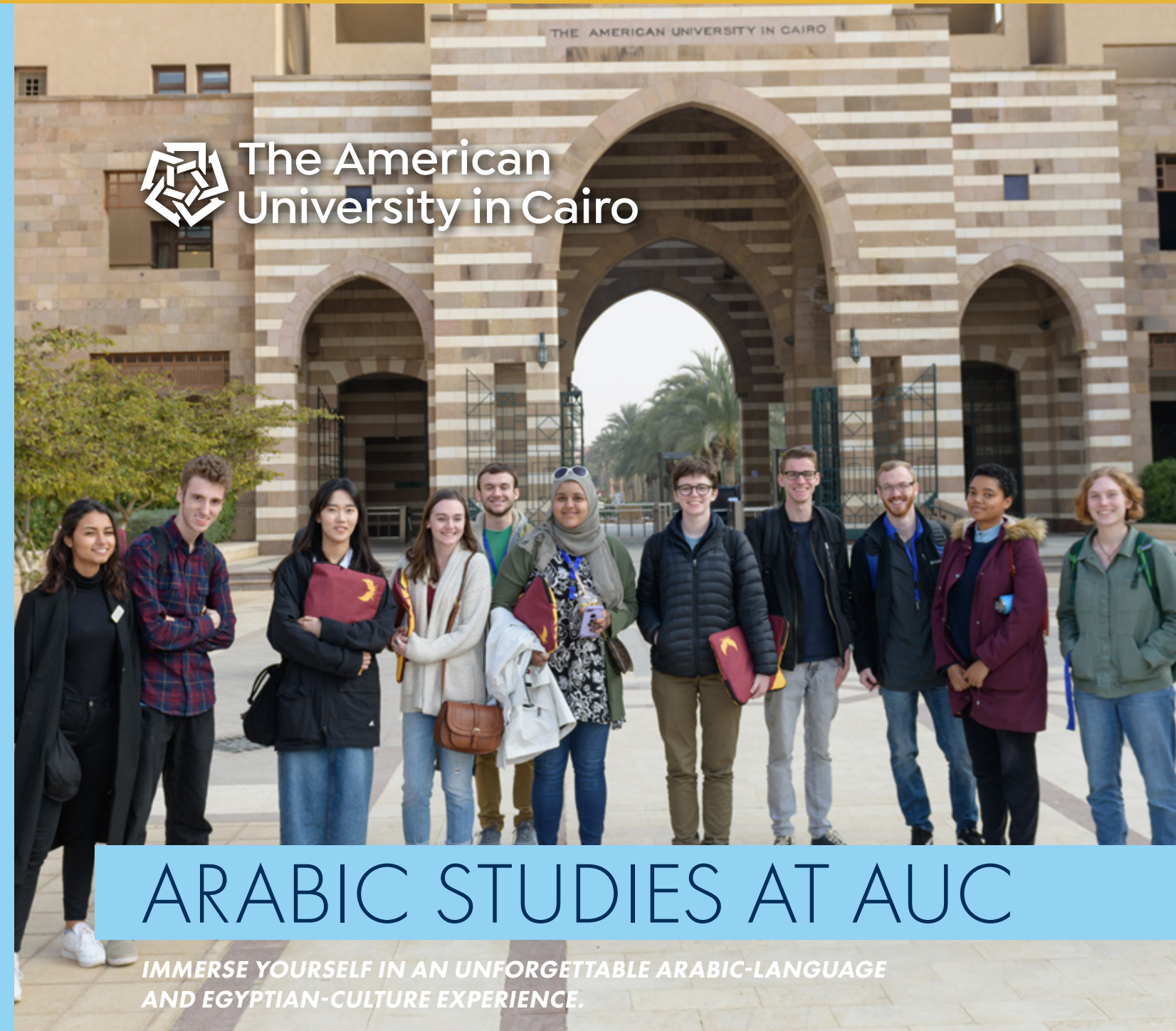




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ARABIC STUDIES AT AUC

*IMMERSE YOURSELF IN AN UNFORGETTABLE ARABIC-LANGUAGE
AND EGYPTIAN-CULTURE EXPERIENCE.*

WHAT IS THE DEPARTMENT OF ARABIC LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION?

