



BA ARABIC & ISLAMIC STUDIES

(Spring 2024)

The programme

The bachelor semester Arabic & Islamic Studies targets second-year bachelor students of Arabic. The programme aims to familiarize students with Arabic as a spoken and living language. Therefore, the emphasis is on acquiring proficiency in Colloquial Egyptian Arabic, and enhancing reading, writing, and listening skills in Modern Standard Arabic (MSA). On top of that, attention will be devoted to aspects of the history, culture, and current affairs of Egypt and the Arab World. Students will attend guest lectures by experts in their fields, and weekly excursions are an integral part of the programme. Students are expected to own a copy a dictionary.

The programme consists of the following courses:

<i>Course module</i>	<i>Hours/week</i>	<i>ECTS long programme</i>	<i>ECTS short programme</i>
Egyptian Colloquial Arabic	6	10	6.5
MSA: Writing	2	5	3
MSA: Media	2	4	3
MSA: Listening	2	3	2
MSA: Literature/reading	2	4	2.5
Capita Selecta	4	4	3
TOTAL	18	30	20

Admission

Admission to the programme is subject to the following conditions :

- The student has successfully completed three semesters of Arabic & Islamic studies or an equivalent programme;
- The student has the written permission (on the registration form) of a lecturer at the home university to join the programme;
- The student is registered at one of the affiliated universities during her/his stay in Cairo;

If maximum capacity is reached, an admission test will be organized.



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Spring 2024 dates

4 Feb – 6 June 2024

4 Feb: Orientation Day

5 Feb: Classes begin

3-7 March: Alexandria trip

10 March: Classes recommence

31 March -4 April: Mid-term exams

7-13 April: BREAK EID EL-FITR

14 April: Classes recommence

5-11 May: EASTER/SHAM EL-NESSIM BREAK

12 May: Classes recommence

26-31 May: STUVAC

2-6 June: Final exams

Costs and charges

Participants are charged EUR 180 at the beginning of the programme for course and study materials as well as excursions within Cairo. Additional costs may be incurred for excursions outside of Cairo.

About NVIC

The Netherlands-Flemish Institute in Cairo (NVIC) is an academic institute located on the island of Zamalek, in the heart of Egypt's bustling capital. It is one of five Dutch Scientific Institutes Abroad (NWIB) and is supported by the Research Fund–Flanders (FWO–Vlaanderen). NVIC provides services to six Dutch and two Flemish universities. It offers undergraduate and graduate programmes in Arabic & Islamic Studies as well as Egyptology & Archaeology. For more information on NVIC, its staff, its activities, and its teaching programmes, visit

<http://www.institutes.leiden.edu/nvic/>



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Security and safety in Cairo

In all its activities, NVIC adheres to the security and travel advice of the Dutch and Belgian Embassies in Egypt. We forward any travel or security notice to the students. The student's stay in Cairo is, however, voluntary and their own responsibility. NVIC is not accountable for any harm or damage caused by students to third parties during their stay in Cairo, nor for any physical harm or material loss or damage suffered by the students during their stay. Upon arrival, participants of the programme will be required to sign an indemnification statement. Participants also agree to inform NVIC of any physical or psychological condition that could cause problems during their stay in Cairo or harm NVIC in any way. This information is treated confidentially. Travel and health insurance are not covered by the programme. Please inquire with your public or private insurance provider and take the necessary measures.

Application/registration

Application forms (found on our website) must reach the institute (info@nvic.leidenuniv.nl) by 17 November