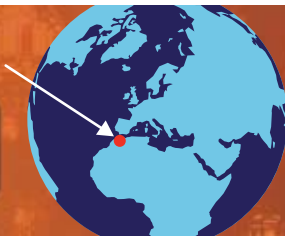


# MEKNÈS MOROCCO

POPULATION 680,000



**M**eknès, known as the “Versailles of Morocco,” provides visitors and residents intimate views of the unique blend of Islamic and European influences. The diverse and distinct districts of Meknès, such as the bustling *ville nouvelle* (modern center), ancient labyrinthine *medina* (walled city) and relaxing plazas and green spaces, speak true to the traditional Moroccan lifestyle. Due to the cultural and historic richness found within the walls of the city, Meknès was declared a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1996; one of eight within Morocco.

Learn more about the ISA Meknès experience in the Culture Corner at [www.studiesabroad.com](http://www.studiesabroad.com). For instructions on how to get started, see page 4.

*“Not for the faint of heart, in Morocco, every day is a surprise. Every moment exposes you to something astonishing. Living in Morocco will make your jaw drop. What more can you ask from life than to be perpetually stimulated?”*

Laura Holahan  
Willamette University

## HOST UNIVERSITY

### MOULAY ISMAIL UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1982, the Moulay Ismail University is one of the newest higher education institutions in Morocco. The university provides students with four-year degree programs in a wide range of fields and has established cooperation programs with campuses in Europe, Africa and the United States. Students will enroll in courses among the Centre for Language and Continuous Training on the Moulay Ismail University Faculty of Letters Campus. Students will have access to counseling services, language tutoring, a cultural center and sports facilities.



PLACE LALLA 'AWDA

## STAFF + OFFICE



### RESIDENT DIRECTOR

**Daniel Ostad** has gained a passion for international education, travel and cultural understanding through his own adventures throughout North America, Latin America, Europe and Africa. Daniel has been involved with ISA in several different roles. As a college student, Daniel studied abroad with ISA in Granada, Spain, an experience that significantly enhanced his studies in the fields of Spanish Language, Cultural Anthropology and Linguistics. In 2001, Daniel joined the ISA Granada team as the Coordinator of Student Services. As the Resident Director in Meknès, Daniel and the rest of the ISA staff are dedicated to making your experience in Meknès an excellent one.



### THE ISA OFFICE

in Meknès, located on the Moulay Ismail University campus, provides you with a place to check out books, obtain travel advice, relax, practice your Arabic or French, or simply visit with other students and the ISA resident staff. The friendly resident staff is available at all times and will conduct the on-site orientation, lead excursions, arrange tutoring and provide support during the enrollment process.

Contact: [meknes@studiesabroad.com](mailto:meknes@studiesabroad.com)

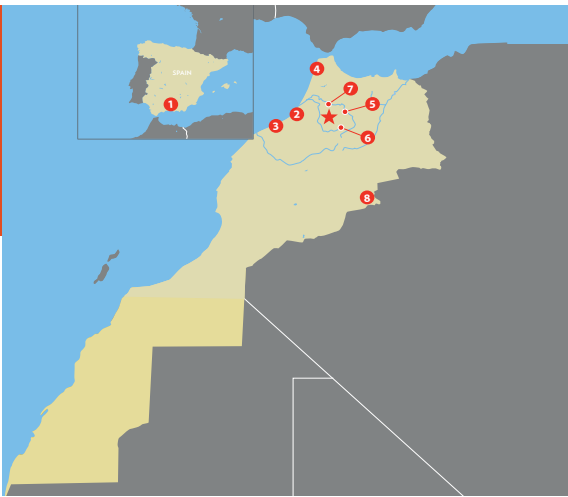
## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Pre-departure advising
- Tuition at host university
- Official transcript issued by host university with ISA cover letter
- ISA on-site office (computer lab and WiFi)
- ISA resident staff with a maximum 20:1 student to staff ratio
- On-site cultural and academic orientation
- Tutoring available for students enrolled in language classes
- Language exchange
- Transportation from and to airport (arrival/departure airport varies per program term)
- Housing
- Meals and laundry service
- Excursions
- Cultural activities in Meknès
- Medical insurance

## HOUSING OPTIONS

- 1 APARTMENT
- 2 HOMESTAY
- 3 RIAD
- 4 INDEPENDENT HOUSING

see page 5 for all housing and orientation details



## ISA EXCURSIONS INCLUDE

- Ground transportation
- Organized tours
- Hotel accommodations and breakfast on overnight excursions
- Entrance fees when applicable

## CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

*While living in Meknes, discover the true essence of the city through planned cultural activities such as:*

- Visiting a local hammam (traditional Moroccan bath)
- Attending belly dancing classes
- Riding Arabian horses
- Drinking traditional mint tea with locals
- Shopping for Berber carpets
- Getting temporary henna tattoos
- Engaging in cooking lessons

### 1. GRANADA, SPAIN

#### MULTI-DAY ORIENTATION EXCURSION SEMESTER ONLY

Begin your study abroad experience with a four-day orientation in Granada. Visit the Alhambra, the crown jewel of the city, a 13th-century Moorish fortress comprised of patios, gardens, palaces and fountains. Attend an authentic flamenco show or enjoy your first taste of Morocco in one of Granada's many North African *teterías* (tea houses) located in the whitewashed neighborhood of the Albayzín. Visit the tombs of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella in the Royal Chapel.

### 2. RABAT 3. CASABLANCA

#### MULTI-DAY EXCURSION

Stroll through the plaza of the Mausoleum of Mohammed V and view the Hassan Tower, Rabat's most famed landmark. While in the capital city, explore the beautiful white and blue painted buildings of the *Kasbah* (fort and administrative center) and enjoy refreshing views of the Oued Bou Regreg estuary and endless Atlantic Ocean.

Explore the streets and neighborhoods of Casablanca, the country's economic and industrial headquarters. Stand below the world's tallest minaret (210 meters) and tour the Hassan II Mosque, the second largest religious monument in the world. This ornate mosque is perched on the Atlantic coast and provides a sacred space for over 100,000 worshippers.

### 4. ASILAH

#### MULTI-DAY EXCURSION SUMMER ONLY

Located on the northwestern coast of Morocco, this relaxed beach town boasts beautiful white-washed buildings splashed with colorful murals. While visiting Asilah, join Moroccans at this popular summer vacation spot as you spend several days soaking up the sun on the city's beaches.

Walk along the city's ramparts that overlook the rocky shores, leading you to breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean. Participate in the lively festivals that fill the summer days and nights and enjoy the local culture which is a haven for artists.

### 5. FES

#### ONE-DAY EXCURSION

Explore Fes el-Bali, the historic medina of Fes, the largest and only fully-preserved medieval city in the world. While in Fes, walk among the bustling bazaars, sacred mosques and learn the techniques used in the colorful dye pits and tanneries.

Known as the symbolic heart of Morocco, your excursion to Fes will introduce you to the amazing history and culture of this imperial city that resulted in it being named a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

### 6. IFRANE

#### ONE-DAY EXCURSION

Gain a new perspective on Morocco while exploring this forested community of the Middle Atlas Mountains, a stark contrast from neighboring regions. Start the day by enjoying a traditional Moroccan breakfast at the home of a Berber family. Trek through the lush hillsides amongst shepherds and their flocks and enjoy a picnic with scenic views.

### 7. VOLUBILIS

#### ONE-DAY EXCURSION

Explore Volubilis, once inhabited by 20,000 people and now the largest and best-preserved Roman ruins in Morocco. Wander the broken streets that date back to 40 A.D. and marvel at these ruins that were named a UNESCO World Heritage site in December 1977.

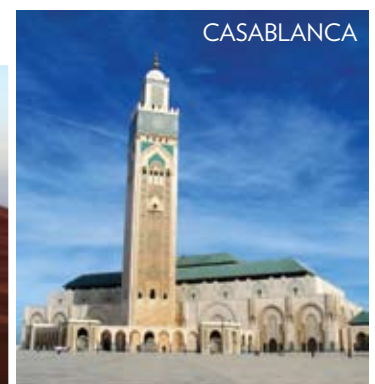
### 8. MERZOUGA

#### MULTI-DAY EXCURSION SEMESTER ONLY

Ride 4x4s to your desert campsite and enjoy a festive evening under the stars where you will dine on a traditional Moroccan meal of couscous with roasted vegetables and meat. As the evening comes to a close, curl up in the Berber tents set up amongst desert sand dunes. In the early morning darkness, hike through the dunes to witness the sun rise over the sea of sand that surrounds you as far as the eye can see. You will then enjoy a picturesque view atop a camel's back as you ride through the desert into Merzouga.



