Eligibility:
International undergraduate students with an interest in Arabic language, as well as in Morocco and North African studies are encouraged to apply. There is no language pre-requisite.

Transportation:
UIR Shuttle buses available at convenient times and fares.

Accommodations:
Students will be accommodated in the on-campus housing. Breakfast and Dinner are provided.

Tuition Fees, Room & Board:
$5800

IMPORTANT DATES SUMMER 2018
Registration Deadline: April 30, 2018
Orientation Day: June 3, 2018
First day of classes: June 4, 2018
Last day of classes: July 13, 2018

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SUNDAY JUNE 3 – SATURDAY JULY 14, 2018
Morocco: A Gateway To The Middle East
Morocco offers an exciting mix of cultures. The country sits at the crossroads of three cultures: Arabic, European and Amazigh. Most Moroccans are trilingual. The country’s location at the cross-road between East and West, North and South, has fostered a long history resulting in wide-ranging trade, students’ mobility and international exchange with its Mediterranean neighbors, the Middle East and beyond.

Rabat: A City of Many Wonders
Rabat is a fascinating cosmopolitan city where the old and new, local and world cultures coexist in perfect harmony. The city features a beautiful mixture of modern lifestyles, Arabo-Islamic architecture and local cultural traditions.

UIR MEdiNA: Language and Culture 2018 Summer Program
UIR Language and Culture 2018 Summer Program offers a full, cultural and linguistic immersion, with a focus on contemporary Moroccan society and culture. The six-week course combines intensive language learning, (Moroccan darija and Modern Standard Arabic), with a rich, cultural exposure. The program encourages students to develop their own research interests and explore the University’s wealth of academic resources as well as the cultural diversity and language varieties of Rabat’s city streets.
UIR- L’Université Internationale de Rabat

The International University of Rabat is large enough to have high impact and profile, but small enough to sustain its commitment to serve its community and meet the needs of its professional partners, researchers and students. Whilst strongly rooted in its locality and mission, the university is international in outlook, vision and character and in the reach and impact of its academic education, professional training and innovative research programs. UIR is the ideal environment for international students searching for an immediate, experience-based overseas pedagogical program for either a semester or a full academic year. UIR offers international students the MEdiNA semester abroad program, which combines exceptional instruction and maximum flexibility; its students enjoy the freedom of designing their curriculum: choosing MEdiNA majors, their length and credit value, and selecting classes from UIR’s existing course catalogue. UIR’s International students have access to first-rate research facilities; they benefit from and contribute to UIR’s engaged, multidisciplinary, diverse and vibrant student body.
Program Courses/Credits:

Two major courses are offered in the 2018 summer program:

A. Arabic Language Classes 6 credits = 90 hours

UIR 2018 Summer Arabic program offers students an opportunity to earn up to six credit hours while spending six weeks in Rabat, Morocco. The Language program seeks to significantly increase students’ fluency in MSA (Modern Standard Arabic) and enhance their ability to communicate with confidence in the target language. Student-centered instruction will be tailored to enhance skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking Modern Standard Arabic.

Classes in the colloquial dialect will be offered to help students with everyday communication, on campus, and in the community at large. Participants will have opportunities to put their language skills to use through community service, arts and crafts workshops, sports activities, music performances, meeting with professionals and artists and presentations.

B. Street Ethnographies: Narrating the City - Rabat Seminar 4 credits = 60 hours

"People rarely succeed unless they have fun in what they are doing" Dale Carnegie rightly said. In this interactive and interdisciplinary seminar, the streets of Rabat will be your open classroom, its inhabitants your unofficial classmates. We invite you to celebrate your success as you design your fun part of the seminar. Confidently immersed into a really cosmopolitan city, you will be embarked on a partnership study project that invites you to explore and appreciate contemporary Moroccan cultural traditions and understand its political and administrative systems at the front of today’s most pressing issues and events and learn more about its modern history, urban landscape, Islamic arts and craft and national literature. Every week will focus on a particular aspect of everyday life, fact news and events in Rabat, with key-note speakers and guided sight visits.

"Street Ethnographies: Narrating the City-Rabat" balances a rigorous study program with independently designed field-research. The course invites its students to unveil – both in and out of the classroom – the “cultural unconscious” of contemporary Moroccan society. Approximately half of its credit hours will be devoted to a team study project, conceived of and conducted by the students; The course is ideal for active and curious students with a sense of challenge for this part of the Arab world.
UIR-MEdiNA Studies Program in-brief

The UIR-MEdiNA Studies program – Mediterranean, Middle Eastern, and North African studies – at UIR (l’Université Internationale de Rabat) offers its students a rigorous, interdisciplinary curriculum designed to develop their understanding of the socio-political specificity and cultural diversity of this region. The program addresses an impressive range of contemporary and historical subjects: considerations of language policy, identity, politics, gender, religion, art & architecture, literature, and economy are all included in its course offerings. Our students are invited to develop proficiency in at least one MEdiNA language (Modern Standard Arabic, the Moroccan dialect, darija, Amazigh, and/or French). Benefiting from the program’s intimate and intensive classes, students are also encouraged to engage with regional experts, conduct independent research and pursue internship opportunities. The program welcomes applicants with experience in the humanities, international studies, as well as the social and political sciences.

Program Highlights

Academic:
- Modern Standard Arabic;
- Colloquial Moroccan Arabic
- Street Ethnography of Rabat
- Small classes (Ten to twelve students);
- Brown Bag Seminars in Darija (local colloquial Arabic) on current events and everyday issues.

Campus life:
- On Campus dorms;
- Weekly sight visits and excursions;
- On-campus sports facilities, a food court, Med-Help, transportation and security.

Exchange Students at UIR