Intensive Summer Language Study

Summer Programs in non-European Languages

The non-European language programs listed in this guide are affiliated with Smith College approved study abroad programs only, as designated by the Office for International Study. Other summer programs in non-European languages either abroad or in the U.S. may be available through alternative sources. Please check with your language instructor on the academic strengths of programs not listed in this guide.

Asia

Alliance for Global Education

Chinese || Shanghai, China || 8 weeks || $7,000

The Alliance offers two academic tracks at Fudan University, Contemporary Chinese Society and Language (Track 1) and Intensive Chinese Language (Track 2). The Intensive Language track is for students who want to focus on learning Chinese. All students are required to commit to a Chinese language pledge throughout the term. In addition to 20 class hours per week of Chinese language coursework, students may enroll in the English-taught course, Issues in Contemporary Society and Culture. Students who wish to participate in the Intensive Language program must have completed four semesters of college level Chinese. Students may enroll for a semester, summer, or academic year, or a combination of a semester and summer term. Students are encouraged to consider spending their second term in China in a different Alliance program to deepen their knowledge of China's regional diversity.

Associated Colleges China (Hamilton College)

Chinese || Beijing, China || 8 weeks || $6,100

The curriculum, designed and supervised by experienced American college professors, focuses on studying the Chinese language through individualized instruction with a high level of participation and interaction. The curriculum is designed so that the material taught in the classroom can be used outside of the classroom. Students are encouraged to interact with local Chinese citizens in order to increase their understanding of Chinese culture and society and to practice the language skills learned in the classroom.

Boston University

Chinese || Shanghai, China || 8 weeks || $8,200

The core curriculum centers around approximately 15 to 20 hours each week of language instruction, emphasizing grammar, oral comprehension, and speaking. Courses are augmented by a five-day educational excursion to an historic city or to the countryside to experience village life, a weekend trip to a Yangzi River delta city like Hangzhou or another canal town, and visits to local cultural sights.

CET

Chinese || Beijing, China || 8 weeks || $6,500

All students design a one-on-one tutorial. Students explore a topic of their choosing in Chinese. One-on-one’s are language courses bent towards the chosen topic. They utilize targeted readings, lectures and site visits. Some past students have used tutorials as a stepping stone for thesis research.
CIEE
Chinese | Beijing, China | 8 weeks | $6,500
The summer Intensive Chinese Language study abroad program at Peking University in Beijing, China is designed for students who have studied one to three years of college-level Mandarin Chinese and who wish to further develop their language skills and cross-cultural training within a beautiful university campus in Beijing. Students are divided into four levels for intensive Mandarin language training: intermediate, high intermediate, advanced I, and advanced II. CIEE students are partnered with a Peking University student upon arrival to facilitate cross-cultural discussion and individual tutoring of the Chinese language. The program supplements the language training with weekly excursions to various areas in Beijing and has an experienced on-site director to support each student.

Chinese | Shanghai, China | 8 weeks | $6,500
The summer Accelerated Chinese Language study abroad program in Shanghai, China is designed for Intermediate and Advanced Chinese language students interested in an accelerated language program where students accomplish one year of Chinese language training through intensive study both in the classroom and structured homework exercises. The language classes are small, with an average of four students; classes are typically co-taught by head language instructors and assistant language instructors who focus on accuracy and consistency of pronunciation through daily drills and other exercises. Students also take part in the CIEE Community Language Commitment by speaking only Chinese in the Chinese classroom building and to the resident staff, language teachers, and host family or Chinese roommate.

IES
Chinese | Beijing, China | 8 weeks | $6,500
Study in Beijing this summer and improve your language skills! Offering an ideal environment for acquiring and improving Chinese language skills, the IES Beijing summer program provides intensive beginner, intermediate, advanced intermediate, and Advanced level Chinese language courses.

Mount Holyoke Summer Language Intensive
Chinese | Beijing, China | 8 weeks | $4,600
Students spend the mornings engaged in classroom instruction, and the afternoons with language partners and activities that introduce them to Chinese arts and culture. Tours to major historic and cultural sites round out the program.

