:
5	Up to 3 courses from the MENASA Area Studies	1 course: 7500 2 courses: 12900 3 courses: 17900	24-72	4-12 ECTS/ 2-6 American credits:

NB: The fees above include the costs of tuition and activities as listed above





PROGRAMS FEES INCLUDE

1. Tuition fees,
2. Program orientation,
3. Weekly lectures or immersive cultural activities,
4. Academic historical tour of the host city,
5. A day trip outside of Rabat, and
6. Access to health center, sports and IT facilities, library...etc

PROGRAM FEES DO NOT INCLUDE

7. Airport pick-up and drop-off,
8. Board and meals,
9. Transportation to and from Rabat center for homestay students,
10. Insurance throughout the Program.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND DISCOUNTS

11. Discount for Partner Universities: 25 %
12. Dean's Scholarship (based on Merit): Up to 25 %
13. Early bird registration: 10 %
14. Group Discount (minimum 5 students): 15 %

CALENDAR

- Saturday, June 29: Arrival day (Recommended)
- Sunday, June 30: Orientation Day
- July 1-26 July: Program dates
- Sunday, July 27: Departure day

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION

- The UIR-Summer School is open to all university level students in good academic standing;
- The program stipulates no minimum grade-point average;
- Program applicants should demonstrate seriousness and commitment.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

June 15, 2024

PAYMENT

A non-refundable 10 % of Summer Program payment is due upon acceptance







PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

15. Tour of Rabat

Rabat, the capital of Morocco, is an elegant city that follows the usual structure of major Moroccan imperial cities with the original downtown, which is called medina, surrounded by new modern neighborhoods. Rabat is rather quiet and is home to many tourist attractions such as: The Casbah of the Oudayas and King Mohammed V Mausoleum. A tour of Rabat is organized for program participants at the beginning of the program.

16. Arabic Calligraphy Workshop

Arabic calligraphy is the artistic practice of handwriting and calligraphy based on the alphabet. It is known in Arabic as khatt (Arabic: خط), derived from the word 'line', 'design', or 'construction'. The Kufi model, featured here, is the oldest form and most widely used of the Arabic script. A practical calligraphy workshop is organized for the benefit of students.

17. Visit to Weekly Souq in Sidi Allal Al-Bahraoui

Souks and markets are a major feature in Moroccan life, and among the country's greatest attractions. Each major city and town in Morocco has a special weekly souk. Villages in the country-side also have local souks which are usually held one day each week in an open field or outside the walled town squares. Making a Souk visit is one of the most significant learning experience



