

JORDAN INTENSIVE ARABIC

STUDY ABROAD FALL 2025



Jordan is a small but important country in the Eastern Mediterranean area that exemplifies many of the problems, as well as the promise, of all countries in the area. The population is divided fairly evenly between native Jordanians of Bedouin and rural stock, and urban Palestinians who are ultimately refugees. Hundreds of thousands of Syrian refugees have also flooded the country. The economy is developing but still has major problems. Water shortages are severe. Understanding Jordan is a good way to begin to understand the entire region. You will be exposed to a quasi-democratic country with some of the trappings and rhetoric of democracy but not always its substance, a country currently in a state of enormous flux and facing critical issues of succession, inclusion and legitimacy. You will be exposed to Christian Arabs of various types, a multifaceted Islam in a variety of settings and manifestations, and to a political and religious discourse that is fascinating and unfamiliar. Most importantly, you will have many opportunities to get to know kind and resilient people, come to understand their concerns, views and ways of living, and learn a great deal about yourself.

DATES

18 August –17 December 2025 (approx.)

HOUSING

Students will live in apartments within walking distance of and provided by the Qasid Institute in Amman.

COURSES

Required:

ARAB 211R — Second Year Conversation (2 credit hours)

ARAB 311R — Third Year Conversation (2 credit hours)

ARAB 300 — Advanced Modern Standard Arabic (4 credit hours)

ARAB 302 — Newspaper Arabic (4 credit hours)

ARAB 331 — Spoken Arabic (4 credit hours)

COST

\$9,200-9,700

Includes Latter-day Saint, undergraduate full tuition (increased cost for graduate and non-Latter-day Saint students), housing, excursions in Jordan, and international health insurance.

Does not include airfare, meals, local transportation, and personal expenses.

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.

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PREPARATION

Prerequisites:

ARAB 101— First Year Arabic (4 credit hours)

ARAB 102— First Year Arabic (4 credit hours)

ARAB 201— Second Year Arabic (must pass with at least B-) (4 credit hours)

ARAB 202— Intermediate Arabic (must pass with at least B-) (4 credit hours)

Accepted students are required to participate in an international, cross-cultural preparation course (IAS 201R, 1 credit hour). This evening course will be held during the second block of Winter semester 2025 on Wednesdays, 5:00–7:00 p.m.

Accompanying spouses will be registered for a .5 credit hour class to be part of the Israel/Palestine portion. Spouses will need to apply online and take the preparation course. Costs for an accompanying spouse will be approximately \$8,600-8,900.

International study programs are physically, emotionally, and mentally taxing and you must be in good health to participate. These programs often take place in international locations that do not have the same level of safety and services in terms of transportation, living conditions, residential accommodations, food, public behavior, and policing that you may be used to on campus. If you have further questions or concerns on this, please see <https://kennedy.byu.edu/isp-travel-policy>. All participants are required to show proof of complete COVID-19 vaccination (including booster) at least two weeks prior to departure.

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. Academic departments and colleges may assist with scholarships and grants. Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist (see kennedy.byu.edu/isp/scholarships).

APPLICATION PROCESS

Complete the online application at kennedy.byu.edu/isp-apply. The application requires a \$35 fee.

Applicants will be interviewed once the application is complete. Students will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance to the program. The first payment is due upon acceptance.

Deadline: 15 February 2025

FACULTY

Spencer Scoville

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SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT

Students on this program must travel to Jordan and arrive on the same day, on August 23. All travel must be arranged through the BYU Study Abroad Travel office. Special travel restrictions apply to this program.

INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT

International Study Programs

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PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS

ISP reserves the right to cancel this program, revise its offerings, or make any adjustments to the preliminary cost estimates due to conditions beyond its control. 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.