

# Jordan

MAY 12–JULY 6, 2012



## Irbid

Irbid with its 500,000 inhabitants is the second-largest city in Jordan, located in the north of the country, approximately 90 km (60 mi) from Amman. The surrounding hills of northern Jordan are responsible for its very temperate climate during the summer months when it is several degrees cooler than Amman and enjoys cool breezes.

Unlike Amman, Irbid is not exposed to many foreigners; it is neither the site of international corporations nor of specific tourist attractions. Hence, its society has retained a very Muslim-Arab flair, and English is not often heard on the streets. The city's main economic feature is Yarmouk University, a renowned comprehensive university with approximately 30,000 students.

Even though Irbid does not possess historic sites of its own, it offers easy access to many of the important historical and archaeological sites of Jordan, such as Amman, Jerash, Umm Qais, the Dead Sea, the Jordan Valley, Petra, and Aqaba. Students will have ample opportunities to visit these and other places of interest during their stay.

## The Language Center

One of the primary goals of this Program is to completely immerse the participants in the Arabic language. As mentioned above, Irbid provides an ideal setting for language immersion due to its Arab-Muslim society and due to the fact that there are only a minimal number of people who use English—or the Arabic-English mixture often encountered in Amman—but rather speak exclusively Arabic.

## Program

The Summer Study Abroad program at Yarmouk University in Irbid provides a combination of activities for the participants, joining intensive language instruction by native-speaking faculty of the university with a Program-sponsored educational excursion as well as many opportunities to explore the country and its people on weekends or at the end of the program.

## Courses

Program participants from the University of Richmond will receive 2 units of academic credit dependent on placement and course. Course levels offered are:

### **Lower Intermediate**

- Four hours of classroom instruction per day, five days a week and language laboratory

## **Application Deadline** February 15, 2012

**Cost**  
Approximately \$5,300  
plus airfare

- Payment Schedule**
- Non-refundable \$150 deposit due February 15, 2012 (make check payable to the University of Richmond, designated Jordan Summer Study Abroad Program, and submit with your application) Payments are paid in the Student Accounts office.
  - 1st payment due March 15
  - Final payment due April 15

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## **Upper Intermediate**

- Four hours of classroom instruction per day, five days a week and language laboratory
- Jordanian Dialect/Conversation
- Media Arabic: Optional (See ADVANCED below.)
- Prerequisite: two years of college-level Arabic or the equivalent.

## **Advanced**

- Four hours of classroom instruction per day, five days a week and language laboratory
- Jordanian Dialect/Conversation
- Media Arabic (radio, television, newspapers and magazines)
- Prerequisite: three years of college-level Arabic or the equivalent.

## **Islamic Arabic**

- This level exposes advanced students to the language of religious texts, both classical and modern. It will also incorporate print and electronic materials focusing on Islamic themes.
- Four hours of classroom instruction per day, five days a week
- Jordanian Dialect/Conversation
- Prerequisite: four years of Arabic or academic equivalent

## **Housing and Meals**

Program participants will be housed in dormitories on the campus of Yarmouk University or in a nearby hotel, in double occupancy rooms. Family stays may be possible. Meals are available at the university's dining facilities as well as in many different small and medium-sized restaurants around the campus.

*All dates and costs are approximate and subject to change as are program details. The University of Richmond reserves the right to alter the program costs as a result of fluctuations of international currency.*

## **What's Included**

- 2 units
- Weekend excursions to the Dead and Red Seas, excursions to places of interest in the region such as Amman, Umm Qais, Jerash
- Pick-up service from and to the airport
- On-site orientation
- Welcome and farewell dinners
- On-site supervision by program director

## **What's Not Included**

- Learning materials need to be purchased at approximately \$30–40
- Food at approximately \$15 a day, depending on individual eating habits

Participants are responsible for arranging and purchasing their own international transportation to and from Amman. Airfare is not included in the program fee. Participants should plan to arrive in Amman no later than Saturday, May 12. Departure will be on Friday, July 6, 2012.

## **Orientation**

There will be an on-campus orientation for Richmond students participating in the summer program. There will also be an on-site orientation after the students arrive in Irbid.



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