



معهد مونتانا الصيفي للعربية

Learn intensive
ARABIC

at The University of Montana - Missoula
June 22 — July 17, 2009

What am I going to learn?

Central and Southwest Asia Program at The University of Montana (UM) has received its second STARTALK grant to host a Montana Arabic Summer Institute (MASI) for high school students. You will develop Arabic language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) and cultural knowledge. The program will also familiarize students with Arabic cuisine, music, poetry, dress, customs, traditions, and body language to develop cultural knowledge through classroom interaction with the instructors and other native speakers of Arabic as well as field trips. It is going to be fun and academic.

What is the program duration?

Instruction will begin on June 22nd and end on July 17th, 2009 for four days a week: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays for four hours a day. Friday will be for field trips, culture presentations and activities. Students will be divided into two groups based on their preferences and seat availability. The first group will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and the second group will meet from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The two instructors will meet each group for two hours a day. Meeting times on Fridays, on which the two groups will be combined, will vary and will be announced in the syllabus during the program's first week.

Who are the instructors?

The MASI instructors are professor Samir Bitar and Dr. Khaled Huthaily. Professor Bitar will also be the outreach coordinator, and Dr. Huthaily will also be the curriculum developer. Both instructors are native speakers of Arabic and experienced Arabic language instructors at The University of Montana.

Will I have to pay for tuition?

No! Central and Southwest Asia Program will pay for tuition fees, instructional materials, and transportation for field trips.

Who is eligible?

This program is carefully designed for high school students rising into their junior and senior years. Maximum number of students will be 30. No previous knowledge of Arabic is required. Students of the seven high schools in Missoula and the around rural area may apply: Hellgate High School, Big Sky High School, Sentinel High School, Loyola High School, Stevensville High School, Valley Christian High School, and Frenchtown High School. MASI faculty will make the final selections in consultation with teachers and school counselors to create a student-centered learning environment with an age-appropriate, standards-based curriculum sensitive to varying learning styles, multiple levels of language proficiency, and diverse social and cultural backgrounds. As a university-sponsored program, the MASI Program will adhere strictly to UM's commitment to equal opportunity and non-discrimination.

What will I get?

High school students will be able to earn five college credits, which is equivalent to the first semester of introductory Arabic language at the college level. A \$100 will be awarded to each student who successfully completes the program.

How can I register/get more information?

For more information and how to register, please talk to your school teacher. You can also contact professor Samir Bitar, MASI outreach coordinator at samir.bitar@umontana.edu or give him a call at (406) 243-4385. You may access more information on www.umt.edu/cap/arabic.