The world's leading academic center for the study of Arabic established in 1921

Fully accredited in Egypt and the United States

Provides immersive, comprehensive and diversified Arabic language instruction and training

Offers tailor-made programs that meet the needs and goals of students of all levels, from one-time courses to full-fledged, long-term programs

Has welcomed more than 5,400 international students from all over the world

Prides itself on its highly qualified faculty with extensive experience teaching Arabic communicatively to nonnative speakers, using content-based and learner-centered approaches

Boasts worldwide alumni who are highly accomplished professionals in all walks of life



WHY STUDY ARABIC?

The fifth most spoken language worldwide with nearly 300 million speakers

An official language in over 20 different countries

One of the UN's six official languages and the U.S. Department of State's 15 critical-need languages

An essential language for international academics, diplomats, journalists and business leaders working in the Arab world



WHY STUDY IN CAIRO?

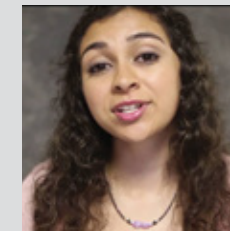
The largest city in the Middle East with a population of over 20 million native Arabic speakers

Provides a chance to learn and practice Egyptian Colloquial Arabic, the most understood dialect across the Arabic-speaking world

Presents a unique opportunity to engage in an authentic cultural experience

Offers unbeatable sightseeing and travel opportunities

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I immersed myself, absorbing Arabic and the Egyptian culture. Not only was I able to meet some of my best friends and become proficient in Arabic but my own core beliefs in life's purpose dramatically transformed.

Colette Ghunim (YAB '13)
Documentary Filmmaker; Digital Media Associate, Skill Scout

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“This exposure to Egyptian people, culture and politics made an impression on me that developed my interest in the region. I became fascinated by this part of the world and gained a lot of affection for the Middle East. Those two years [at AUC] left me with a great love for Egypt and an abiding respect for the University.”



Lawrence Wright (MA '71)
Staff Writer, *The New Yorker*; Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author

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WHY STUDY AT AUC'S ALI?

A century-old, and yet the most modern, institution of higher education in the Middle East

Has been teaching Arabic to international and study-abroad students for more than 60 years

Has graduated many notable alumni, including Yuriko Koike (ALU '71), Stephen Kalin (CASA '12) and Nicholas Kristof (ALU '84) among many others

Excellent student-to-faculty ratio that provides students with a personalized learning experience

Updated with the world's leading research in teaching methodology

Supportive learning environment that focuses on engagement and participation

Accreditation provides students with transferable credit hours

Taught by highly qualified native speakers of Arabic with teaching experience at all levels of proficiency, up to the superior levels



WHO IT'S FOR

DIPLOMATS

ARABIC LANGUAGE INTENSIVE PROGRAM FOR PROFESSIONALS AND DIPLOMATS (ALID)

An intensive full-semester program that prepares learners for their foreign service exams

Meets the diverse needs of diplomats and professionals through tailored courses

Accommodates all skill levels with elementary, intermediate and advanced courses

Focuses on the communicative aspect and development of language skills with courses covering Modern Standard Arabic (MSA), Egyptian Colloquial Arabic (ECA), reading and writing, printed and aural media, translation and interpretation, and readings in politics

Incorporates an important cultural dimension where students explore Egyptian society and practice the language through free tours and subsidized weekend trips and language exchange partners

Offers two study options:

- A minimum of 20 contact hours (transferable 12 - 15 credit hours)

- Part-time basis — a minimum of five contact hours per semester to study a chosen course

Available in the fall and spring terms



PROFESSIONALS AND NONDEGREE LEARNERS

ARABIC LANGUAGE INTENSIVE PROGRAM (ALIN)

An intensive full-semester program for students who need to gain a good command of contemporary Arabic language and culture as quickly and effectively as possible

