



Syrian American Cultural Council

Arabic and Cultural Summer Courses

SYRIA
2008



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As a response to wide ranging interests in enhancing cultural ties between the Syrian American Community, the American Academic and Cultural societies and the Arabic Culture of Syria, the Syrian American Cultural Council was born.

As stated in the Vision and Mission Statements, SACC will explore several aspects of these cultural ties. Significant collective efforts of several founding members were instrumental in launching this organization. Very soon committees will be formed in different cities throughout the United States.

A major interest of many families is to enable their children to learn the Arabic Language and Culture. As we start our journey of activities, we thought we should try to provide information to our communities about facilities in Syria that provide summer courses. This list is by no means inclusive but it contains the best available facilities at this point.

We are hoping that more centers will compete for these activities in the future. Please use this guide to contact the appropriate facility and inquire about all details. This is our best attempt to identify such facilities and we certainly hope that they meet your expectations. There is no doubt that our children will gain significant benefits from these exposures.

We are planning to enhance academic exchanges at the universities level for students, scholars and professors between both sides. We will explore all possible artistic exchanges including arts, music, folk groups and poetry... Your support and active participation is going to be crucial to make these goals reachable.

Best Regards,

Wael Khoury M.D., Founding President
April 2008

The Higher Language Teaching Institute - Damascus University

School Address: Campus of Humanities, Damascus University, Mazzeh Highway
School phone: +963-11-3392 5843
School fax: +963-11-212 01 64
Email: inquiries@arabicindamascus.edu.sy
Website: www.arabicindamascus.edu.sy

Accredited by Major European & U.S. Universities, including the Center of Arabic Study Abroad (CASA) in the U.S.

Summer courses for year 2008:

Nr.	Course Date	Registration Period
1	Sunday, January 13 –Thursday, February 7	December 16 – January 6
2	Wednesday, February13–Tuesday, March11	January 31 – February 11
3	Tuesday, March 18 - Wednesday, April 16	March 5 - 16
4	Wednesday, April 23 - Thursday, May 22	April 9 -12
5	Wednesday, May 28 – Tuesday, June 24	May 15 - 26
6	Wednesday, July 2 – Tuesday, 29	June 19 - 30
7	Wednesday, August 6 – Sunday 31	July 24 – August 4
8	Sunday, September 7 – Tuesday 30	August 24 – September 3
9	Wednesday, October 8-Tuesday, November 4	September 18 – October 5
10	Tuesday, November 11 – Monday, December 8	October 29 – November 9

Classes:

- ◆ Sunday to Thursday (except for course 7 & 8: two Saturdays will be added to each.)
- ◆ Classes Hours: 09:00 – 13:00 (except for level 7&8: finishing at 14:00 for 10 days)
- ◆ Class size: 8 – 20 students.

Hours of classes:

Total: 80 hrs – weekly: 5 days / 20 hrs for the beginner and intermediate levels.
Total: 90 hrs – weekly: 5 days / 22.5 hrs for advanced level.

Age:

From 18 years old

Levels of Arabic teaching:

- /3/ grades beginner, /3/ grades intermediate, and /2/ grades advanced levels.
- All new students, except absolute beginners, should take a placement test before the beginning of the course to determine his/her exact level. The date of the placement test is set during the registration.

Transportation to school: unavailable.

Tuition and fees:

- 16.000 Syrian Pounds for the beginner and intermediate levels.
- 21.000 Syrian Pounds for the advanced level.
- The placement test fee is 500 Syrian Pounds.
- Inquire for any modification on the fees amount before any course you plan to take.

Comments: registration is exclusively in person and is not admitted via travel agencies or any other person, and this is done when the student arrives Damascus during the registration period. The Office of Registration & Students Affairs (ORSA) opens from 09:00 – 14:30, Sunday to Thursday.

- ◆ 4 passport style photographs.
- ◆ Copies of all passport pages (personal data pages and visa page)
- ◆ A letter from your home embassy in Damascus certifying that the embassy has no objection that you register in the center.
- ◆ Certified copy of your AIDS test result from the AIDS laboratory in Damascus (free).
- ◆ Filling in the application from provided by the office of registration and students af fairs (ORSA) in the center, room nr. B-24 ground floor.

Make sure you have all these documents ready before the registration dead-line.

Arabic Teaching Institute for Non – Arabic Speakers

School Address: Damascus–Mezeeh–Villat Sharkiyiya–15/A1 madina al munawra St.
School phone: (00963 11) 613 2646 – 613 3151
School fax: (00963 11) 6119453
School E-mail: arabicinstitute@mail.sy

Courses:

1st October - 15th January (all levels). Registration period starts on 28 September

1st February - 15th May (all levels). Registration period starts on 29 January

1st June - 15th September (all levels). Registration period starts on 29 May

Special courses for expatriates are offered in July and August, including courses for High School & College ages.

