



# Education Abroad in Middle Eastern Studies

## Steps to go abroad

- Get a passport
- Complete the online Education Abroad Workshop
- Talk with your department about timing and course requirements
- Meet with an ISO education abroad advisor and explore opportunities
- Learn about funding resources (financial aid, scholarships)
- Research programs and apply online
- Participate in cross-cultural seminars (CORE)

For major or minor course approvals, contact the undergraduate program director:

<http://college.as.virginia.edu/ugrad-directors>

For more information on program options, make an appointment online with an education abroad advisor according to your country or region of interest.

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Interested in other disciplines?  
Explore additional major advising sheets online at  
[educationabroad.virginia.edu/your-major](http://educationabroad.virginia.edu/your-major)

## Benefits of International Experience

An international experience can be an integral part of your UVA education. It will prepare you to embrace the opportunities and challenges of our global community. The courses you will take abroad may be similar to what you would take at UVA, but will provide a different cultural perspective. You will often also find courses abroad that are unavailable at UVA.

Students return from their programs abroad with international competence, a deeper knowledge and understanding of various cultures, greater language proficiency, and a broader, more global perspective that is often valued by employers.

## Student Testimonial

"I've learned so much about Jordan, the Middle East, Islam and Arabic. I've seen a way of life, and been exposed to a way of viewing the world, that I would have never been exposed to otherwise. Most importantly, however, I've witnessed the humanity of the region and experienced some of the positives and the negatives that characterize life everywhere else. It's been an amazing experience, and it's taught me so much about myself and my own culture too"

— Dominick Giovanniello, CET Intensive Arabic Language in Amman, Jordan



## Programs

While this Major Advising Sheet is still a work in progress between the department and the ISO, for now you can use the [Program search](#) on the Education Abroad website to find programs offering courses in relevant subject areas (see the Subject Area menu under Parameters). **NOTE:** Not all programs found in this search may be recommended by the department, but when this document is finalized it will include a list of recommended programs.

- Subject area search by [Middle Eastern Studies](#)
- Subject area search by [Arabic](#)

Remember also to review the Academic Credit FAQ on the [Things to Consider](#) page.