

Penn State Summer Study Abroad, July 15-30, 2015

MOROCCO

CAS 199/499: ISLAM AND INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE (3 credits)

INFO SESSIONS 2015

Jan. 14 (Wed.), Jan. 20 (Tues.), Jan. 21 (Wed.), Jan. 26 (Mon.)
6:00-7:00 pm
308 Sparks Building

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Course Components

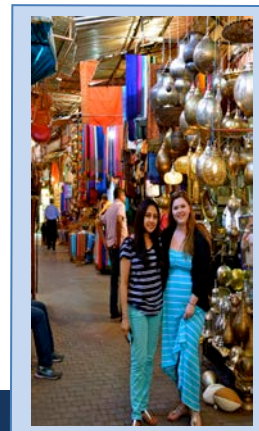
- ✚ Introduction to the Islamic Cultural World & Morocco
- ✚ Survey of the Core Islamic Worldview
- ✚ Expression of Islam in Morocco
- ✚ Intercultural Dialogue Sessions (in collaboration with University Hassan II, Casablanca)
- ✚ Visits: Casablanca, Marrakech, Fes, Tangiers, & the Sahara Desert

Intercultural Dialogues

- ✚ Islam and the western world: Politics, history, and conflicts
- ✚ Gender dynamics: Intercultural comparisons
- ✚ Educational philosophy and academic systems: Intercultural comparisons
- ✚ Economy, oil, and international relations
- ✚ Role of religious and philosophical differences in intercultural interactions
- ✚ Media and cultural stereotyping
- ✚ Social class, crime, and drugs: Intercultural comparisons
- ✚ Politics, civil society, and NGOs: Intercultural comparisons
- ✚ President Obama, American power and privilege: U.S. and the Arab world

Course Objectives

- ✚ Learn and assess how factors such as gender, caste, history, socio-economic background, politics, and religion affect the way people see their world(s)
- ✚ Appreciate communication as deeply cultural
- ✚ Successfully navigate (potential) intercultural misunderstandings
- ✚ Master intercultural communication skills, empathy, and reflective thinking
- ✚ Appreciate 'difference' as a resource
- ✚ Broaden academic horizons and globalize worldview



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QUESTIONS?

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