Inter-University Program
Chinese | Shanghai, China | 8 weeks | $4,800
The unique feature of IUP is that students are provided with highly individualized instruction. The teacher to student ratio is currently 1:2 and course assignments include at least one daily private tutorial, and several small group classes. Each student is given individual attention to language skill areas that need improvement and their progress is closely monitored over their entire course of study. Such individualized instruction has consistently shown positive results over the nearly 40 year history of the program.

CET
Japanese | Osaka, Japan | 8 weeks | $8,000
This program is for students who want to unleash their Japanese language skills. Students exercise their Japanese language every day—in class, on the street, with roommates, for assignments, in conversation—and return to the US with vastly improved skills. Japanese language learners of all levels and majors are welcome. Students complete at least one year of university-level Japanese each term.
CIEE
Japanese || Tokyo, Japan || 4 weeks || $7,000
The summer Japanese Studies study abroad program in Tokyo, Japan at the CIEE Study Center at Sophia University is designed to provide students with a supportive learning environment while students attend two courses at the Summer Session for Asian Studies at Sophia University’s Faculty of Liberal Arts. This program is ideal for students that wish to learn about Japanese culture, language, and society during a one month period while living in Asia’s most dynamic cities.

IES
Japanese || Tokyo, Japan || 6 weeks || $7,000
The Tokyo Summer program is an excellent study abroad opportunity if you cannot study in Japan for a semester or if you would like to refresh your Japanese before starting the IES Abroad Tokyo program in the fall semester.

CIEE
Korean || Seoul, Korea || 6 weeks || $6,400
Students on the summer Korean Studies study abroad program in Seoul, Korea learn about the culture, business practices, and language of Korea while increasing their knowledge about South Korean society and its recent role as one of the major industrialized nations in the world.

Europe
Bard-Smolny College
Russian || St. Petersburg, Russia || 4 weeks, 8 weeks || $6,300 | $9,000
The SLI is intensive, with twenty-two hours of class per week, daily quizzes and written assignments, and weekly tests. Class sizes are small (typically 8-10 students) with coursework that emphasizes vocabulary acquisition, grammar comprehension, reading improvement, and writing achievement, as well as verbal and aural precision. Language is taught in conjunction with our cultural program, which integrates academic experience with a feel for the city of St. Petersburg.

CIEE
Russian || St. Petersburg, Russia || 8 weeks || $6,600
The summer Language and Culture study abroad program in St. Petersburg, Russia is designed for students with 4 semesters of college-level Russian who wish to improve their proficiency with the Russian language. This is an intensive program that focuses on all language skills.

The Middle East and North Africa
University of Haifa
Arabic || Haifa, Israel || 4 weeks || $2,000
Classes meet four days per week, six hours each day, and students can expect several hours of homework every day. One additional day each week will be devoted to a field trip to visit locations of interest in Arab-speaking communities in the northern parts of Israel. The courses are taught in English and are designed for students with no prior knowledge of the Arabic language (Elementary I) or for students that have already studied the Arabic alphabet (Elementary II). Admission is conditional upon completing an online placement test to make sure the appropriate level is offered.

Hebrew || Haifa, Israel || 4 weeks, 8 weeks || $2,000 | $2,500
The Intensive Hebrew Summer Ulpan brings students from over 40 countries to the University of Haifa to study Hebrew in one of the most effective language learning programs in Israel. The Ulpan is designed for those who want to immerse themselves in an intensive language acquisition experience that is personally enriching as well as academically demanding. Instruction is offered on all levels from beginning to advanced.
Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Arabic | Jerusalem, Israel | 5 weeks | $3,000

Each summer, the Rothberg International School offers language courses in Modern Hebrew, Modern Standard Arabic and Colloquial Arabic, on introductory and intermediate levels. The courses are instructed by highly professional, dynamic and experienced staff. Teaching methods include frontal classroom instruction and conversational practice, and incorporate multi-media educational aids and the use of both classical and modern texts.

Ben-Gurion University

Hebrew | Negrev, Israel | 4 weeks | $2,400

60 hours of Hebrew study (4 credits)

Tel Aviv University

Arabic | Tel Aviv, Israel | 4 weeks | $1,450 | $2,050

This program has Arabic languages instruction taught at two levels; Basic and Advanced. In the Advanced program, students are required to have studied Arabic for at least one year prior to enrolling and aims to provide students with advanced skills in colloquial (Palestinian) Arabic. The beginner level combines the two existing varieties of Arabic: Modern Standard Arabic (MSA), mainly used in written texts and formal settings, and colloquial Arabic (Palestinian Arabic, or PA), which refers to various spoken dialects used among different Arab countries and communities. The course aims to introduce students to the basic foundations of speaking an Arabic dialect and reading in MSA. 4 academic credits are awarded to the beginner level program.