Duration in weeks: 14 weeks
8 weeks for expatriates' courses.

Grades of students: 4th and 6th for normal academic courses (not expatriate's courses.)

Levels of Arabic teaching: All levels
Beginner – Intermediate for expatriate's courses

Hours of classes: 4 hours.

Extra curricular activities: The institute organizes day trips to Syria's tourist and cultural attractions, including visits to museums and archaeological ruins in Damascus and throughout the surrounding areas. Additionally, films, speeches, and celebrations occur regularly within the institute.

Transportation to school: From home to the center and vice versa.

Tuition and fees: 10000 SYP each course.
5000 SYP for expatriate's courses
200 SYP for placement test

Comments: We are ready to present special courses with different periods (according to prearrangement.)

Advantages:

- ◆ The library of the institute contains classical and modern literature in addition to dictionaries and other resources.
- ◆ The newspaper reading room .
- ◆ The media room contains educational and various cultural films.
- ◆ Celebrations occur regularly within the institute.

The Higher Language Teaching Institute - Aleppo University

School Address: Aleppo University – Syria.

School phone: 021 – 263 2 163

School fax: +963-21-2674505

Summer courses: The first course: 1 June - 19 June, 2008

The second course: 5 August - 23 August, 2008

Duration in weeks: 3 weeks each course. /90/ hours

Grades of students: from /18/ years old

Levels of Arabic teaching: Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced

Hours of classes: 90 hours /30 hours a week/: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. & 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
5 days a week.

Extra curricular activities:

- ◆ **Touristic tours:** there will be touristic and cultural tours.
- ◆ **Local functions:** lectures in Arab civilization

Tuition and fees: 30.000 SYP including residence in the campus.

Special Features: Dear student, please fill the attached registration form and send it with your C.V before 20 July 2007 to the one of the addresses mentioned above.
A photo + a copy of the passport could be sent afterwards.

Women Union In Aleppo

Address: Women's League - Union of Women of Aleppo

Tel: +963 21 2126674/5

Fax: +963 21 2117743

Levels: beginners, intermediate, advanced.

Grades of students: from /16/ till /60/ years old.

Date of each course 2007: from 1/5/2007 till 31/12/2007

Duration: beginners: /3/ months – intermediate: /3/ months – (certificate is granted by passing both levels) 5, 2-hour sessions a week.

Activities: There will be cultural contests, tea parties, breakfasts, and local trips.

Documents required: a copy of ID and personal signature.

Fees and tuition: free of charge

Advantages: the top students are entitled to free hairdressing and sewing classes.

The Higher Language Teaching Institute - Latakia University

School Address: Tishreen university, Latakia – Syria P.O.Box: 2230

School telefax: +963 -41-439569

School E- Mail: languageinstitute@tishreen.shern.net

Summer courses: from 1st July till the end of August

Duration in weeks: 8 weeks.

Age: from 18 years old.

Levels of Arabic teaching: Beginner and Intermediate.

Hours of classes: 4 sessions a week, 2 hours each.

Extra curricular activities:

◆ Touristic tours: four trips during the course. To Ogarate, al Markab castle, al Furnkol forests, Kasab, Arwad, and Safita tower.

Tuition and fees: 10.000 SYP. The fees of the trips are excluded.

The International School of Choueifat – Damascus

School Address: Ashrafiat Sahnaya / Daraa Highway, P.O. Box 302

School phone: +963-11-6351144

School fax: +963-11-6351145

Email: iscdamas@sabis.net

Summer courses: July and August 2008.

Duration in weeks: 4 weeks or 6 weeks.

Grades of students: Grades 2 to 9.

Levels of Arabic teaching: Depending on the total number of students.

Hours of classes: 8.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

Extra curricular activities: There will be Summer Camp (indoor + out door activities.)

Transportation: Available, however; transportation will be provided to and from the school for an extra fee.

Special Programs

Full Summer Day Camp:

◆ In-school activities: Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. These include arts and graphics, computer, table tennis, gymnastics, skill games, car track, face painting, board games, movies, story telling, basketball, swimming, baseball, football, flag football, ping – pong, tennis, and picnics.

◆ Out-of-school activities: Monday and Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. - to approximately 5:00 p.m. depending on the length of the trip. These include trips to water parks, tourist sites and camping.

Price:

◆ 6 weeks /20,000/ SYP

◆ 4 weeks /15,000/ SYP

Full Summer Day Camp + English or Arabic Course:

Time:

◆ English or Arabic Class Course: Sunday to Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

◆ Indoor Activities: Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

◆ Outdoor Activities: Monday and Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. – to approximately 5:00 p.m. depending on the length of the trip.

