

## Learn Arabic and Discover Jordan - Summer Course

### FAQ

#### 1. Preparation

##### a) How do I register for the course?

Please fill out the application form and send it to [Laura.Schergaut@gnu.edu.jo](mailto:Laura.Schergaut@gnu.edu.jo) and/or [Simon.Terhaag@gnu.edu.jo](mailto:Simon.Terhaag@gnu.edu.jo). You will receive a confirmation email with further instructions how to pay. Please transfer the money with the daily exchange rate. We are happy to assist with that. The registration is done when payment was made and confirmed by us.

##### b) Do I need to bring special clothes?

Please bring comfortable clothes for the trips, including good walking/hiking shoes. Please always bring sunscreen! It is not common to wear clothes in Jordan that shows above the knees or blank shoulders, so please remember that when packing. Long loose clothing is highly recommend, especially considering that it will be very hot in August. Also, please ensure that you always have water and sunscreen with you.

##### c) When do you recommend to arrive in Amman?

We recommend you to arrive at least one day before the course starts. This is when we still start booking your accommodation if you would like. Please inform us of your flight details as soon as you know.

##### d) Will I get picked up from the airport?

We will try to arrange an airport pickup. Otherwise, we will provide you with detailed instructions. A taxi from the Queen Alia Airport to Amman city center is around 20 JOD.

##### e) I still have some questions before coming to Jordan, is there a preparation meeting beforehand?

Yes, we will have a preparation meeting beforehand via Zoom. This will probably take place end of June/beginning of July. You can ask us anything and we will provide you with the final schedule and info. If you have questions until then, do not hesitate to contact us!

#### 2. Visa issues

##### a) How do I obtain a visa to Jordan?

As a German/EU citizen you can obtain a visa when entering the country at the airport for 40 JOD. But we strongly recommend you to buy the Jordan Pass (<https://www.jordanpass.jo/>) which covers the visa costs as well as many entrance fees, e.g. Jerash, Amman Citadel and especially Petra. If you purchase it, please take the option "Jordan Wanderer" for 70 JOD.

##### b) Can I stay in Jordan longer after the course?

Yes, you can. Your visa is valid for one month can be extended up to three months in Jordan.

- c) I do not have a European citizenship.

Please let us know when sending us the application form. We will check the visa regulations for you.

### 3. Course

- a) When will the course take place?

The course will take place every working day (please remember that the working week in Jordan is from Sunday until Thursday) from 9:00 until 12:30 on Campus at GJU.

- b) Which Arabic (Fusha or Ammiya) will we learn?

If you will get taught Fusha (Modern Standard Arabic) or Ammiya (Jordanian dialect) depends on your preference. Most likely, the teacher will give you an insight to both versions, as the dialect is largely derived from MSA.

- c) How many people will be in one course?

We will limit the participants' number to 20 in one course.

- d) Is it only beginners level Arabic?

The beginner's course is set to take place. However, should there be sufficient interest in an intermediate course, we will open a second course.

- e) Is the course open for everyone (student, nationality, etc.)?

Yes.

- f) Where will the course take place?

The Arabic class will take place on campus. We have two campuses, one in Madaba and one in Jabal Amman. It has not been decided yet on which campus the course will take place.

- g) What is the teaching language of the course?

The Arabic course will be taught in English.

- h) Do we need to buy a book for the Arabic class?

No, we will provide you with the Arabic class book. Please bring paper and a pen though.

### 4. Cultural program

- a) Who/what will we visit in the afternoon?

Please see our detailed schedule on our website. We will try to cover a wide range of institutions and socio-political stakeholders with a focus on German institutions. We also want you to get to know Jordan and its culture, so we will take a cooking class and an intercultural training. Nevertheless, we are open to suggestions and we hope for your understanding that there might be changes in the schedule.

- b) How much do I expect to pay for entrance fees?

If you have purchased the Jordan Pass, it covers basically all the entrance fees to the sites we will visit.

- c) I have additional suggestions regarding the stakeholders to visit during the cultural program, can this be arranged?

We are trying to meet all of your interests. We are open to suggestions which institutions/organizations you would like to meet and we will try to arrange something. Please use the application form to tell us your suggestions.

- d) Is the cultural program mandatory?

No, it is not. But since it is a big part of the summer course we encourage you to take place for the full experience.

## 5. Finances

- a) What is inclusive in the course fees?

Your registration fee includes the 39h Arabic course, including a certificate in the end and a learners' book, the transportation for all trips, all visits to socio-political stake holders, all cultural events like city tours, the cooking class, intercultural training etc., a welcome meeting including lunch, a farewell meeting including snacks, water during all trips.

- b) What is not covered?

Flights, accommodation, board, health insurance, Visa costs/Jordan Pass.

- c) How much is a flight to Jordan?

This depends on many factors. A round trip with Royal Jordanian (direct flights from FRA and BER) can be around 500 Euros. Turkish Airlines via Istanbul can be cheaper, from 350 Euros. Ryanair flies directly to Amman from Brussels and Memmingen from 20 Euros without luggage.

## 6. Miscellaneous

- a) What if the course cannot take place due to Covid-19?

We are planning it to take place in person here in Jordan. Otherwise, we will provide you with an online alternative or the course has to be postponed to 2022.

- b) What if I cannot travel to Jordan because of the covid-19 pandemic?

Should you not be able to travel due to regulations from your home country restricting travel, or in the case of contracting covid-19, you will be reimbursed for your course fees in full. We will need a valid proof, though.

- c) I have a food allergy or special medical needs, what do I do?

Please let us know on the application form and we will try to meet your needs.

- d) What about the accommodation?

We are happy to organize a joint accommodation for all participants at a reasonable price. It will not be mandatory to stay at our suggested accommodation. This will be talked about at the Zoom Information Meeting beforehand end of June.