Al Akhawayn University, Morocco
Ifrane, Morocco (Africa / North Africa and Middle East)

Quick Facts

Fall 2021 [ Information Coming Soon ]
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Program Overview

Al Akhawayn University (AUI) is located in the beautiful resort community of Ifrane in the wooded Middle Atlas Mountains about 37 miles from Fez, a formerly rich imperial city and now a protected World Heritage site. Ifrane, located in an area known for its beautiful forests, mountains, lakes, and streams, provides an excellent backdrop for both intellectual and physical pursuits.

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Montana State University has had a partnership with AUI since its founding, and this CCIS program offers U.S students one of the few opportunities to study in North Africa.

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**Gallery**

![Image of AUI campus](image1.jpg) ![Image of Moroccan landscape](image2.jpg)

**Contact Program Sponsor and Advisor**

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This program is sponsored and administered by Montana State University.

**Academics & Program**

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**Program Highlights: Courses, Engaged Learning, and Extra-Curriculars**

For all the reasons given above, AUI is an institution where students have broad and deep choices for the courses, can advance in their degree plans, and explore Morocco and the broader region. Moreover, AUI's curriculum and extra-curricular activities offer opportunities for service-learning, community engaged learning, leadership development, internships, and engagement with student clubs (including creating new clubs).

Specifically, AUI has many opportunities for service-learning and community engaged learning, most directly through its Azrou Center for Community Development but also including relationships with many non-profits and community organizations in the area. Leadership development is infused at AUI but also supported directly through the Leadership Development Institute that provides workshops and trainings for interested students. Students can develop professionally through internships and work with existing or new on-campus clubs.

**Course Offerings**

*Note: Course scheduling and availability is subject to change at the discretion of the host institution.

View the semester course offerings [here](#) and the academic catalogue [here](#).

**Course Credits**

15 per semester

**Instructor's Language**

English, other than language courses

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**Student Life & Housing**

**Student Life**

AUI offers a full array of student organizations from sports to concerts and cultural programs. Sporting equipment is available in the Student Activities Office and students also have access to sports facilities including a running track and Olympic size pool. There is a medical clinic on campus, as well as a library, student union, and bookstore.

If you require disability accommodation, please contact us right away.

**Housing**

Students live in spacious, on-campus, gender segregated residence halls. Visiting students all room with Moroccan degree seeking students, allowing for many opportunities for intercultural dialogue.

The cost of room and board is included in the program fee, although there will be some additional fees paid directly to AUI.
To learn more about the accommodations on campus, visit the website.

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**Costs Included**

The program fee includes tuition & instructional fees, CCIS and sponsor fees, CISI health insurance, local health insurance, housing (double room) and meals, 3,000 MAD toward books, internet access, student activities, health services, printing, and access fees.

**Costs Not Included**

Estimated costs include passport, airfare, optional airport pickup, local transport, and personal expenses.

*Note: A non-refundable program deposit of $400 is due upon acceptance and is applied toward the total cost of the program.

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.

Please refer to your acceptance materials for information on arrival, orientation, and academic calendar. The refund policy is program specific and non-transferable. Refer to your acceptance materials for the comprehensive refund policy or contact the program sponsor.

**Eligibility & Deadlines**

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**Eligibility Requirements**

Interested students should have at least sophomore standing and a GPA of 2.5 based on a 4.0 scale or higher, in addition to transcripts and two letters of recommendation.

Have you talked with your study abroad advisor about your home institution's application process? Your institution's deadline might be earlier than the CCIS program application deadline. Check now to make sure all of your material is submitted on time!