Price:

- ◆ 6 weeks /28,000/ SYP
- ◆ 4 weeks /22,000/ SYP (Applicable July 1st – July 26th only)

Registration to students between the ages of 3 – 15 is now open and will continue until June the 28th.

Tuition and fees:

Fees cover lunch, insurance, activities and transportation for the outings.

Fees are subject to change.

- ◆ 6 weeks Summer Club, 6250 SYP.
- ◆ 4 weeks Summer Club, 4350 SYP.

Comments:

Summer School and Summer Day Camp 2008 will start on the 29th of June 2008 and will end on the 7th August 2008.

The Syrian International school (SIS) - Damascus

School Address: Damascus – Yafour.

School phone: +963-11-9491

School fax: +963-11-3921585

Email: info@sischool.com

Summer courses: July and August.

Duration: /6/ weeks.

Grades of students: 1st to 10th.

Levels of Arabic teaching: Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced

Hours of classes: /6/ hours x /3/ days a week or /2/ hours a day.

Extra curricular activities:

Sports: basket-ball, games, soccer, swimming.

Tourist trips: one trip a week.

Transportation to school: Busses.

Tuition and fees (subject to change without prior notice):

/10.000/ Syrian pounds.

“Al-Wataniah” The Syrian National School - Damascus

School Address: Damascus - Sabboura.
School phone: +963-11-9745
School fax: +963-11-3916969
P.O. Box: 16525, Damascus, Syria
Email: info@alwataniah.net
Website: www.Alwataniah.net

Summer courses

The first course: 1 June till 19 June 2008

The second course: 5 August till 23 August 2008

Duration in weeks: 4 weeks

Levels of Arabic teaching: depend on the level of the student.

Hours of classes: Four lessons a day, 45 minutes long, 3 days a week.

The program hours are: 9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. with Arabic lessons, and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with sports and arts activities.

Extra curricular activities:

- ◆ The students will do some sports and art activities such as football, basketball, swimming, music, theatre, and dance.
- ◆ The students will take part in a special performance which will be at the end of the course.
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- ◆ Parties and visits to some theatres and concerts.
- ◆ Tours to places such as: Old Damascus, Maaloula, Saydnaia, Bousra, and other interesting sites.

Transportation: school bus.

Tuition and fees: for 3 days a week are 29.500.00 SYP per month.

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Transportation to school: Busses.

Tuition and fees: (subject to change without prior notice):

/10.000/ Syrian pounds.

The International School of Choueifat – Homs

School Name: The International School of Choueifat – Homs.

School Address: Damascus Road - P.O. Box 3700

School phone: +963-31-2772020

School fax: +963-31-2772010

Email: ischoms@sabis.net

Summer courses: July and August.

Duration in weeks: 4 weeks or 6 weeks.

Grades of students: Grades 2 to 9.

Levels of Arabic teaching: Depending on the total number of students.

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Wahet al Sham School . Latakia

School Name: Al Sham Oasis School
School Address: Latakia, Al-Azhari Circle – against Al-Swayed Hospital
School Tel: +963 - 41-313667 / 313663
School Fax: +963 - 41-313663
School email: alshamwh@scs-net.org

Summer courses: July and August.

Duration in weeks: 6 weeks. (Four days each week) since 1/7/2008

Grades of students: From the 1st Grade till the 10th one.

Levels: All levels.

Hours and time of classes: One hour and a half, in the morning.

Extra curricular activities:

Touristic tours: visiting the city's landmarks.

Local functions: sports and Arabic calligraphy.

Transportation to school: available inside Lattakia. The fee of transportation per course is 2500 SYP.

Tuitions:

Level	Duration	Fees without transportation	Fees with transportation
Beginners	6 weeks/ 4 days a week	10.000 Syrian pounds	12.500 Syrian pounds
Intermediate	6 weeks/ 4 days a week	10.000 Syrian pounds	12.500 Syrian pounds
Advanced	6 weeks/ 4 days a week	10.000 Syrian pounds	12.500 Syrian pounds

Comments: Students should submit a placement test.

Al-Ayman Institute - Hama

School Name: Al - Ayman Center and Private School
School Address: Syria, Hama, Bab Trablos round about
School phone: 033510770
School fax: 033523139
School email: aic@net.sy

Summer courses: July and August.

Duration in weeks: 2 weeks.

Grades of students: From seven years old.

Levels of Arabic teaching: All levels.

Hours of classes: 5 courses a week / 90 minutes.

Extra curricular activities:

Sports: Swimming and horse riding.

Touristic tours: Every week.

Local functions: Probable shelter can be provided for the family.

Transportation to school: From home to the center and vice versa.

Tuition and fees: Depending on the students' choice of level.

Special Features: The center courses are internationally accredited, the center is accredited for ICDL examinations from Syrian Computer Society and UNCO

Comments: The courses continue through out the year

Advantages: The institute can provide accommodation for the expatriate families.