Offers transferable credit courses that cater to:

- Nonnative Arabic speakers from different professional backgrounds

- Nonnative Arabic learners with specific career aspirations

- Study-abroad and nondegree learners wishing to explore a new language

Incorporates an important cultural dimension where students explore Egyptian society and practice the language through free tours and subsidized weekend trips and language exchange partners

An intensive 12 - 15 credit hours Arabic program with courses in MSA, ECA, media, translation and more, focusing on the communicative aspect and development of language skills

Accommodates all skill levels with elementary, intermediate and advanced courses

Available in the fall and spring terms

WHO IT'S FOR

SUMMER LEARNERS

ARABIC INTENSIVE SUMMER PROGRAM (ALIS)

A summer program that offers 7 weeks of intensive Arabic language training

Requires students to take 20 hours of class per week to be considered full time

Accommodates all skill levels with elementary, intermediate and advanced courses

Tailored courses, subject to the availability of resources, with a number of electives also on offer, from which each student may take up to two

Courses include MSA, ECA, media, writing and academic electives and supervised studies, such as translation, Quran reading and the Bible parables

Incorporates a cultural aspect through a wall magazine, tours and long-weekend trips, calligraphy, community engagement and an end-of-semester student performance party



DEGREE-SEEKING, NONDEGREE AND STUDY-ABROAD STUDENTS

ARABIC LANGUAGE CLASSES (ALNG)

Provides regular Arabic language courses for a minimum of 3 credits per course to degree and nondegree students

Tailors courses to meet the diverse needs of all students and cater to undergraduates and graduates who need to fulfill their Arabic requirements

Offers courses to exchange students from other recognized institutions that fulfill their semester-abroad or year-abroad needs

Accommodates all skill levels with courses at the elementary, intermediate and advanced levels in both MSA and ECA

Two tracks for MSA classes: regular and accelerated

Courses under selected topics cover, but are not limited to, reading and writing, Arabic for career purposes and media and Egyptian culture on film

Offers fall and spring courses, as well as some intensive classes during the winter or summer

WHO IT'S FOR

ADVANCED LEARNERS (U.S. NATIONALS) CENTER FOR ARABIC STUDY ABROAD (CASA)

The world's premier, full-immersion Arabic-language program since 1967

Intensive, year-long Arabic-language training that gives advanced U.S. students the opportunity to bring their skills to the point of near-native fluency

Has trained more than 1,500 upper-level undergraduates, graduates and professors

Adopts a content-based instruction curriculum that promotes the integration of four language skills

Provides an opportunity for community engagement, allowing students to immerse themselves in Egyptian society and practice their Arabic

Student-centered classes that include discussions, essay assignments and interactions outside of class

Application open to advanced U.S. students with at least three years of formal instruction in Arabic

Provides most of its students with fellowships that cover tuition, support for living expenses and international air travel



ADVANCED LEARNERS (ALL NATIONALITIES) CENTER FOR ADVANCED ARABIC STUDY IN CAIRO (CAASIC)

Offers full-year (fall and spring), advanced-level training in Arabic language and culture to graduate and undergraduate students

Welcomes applicants from all nationalities with a minimum of three years of formal instruction in Arabic

Dedicated to both MSA and ECA

Uses a theme-based, content-based instruction curriculum that makes use of a number of authentic materials, integrated skills activities and real-world tasks

All materials developed by experienced instructors to specifically meet the needs of advanced learners of Arabic

Instructed by native speakers of Arabic with teaching experience at the advanced level

IMAN SOLIMAN (PhD, University of Edinburgh) is chair of the Department of Arabic Language Instruction and a senior Arabic-language instructor. She has taught Arabic language and culture at Middlebury College in the United States, University of St Andrews in the United Kingdom and International House Cairo in Egypt. She has also led teacher-training workshops for Arabic first-language teachers in Qatar. At AUC, she teaches both Egyptian Colloquial Arabic and Modern Standard Arabic. She has co-authored a number of Arabic-language learning books, such as *Kallimni 'Arabi Bishweesh*, *Mastering Arabic through Literature: The Short Story al-Rubaa Volume 1* and *Mastering Arabic through Literature: Drama al-Rubaa Volume 2*.

