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Netherlands Institute Morocco



English-taught programmes at the NIMAR

The NIMAR is situated in Rabat, the capital of Morocco. It is a well-organised, safe city on the Atlantic coast. It's a great place for students to get to know North African life.

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The Dutch Institute in Morocco is a branch of Leiden University in Rabat which offers two English-taught programmes to students who are interested in spending a semester abroad. These programmes are worth 30 EC and offer both training in generic skills and in knowledge specifically related to Morocco and to the Arab world at large.

The programmes

During the autumn term students can opt for the programme **Culture and Society in Morocco**, with a stress on the social sciences, whereas during spring the NIMAR offers **Language and Society in Morocco**, with a stronger humanities profile. Both programmes offer a combination of area studies and the opportunity to learn a foreign language, which makes them highly suitable for second- and third-year students of International Studies, Middle Eastern Studies, or any other student with an interest in the Arabic language and Arab world.

What both semester share

You will immerse yourself in Moroccan culture during three months, and become familiar with Moroccan society. Classes, taught by several Moroccan and foreign academics, will cover Moroccan history, society, politics and generic skills to do fieldwork in Middle Eastern societies. Besides following classes, you will participate in many excursions in Rabat and neighbouring

cities, and also go on a five-day fieldwork trip to the Moroccan countryside.

What differentiates the two semesters

Culture and Society in Morocco, starting in September 2017 / 2018 focusses more on ethnographic fieldwork, with an intensive course in methods and techniques and an extended research period during which you will conduct qualitative research. The language skills you acquire will help you to interact with your interviewees.

Language and Society in Morocco, starting in January 2017 / 2018, gives more attention to language skills. You will follow intensive classes of Moroccan Arabic to develop oral skills. You will also learn basic reading skills in Modern Standard Arabic or strengthen these skills if you have prior knowledge of MSA.

Registration

To register for the programme, apply online with Leiden University's International Relations' department before 1 December. Applications after 1 December should be addressed directly to the NIMAR and may be accepted if there are still places available. For more information about the programme and registration procedures you can contact k.laaraj@hum.leidenuniv.nl. More information can be found on nimarrabat.nl and follow us on fb: **NIMARinRabat**

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