MERZOUGA



CASABLANCA



STUDENTS IN FES



ASILAH

# LANGUAGE, CULTURE & SOCIETY

at Moulay Ismail University

**LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION:** ENGLISH, ARABIC AND FRENCH  
**LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT:** NONE (OPEN TO ALL LEVELS)  
**MINIMUM GPA:** 2.75

## OVERVIEW

- Students are required to take at least one language course.
- Students will start their semester program with a four-day orientation excursion in Granada, Spain before traveling to the program host city of Meknès.
- Beginning/Intermediate Arabic II and French II language courses will start midway into the semester.
- Courses are held at Moulay Ismail University and are taught by host university faculty.
- Classmates are ISA students.

## LANGUAGE LEVEL PLACEMENT

All students who choose to enroll in Arabic and/or French above the Beginning I level will take a placement exam upon arrival to determine appropriate language proficiency. Exam results may determine eligibility for course enrollment. Students who arrive having completed the following number of semesters/quarters of college-level Arabic or French, or the equivalent, typically place into the corresponding language level:

SEMESTERS	QUARTERS	LANGUAGE LEVEL
0	0	BEGINNING
1	1-2	HIGH BEGINNING
2	3	INTERMEDIATE
3	4-5	HIGH INTERMEDIATE
4	6	ADVANCED

## ACADEMIC CREDITS

*Credits earned may vary according to the policies of the student's home institution. For visa regulations, and according to ISA policy, students must maintain full-time enrollment status for the duration of the program, as determined by their home institution. Students may be required to obtain a student visa and should inquire with the corresponding consulate.*

TERM	CONTACT HOURS	SEMESTER CREDITS	QUARTER UNITS
WR 1, FL 1	180-255	12-17	18-25

## PRICES AND DATES

TERM	PGM DATES	PGM CODE	PRICE	APP DUE
WR 1	01/29/09-05/16/09	IMKW1109	\$9,950	11/01/08
FL 1	08/29/09-12/12/09	IMKF1109	\$9,950	06/01/09

WR=WINTER FL=FALL

## COURSES AVAILABLE

## CONTACT HOURS

### BEGINNING

- Beginning Arabic I 60
- Beginning Arabic II 60
- Beginning French I 60
- Beginning French II 60

### INTERMEDIATE

- Intermediate Arabic I 60
- Intermediate Arabic II 60
- Intermediate French I 45
- Intermediate French II 45

### ADVANCED

- Advanced Arabic I 60
- Advanced French I 45

### ALL LEVELS (INSTRUCTED IN ENGLISH)

- The History and Culture of Morocco 45
- Artistic Expressions in the Arab World 45
- Religion, Society and Politics in the Arab World 45
- Gender Studies: The Case of Morocco 45
- Business Issues in the Arab World 45
- Irreconcilable Differences? The Representation of Geopolitical Conflict in Western and Arab News Media 45

## • SUMMER •

**LANGUAGE, CULTURE & SOCIETY**

at Moulay Ismail University

**LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION:** ENGLISH, ARABIC AND FRENCH**LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT:** NONE (OPEN TO ALL LEVELS)**MINIMUM GPA:** 2.75**OVERVIEW**

- Students will start their summer program with an overnight excursion in Casablanca before traveling to the program host city of Meknès.
- Courses are held at Moulay Ismail University and are taught by host university faculty.
- Classmates are ISA students.

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**ACADEMIC CREDITS**

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TERM	CONTACT HOURS	SEMESTER CREDITS	QUARTER UNITS
SM 1, SM 2	90-120	6-8	9-12

**PRICES AND DATES**

TERM	PGM DATES	PGM CODE	PRICE	APP DUE
SM 1	05/16/09-06/27/09	IMKU1109	\$4,500	03/25/09
SM 2	06/27/09-08/08/09	IMKU1209	\$4,500	04/25/09
SM 1&2	05/16/09-08/08/09	IMKB1109	\$8,600	03/25/09

SM=SUMMER

**COURSES AVAILABLE****BEGINNING**

• Beginning Arabic I	60
• Beginning Arabic II	60
• Beginning French I	60
• Beginning French II	60

**INTERMEDIATE**

• Intermediate Arabic I	60
• Intermediate Arabic II	60
• Intermediate French I	60
• Intermediate French II	60

**ADVANCED**

• Advanced Arabic I	60
• Advanced French I	60

**ALL LEVELS (INSTRUCTED IN ENGLISH)**

• The History and Culture of Morocco	45
• Artistic Expressions in the Arab World	45
• Religion, Society and Politics in the Arab World	45
• Gender Studies: The Case of Morocco	45
• Business Issues in the Arab World	45
• Irreconcilable Differences? The Representation of Geopolitical Conflict in Western and Arab News Media	45