Hebrew | Tel Aviv, Israel | 4 weeks, 7 weeks | $2,050 | $2,900

The intensive Hebrew program at Tel Aviv is taught over a period of either 4 weeks or 7 weeks offering students the opportunity to develop their Hebrew language skills and introduce them to life in Israel. 6 credits are awarded for the 7 week intensive program and 4 credits are awarded for the 4 week intensive program.

Yiddish | Tel Aviv, Israel | 4 weeks | $2,110

The program focuses on both language and literature and is taught by highly-qualified and experienced teachers in small classes. 4 credits are awarded for successful completion of the program. The Yiddish program includes several features, including: Lecture series, Afternoon academic and cultural program, and cultural excursions and trips.

Middlebury College

Hebrew | Middlebury, VT | 7 weeks | $8,310

Learn to read, write, speak, and listen in the Hebrew language with an immersion that occurs both in and outside of the classroom setting. Abiding by the Language Pledge, you will participate in a variety of activities including game nights, film screenings, sing-alongs, dance workshops, lectures, theater, sports, and book clubs – all in Hebrew. Middlebury offers financial aid, including need-based aid and a number of merit-based fellowships and scholarships for their summer Language Schools.

CIEE

Arabic | Amman, Jordan | 7 weeks | $6,700

The summer Arabic Language study abroad program in Amman, Jordan is for students who have a strong interest in developing a solid foundation in Modern Standard Arabic and seek to begin or accelerate their language proficiency through an intensive language program. In addition to rigorous
coursework in Modern Standard Arabic and Colloquial Jordanian Arabic, students participate in language club activities and program excursions designed to give them opportunities to apply their language skills and learn firsthand about Jordanian culture and society.

**CET**

*Arabic* || Irbid, Jordan || 8 weeks || $6,500

CET Jordan students have their sights set on mastering Arabic. Students dive head first into language learning, taking courses in both formal and informal Arabic. Middle Eastern studies courses, language partners, local roommates and a language pledge ensure that students return home well versed in Arabic and its contexts. This program is for serious students with at least two terms of previous Arabic language study under their belt.

**SIT**

*Arabic* || Amman, Jordan || 7 weeks || $7,000

Students acquire not only basic vocabulary but the practical communication skills, including culturally appropriate gestures, necessary to communicate in a variety of everyday situations with native speakers.

**Boston University**

*Arabic* || Rabat, Morocco || 8 weeks || $8,200

Through language study and a volunteer partnership with a host organization working on education, health care, children’s welfare, women’s rights, and other critical issues, this program will give you a unique immersion in the life and society of this fascinating city, country, and region. This program is ideal for a student with only one or two semesters of Arabic.

**CIEE**

*Arabic* || Rabat, Morocco || 6 weeks || $6,700

The summer Language and Culture study abroad program in Rabat, Morocco is appropriate for students who have a strong interest in developing their Arabic language skills and learning firsthand about contemporary Morocco. Through language courses and an innovative course that explores Morocco’s rich history and culture, students improve their Arabic skills while gaining greater insight into present-day Moroccan society.

**SIT**

*Arabic* || Rabat, Morocco || 7 weeks || $7,600

Following arrival, students are placed in one of three language levels - beginner, intermediate, or advanced. All students receive a total of 90 hours of classroom instruction in Modern Standard Arabic; receive intensive language instruction in small group formats; have field exercises; and enjoy weekly office hours with language instructors.

**CET**

*Arabic* || Aleppo, Syria || 8 weeks || $6,500

CET Syria students are committed to learning Arabic. They speak only Arabic during their time abroad. They return riding high on their new levels of fluency. Semester students also gain a foundation in Middle Eastern Studies through courses designed by American University’s School of International Service. This program is for serious, challenge-seeking students who have at least two terms of previous Arabic language study under their belt.