The Arabic Flagship provides a rare opportunity for students to develop Superior-level Arabic ability in their professional area of expertise and graduate as Arabic second majors. After taking Arabic 101, 102, 201, and 202, and typically participating in the Jordan Intensive Arabic Study Abroad (see separate program flyer), students may apply to the advanced Flagship program. Upon returning to campus from Jordan, students take the Arabic debate course (ARAB 411R) that helps them to sharpen their speaking ability and a reading/writing course (ARAB 495R) that assists them in strengthening their ability in an area of professional interest. Students take nationally administered exams in January to qualify for the year-long Flagship Capstone experience in Morocco, which begins in June 2024 and includes two components: intensive instruction at the Arab American Language Institute in Morocco and an internship related to the student’s professional goals. In addition to acquiring a level of linguistic proficiency rarely achieved by undergraduates, participants who study in both the Jordan and Morocco programs gain deep understanding of the Arab East and West, which differ considerably. Flagship students are also given preference for Boren Scholarships, which gives one an inside track for federal government employment.

DATES
June 2024–May 2025

HOUSING
Students stay with approved families in Meknes, Morocco for at least the first three months; thereafter they may choose to rent an apartment.

COURSES
Students are only required to enroll in IAS 399R International Internship (0.5 credit hours fall and winter semesters). They may take additional credits in consultation with the Arabic Flagship Center as long as they register through the ISP office.

COST
BYU Tuition

Includes Latter-day Saint undergraduate full tuition (increased cost for graduate and non–Latter-day Saint students), program fees, group transportation on field trips, some meals, summer session homestay, books and international health insurance.

Does not include prep course tuition, airfare, nine months of housing, transportation and other personal expenses, which
typically total about $10,000.

Due to all the available funding options, students rarely pay more than $3,000 out of pocket.

TRAVEL
The University of Arizona arranges for flights to Morocco. Students are responsible for purchasing their own airfare from the program site. Airline reservations must be made through BYU Travel. Students should contact a BYU Travel agent.
280 HRCB | (801) 422-6293 | travel@byu.edu

PREPARATION
Accepted students are required to participate in our Study Abroad preparation course (IAS 201, 1 credit hour). This course will be held during spring term.
There are no required pre-requisite courses, but students typically need to take the following courses prior to the program in order to score well enough to be accepted into the capstone program.
ARAB 101/102—First-Year Arabic (4 credit hours)
ARAB 202—Intermediate Arabic (4 credit hours)
ARAB 201—Second-Year Arabic (4 credit hours)
Participation in the Jordan Intensive Arabic Study Abroad
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
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.
Most Flagship students have received Boren funding, which amounts to $25,000 and covers all costs. In the past, students have typically received $15,000 of Flagship funding plus experiential learning funds from the College of Humanities and potential other on-campus sources. Students may receive $15,000 in program funding this year as well.
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 in 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.
Students must be accepted into the BYU Arabic Flagship Program.
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 February 2024

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SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT
Parents are not to visit students when classes are in sessions. Students should not plan late arrivals to the host country and should plan to stay the entire length of the program.

INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT
International Study Programs
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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.