CCIS Study Abroad

IAU, Europe and the Islamic World: France and Spain Winter J-Term Program

Multi-City, Multi-Country (Multi-Region)

Quick Facts

Winter 2022/23
Dates: December 29, 2022 - January 15, 2023
Application Deadline: September 25
Costs: $6,230
Credits: 3

Winter 2023/24 dates and costs will be similar to **Winter 2022/23**. We will post updates when available.

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J-Term program scholarship available. Apply HERE

Program Overview

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A Note About the Itinerary

IAU is sensitive to the ever-changing landscape of the world during the COVID-19 pandemic. We plan to continue to run our J-Term programs and have created a modified itinerary that takes travel restrictions and health and safety guidelines into consideration for 2022/23. Please note: IAU reserves the right to cancel programs due to low enrollment. Itineraries are tentative and subject to change at the discretion of IAU. Students should consult with an IAU advisor prior to purchasing their flights.

Itinerary:

All itineraries are subject to change.

- France: Paris, Aix-en-Provence, Marseille
- Spain: Seville, Granada, Madrid
- **Morocco:** Marrakesh, Casablanca, Rabat, Assilah, Tangier
- **Gibraltar**

View the 2023 itinerary here! Please note, the schedule is tentative and subject to change.

View this short video clip to get a sense of this winter intersession traveling seminar!

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Contact Program Sponsor and Advisor

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This program is sponsored and administered by the College of Staten Island CUNY.

Academics & Program

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Academics

Students can choose one of the following courses:

- **Art History 395:** Classical Islam and the European Renaissance
- **Cross Cultural Studies 395**: Jews, Muslims and Christians in Europe and the Islamic World
- **French 395:** Cultural History of France and the Islamic World
- **History 395:** Cultural History of Europe and the Islamic World
- **Political Science 395**: European Politics and the Islamic World

- **Religious Studies 395:** Jews, Muslims and Christians in Europe and the Islamic World
- **Spanish 395:** Cultural History of Spain and the Islamic World
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View the 2023 syllabus here! Details are subject to change.

About the Professor

Dr. Carl Jubran, a 1992 alumnus of The Aix Center and previous member of IAU's Council of Academic Advisors, became IAU's fifth President in May 2011. He completed his undergraduate education in linguistics, participated in a Master's program at the Sorbonne, Paris IV through New York University, and later earned his M.A. in Spanish Linguistics and a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature at the University of California. Dr. Jubran was a professor of Language and Literature at the University of San Diego (USD) and also served as Associate Provost for International Affairs. He has developed courses in French, Spanish, Arabic, world civilizations and global studies and has led and overseen programs in France, Mexico, Morocco, and Spain. Dr. Jubran's multilingual fluency in French, English, Spanish, Arabic, and Hebrew positions him well to lead students, faculty, and staff in developing multicultural understanding and learning the essential importance of the interconnections among social equity and justice, economic viability, and environmental vitality in building sustainable community in today's world.

Student Life & Housing

IAU's J-Term Traveling Seminars are unique in that the classroom and campus changes based on the location of the program. The J-Terms consist of 17-21 day academic and cultural courses led by IAU faculty and include 24/7 staff support. The seminars are thematic in nature and involve travel through multiple countries. During the program, students have access to a variety of spaces including partner institutions, hotel conference rooms, lecture halls, and museums in which to conduct coursework and lectures. Students are housed in hotels or residence halls in each city. Breakfast is included.

"What really made the trip and learning experiences unique were the professors and site visits. I've never had classes that were as thought provoking as the lectures we had. I had never thought as critically, either. I felt challenged and that I had to think of things from every perspective. This may have been because I'm a business major, but I think the professors made the classes interesting. If I had to take this at my home university, I don't think I would have learned

or had been engaged as much. There is something about experiential learning that is unique and lasting." - Cinara Foor, University of Akron, J Term

Duration & Costs

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Costs included: tuition for three credits, lodging, daily breakfast, some group lunches and/or dinners, intra-program transportation (by plane, train, or bus), entrances/fees for all scheduled cultural activities and academic visits, orientation, and health, liability, and repatriation insurance.

Costs not included: International roundtrip airfare, most lunches/dinners, textbooks, and personal expenses.

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All costs, fees, and dates are subject to change without notification. Contact the program sponsor to verify all costs, fees, and dates for this program.

Students who enroll in a January Term Seminar and the spring semester in Aix-en-Provence or Barcelona consecutively are eligible to receive a $2,000 grant credited to their spring semester invoice. In order to be eligible to receive the grant, students must participate in the Early Start Program during the week between the end of the January Term Seminar and the start of the spring semester. The Early Start Program allows students to move in with their hosts a week before the semester begins, receive French or Spanish language instruction, and participate in local cultural activities! Visit IAU's Scholarship website for additional details.

Eligibility & Deadlines

Eligibility Requirements
- Minimum class standing - students must have completed at least one semester (minimum 12 semester credit hours) of college-level coursework at the time of application.
- 2.5 GPA or higher
- Students must be at least 18 years of age

Applications to Include
- Official transcripts
- One letter of recommendation from a teacher who knows the applicant from a classroom setting

- Statement of purpose

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