LAILA AL-SAWI '78, '81, senior instructor II of Arabic as a foreign language, has been teaching Modern Standard Arabic and Egyptian Colloquial Arabic at various levels since 1981. She served as the director of the Arabic Language Intensive Summer Program from 2004 to 2006. Al-Sawi has participated in a number of material development projects, which are widely used in ALL. Al-Sawi received the CASA Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2006. She has co-authored several books, including *Al Murshid: A Guide to Modern Standard Arabic Grammar for the Intermediate Level* and volumes I and II of *Kalaam Gamiil: An Intensive Course in Egyptian Colloquial Arabic*.



NADIA HARB '70, '83, senior instructor II of Arabic as a foreign language, has been teaching Modern Standard Arabic at various levels since 1983. She received the CASA Excellence in Teaching Award in 2005, and she served as coordinator of CASA Modern Standard Arabic courses from 2010 to 2013. Harb has presented lectures and organized numerous workshops on teaching Arabic to foreign students and has published a textbook for reading and writing skills: *Building Vocabulary Through Reading*.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

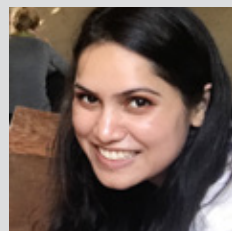
ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Evan Hill (SAB '06), a journalist on *The New York Times's* visual investigations team, came to AUC as a study-abroad student from Northwestern University. Hill's Arabic was critical to a story that won a Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting.

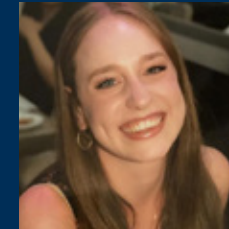
For people in the Middle East, and Egypt in particular, being friendly and polite is taken for granted. You walk down the street here and exchange more niceties in a morning than you do in a year in other places.

Ben Wedeman (YAB '81)
Senior International Correspondent, CNN



I never knew before I could learn a foreign language with such an ease. The ALIN program, which I joined in September 2018, provided me with well-trained, well-experienced professors. One of the unique differences that I experienced is that the program offered me the opportunity to connect with the students of other programs of Arabic language learning, allowing me to expand my network and also learn from the professors in person.

Nisha Prabhu Dayal (ALI '20), India



I had previously studied Arabic at SOAS in London, but nothing can compare to the cultural and linguistic immersion that you achieve by living in an Arabic-speaking country. I made life-long friends through this program and saw a phenomenal increase in my fluency. My time in Egypt and at AUC was incredible, and I would recommend the ALI program to anyone who wants to learn Arabic.

Lara Keogh (ALI '20), Ireland

The Egyptian Culture on Film course has immensely cultivated my Arabic language and revived it in ways that I did not expect. The methods used by Professor Ola Hashad made me enjoy learning the language even more. That basically happened through her versatile techniques and methods, and for that I am beyond grateful

Reem Bayoumy
Undergraduate Student



WHERE YOU WILL STUDY

AUC NEW CAIRO

A modern 260-acre campus in New Cairo, featuring 200 state-of-the-art labs, 136 smart classrooms and sustainable design and construction

Provides on-campus facilities such a local bank branch, a health clinic and pharmacy, a grocery store, several food outlets and athletic facilities

Offers an extensive bus service that covers 13 routes through neighborhoods all over the city



WHERE TO STAY

AUC RESIDENCES

Provides a dynamic, student-centered experience and a variety of accommodation styles

Welcomes study-abroad and exchange-program students and integrates them into the living-learning community

Offers many accommodation options that are conveniently located, including fully furnished bedrooms or apartments

For more information, visit
www.aucegypt.edu/index.php/students/residences.

HOW TO GET THERE

On arrival to Egypt, you are usually given a one-month tourist visa at Cairo International Airport. AI can extend your visa for 13 days without penalty. For more information, contact business.support@aucegypt.edu.

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