The Arabic Flagship provides a rare opportunity for students to develop superior Arabic ability in the professional field of their choice. After taking the core Arabic classes on campus and participating in the third-year study abroad program in Jordan (see separate program flyer), students may apply to the advanced Flagship program. Upon returning to campus for winter semester, accepted students take debate (ARAB 411R) and writing (ARAB 495R) classes which are supplemented by a professional tutorial course (ARAB 490R) in the field of their choice (e.g., law, medicine, engineering, business, etc). Accepted students also take exams in January to qualify for the year-long capstone experience in Morocco, which begins in June 2023 and includes two components: intensive instruction at the Arab American Language Institute in Morocco, and an internship related to the student’s professional goals.

DATES
Prerequisite Tutorials: January–April 2023
Morocco Capstone: June 2023–May 2024

HOUSING
Students will stay with approved families in Meknes, Morocco who live close to the program’s language institute. During the internship, students are responsible for arranging their own housing or by communicating with the internship employer for suggested locations. Internship employers are not required to provide housing, although some may do so.

COURSES
Students are only required to enroll in IAS 399R International Internship (3 credit hours first semester and 3 credit hours second semester). Students may take additional credits in consultation with the Arabic Flagship Center as long as they register through the ISP office.

ARAB 411R—Advanced Formal Arabic Conversation and Rhetorical Skills (1 credit hour)
ARAB 495R—Directed Studies in Arabic (1 credit hour)
ARAB 490R—Independent Readings (0.5 credits)

COST
$3,152 (BYU tuition)
Includes Latter-day Saint undergraduate full tuition (increased cost for graduate and non-Latter-day Saint students); housing, group transportation on field trips, some meals, and international health insurance. Students need to pay the $35 ISP application fee.

Does not include anything not covered by the program cost.

Accompanying spouses of Flagship students will need to pay $780 for international health insurance coverage as well as tuition for one credit per semester.

For Flagship students only: some program costs are covered by the Arabic Flagship Program.

TRAVEL
Students are responsible for purchasing their own airfare to and from the program sites. Airfare reservations must be made through BYU Travel. Students should contact a BYU Travel agent at 280 HRCB, (801) 422-6293, or travel@byu.edu.

PREPARATION
Accepted students are required to participate in our Study Abroad preparation course (IAS 369R, 1 credit hour). This second-block evening course will be held during the spring semester prior to leaving for Morocco. Accompanying spouses need to be credit-bearing participants of the program. Spouses will also need to apply online and take the preparation course.

Students must meet all country- and program-specific COVID and health requirements for travel.

FUNDING SOURCES
Students may receive Arabic Flagship Program funding to pay part of the Flagship program costs. Students are also encouraged to apply for Boren scholarships, Gilman, and other outside funding to cover all overseas program costs. Regular BYU tuition scholarships, Pell Grants, and Federal Insured Student Loans may be applied to study abroad programs. Students who submit the financial aid section of the ISP application and who have a current FAFSA form on file at the Financial Aid Office (A-41 ASB) will be considered for a study abroad scholarship and may be considered for other scholarships. Academic departments and colleges may assist with scholarships and grants. Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist (see kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships).

APPLICATION PROCESS
BYU welcomes students from any university to apply to participate on our study abroad programs. However, internships and direct enrollment programs are limited to BYU Provo students. Students must be 18 years of age or older to participate. Complete the online application at kennedy.byu.edu/isp-apply. A nonrefundable $35 application fee is required; applicants will be interviewed once the application is complete. Students will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance into the program. The first payment is due upon acceptance.

Application Deadline: 1 December 2022

FACULTY
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SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT
Parents are not to visit students during the official program time period. Students should not plan late arrivals to the host country, and they should plan to stay the entire length of the program.

INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT
International Study Programs
101 HRCB | (801) 422-3686 | isp@byu.edu | kennedy.byu.edu/isp

Arabic Flagship Office
JKB 3122 | (801) 422-9189 | arabic_flagship@byu.edu | arabicflagship.byu.edu

PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS
International Study Programs (ISP) reserves the right to cancel this program, revise its offerings, or make any adjustments to the preliminary cost. If it becomes necessary for ISP to cancel a program, all program payments made to BYU ISP will be refunded to the student's BYU financial account. ISP is the only office authorized to cancel any of its programs.