

# Morocco

## UCEAP Advising Notes

### Objective of the Advising Notes Document

This document is an advising tool written by a Berkeley Study Abroad adviser to review program specific details that may impact a student's *decision to apply* for an EAP program. The document is *not* a summary of eligibility requirements, academic, housing, application and other logistical details freely available to students on the UCEAP and BSA website, and reviewed by a student in the Program Self-Assessment. The best source of detailed program information is always the [UCEAP Program Guide](#) from the prior academic cycle. If any concerns you have are not addressed on the UCEAP website, in the Program Guide or the Advising Notes document, please contact the BSA adviser for this program.

### Advisor Contact Information

For BSA Adviser name, email and drop-in advising hours, visit <http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/advising>

### Note about UCEAP's Programs in Morocco:

The Fall UCEAP Morocco program is administered by the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE): <https://www.ciee.org/go-abroad/college-study-abroad/programs/morocco/rabat/language-culture>

The Summer UCEAP Morocco program is administered by AMIDEAST:

<http://www.amideast.org/abroad/programs/morocco/intensive-arabic-rabat-summer>

### Additional Application Materials for CIEE and AMIDEAST

Students must complete partner application materials after their selection to the program by Berkeley Study Abroad. Students should note that the partner application will require items that may take additional time to prepare, including, but not limited to, language evaluations, letters of recommendation, official transcript, and passport-size photos. Please do not take action until you have been given detailed instructions for these items by UCEAP. Please follow the application instructions provided by UCEAP very carefully, and abide by the application deadlines set by UCEAP.

### Language Prerequisite

For Fall Program: All students must have completed 2 semesters of college-level Arabic (Arabic 1B) or 2 semesters of college-level French (French 2) by the time of participation. If proof that you have met the language requirement does NOT appear on your transcript, you will be required to submit a language evaluation letter from an Arabic or French language instructor.

For Summer Program: This program has no Arabic language pre-requisite. For students with previous Arabic language study, you will be given placement test on arrival and placed in the level appropriate for your Arabic language proficiency.

## Housing

For Fall Program: All students are required to participate in homestays with host families who are carefully matched with students based on a variety of factors including family makeup, language background and proximity to campus. Whether located downtown, the older part of the city, or in newer quarters, homestays provide clues to understanding Moroccan culture and a glimpse into the generosity, tolerance, and diversity of the Moroccan family. Most homes combine western and traditional Moroccan elements and families are typically multilingual. Study abroad host families provide breakfast and dinner on weekdays and additional meals on the weekend. Students use public transportation to commute to and from their housing.

For Summer Program: Students live with Moroccan families in Rabat that have been carefully screened by AMIDEAST/Morocco from a database of qualified applicants. Students usually are placed with families who have previous experience hosting American students through AMIDEAST. Most host family members speak Arabic as a first language and also speak at least some French; a minority speak Spanish or Amazigh (Berber) as well. AMIDEAST matches students with host families using a variety of criteria. While all placement preferences may not be met in every case, AMIDEAST will strive to make the best match to ensure a rewarding and pleasant living experience. Students will be provided with all meals by their host families but may find that some days it is not possible to return to the family for lunch because of class schedules.

## Scholarships

For Fall Program: CIEE offers scholarships and grants based on merit and financial need. Students will have access to the CIEE online scholarship application once they begin their CIEE online application.

For Summer Program: AMIDEAST offers scholarship opportunities for students participating on their programs. For more information, including eligibility and application process for AMIDEAST Scholarships please visit the scholarships section of their [website](#).

US Citizen Pell Grant recipients are encouraged to apply for the Gilman Scholarship, which offers a possible award of up to \$8000. For more information, visit [gilmanscholarship.org](http://gilmanscholarship.org)

All UCEAP students are encouraged to apply for the UCEAP Promise Award, which offers a \$2000 award for semester programs and \$1000 award for summer programs. For more information, visit <http://eap.ucop.edu/Scholarships/Pages/default.aspx?src=sp-nav-scholarships>

## Special Demands of the Program

Health and safety remain primary issues of concern for study in Morocco, particularly crime/security and motor traffic. Students should familiarize themselves with the role of race, gender, sexuality, and religion while studying in Morocco and develop appropriate expectations according to personal backgrounds and self-identification. LGBTIQ students are invited to reference the [UCEAP LGBTIQ Community Resource Page](#) to learn about host country laws and norms.