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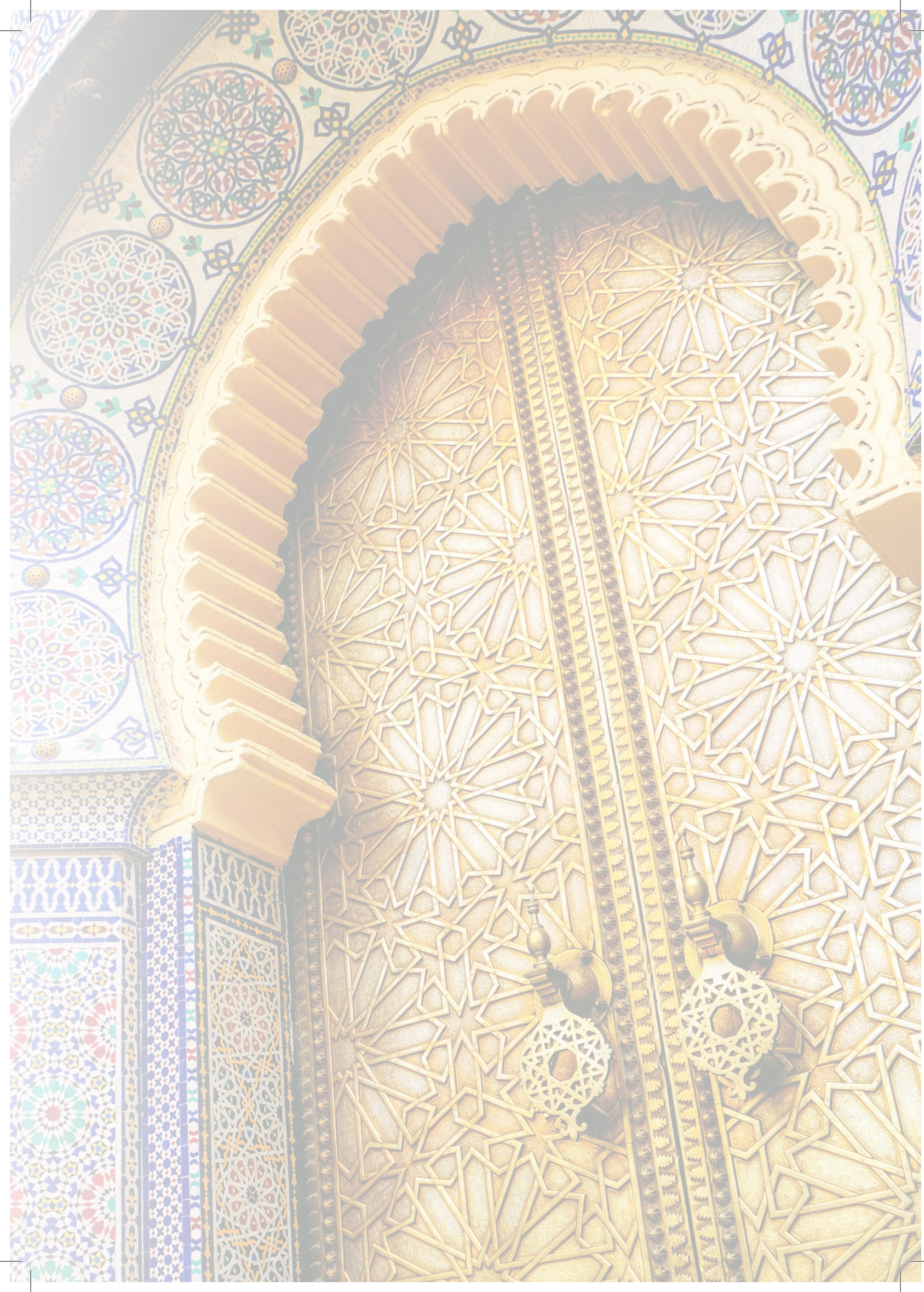
"Studying at UIR was incredibly enriching, allowing me to apply years of Arabic language and MENA culture studies while living with a host family in Rabat. The MENASA program provided insightful courses, including "Street Ethnographies," blending theory with real-life experiences. Professors Najib Mokhtari and Prof. Chekayri's pedagogy was exceptional, deepening my understanding of Moroccan culture and Arabic language. I highly recommend the MENASA program for international students seeking a profound understanding of the MENA region."

**Penny Georgia Vakalopoulos, A Master Student,
University of Melbourne, Australia
UIR-Summer Program, 2020
UIR-Semester-length Program, Fall 2023**



"My experience in Morocco and at UIR can be summed up simply as a story of human kindness, generosity, and liberated learning. I am eternally grateful that UIR... guided me with a team of the most selfless, wise, and genuine intellectuals I've ever met—who provided me with a space and the resources to explore, discuss, and indulge in my greatest interests. My 3 weeks here in Morocco and at UIR are something that I will never forget. I have developed a new family, home, and persona here and I can't wait to return."

Kayla Zamanian, USA, Summer School 2018





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Study abroad can be one of the most rewarding experiences in a young person's life...when students return home, they bring new knowledge, new perspectives and a deeper understanding of the world."

Hilary Clinton, Former Senator

"Morocco is like a tree whose roots lie in Africa but whose leaves breathe in European air".

King Hassan II (July 1929-July1999).

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