

# MOROCCO

## FIELD SCHOOL SPRING-SUMMER 2024



Morocco is rich in complexity and anthropologists have long researched, theorized, and written about the people who traverse, work, claim, contest, negotiate, barter, marry, worship, migrate from and return to this place. This ethnographic field school will be in Fez Morocco, a 1200-year-old city that has experienced intense urban change, with a visual anthropology project in nearby Sefrou. Students will receive intensive training in visual anthropology research methods and collaborate with Moroccan university students to identify and ethnographically research a social, political, cultural or environmental issue. Potential topics include gender, social customs and rituals; sufism and spirituality; medicine and magic; multispecies relations; as well as youth and social movements. Students will spend two weeks contextualizing Fez by traveling around Morocco (a week in the south, and a week in the north), two weeks training in visual anthropology methods to create an ethnographic film about women's labor in Sefrou, and 8 weeks embedding themselves into a social context and collecting ethnographic data collaboratively in Fez. Students will also be introduced to historical and ethnographic studies of Morocco and attend guest lectures from scholars who do fieldwork in Morocco, focusing on anthropological representations of peoples, places, phenomena. We will discuss how scholars have captured life in Moroccan communities and how the process of describing "Moroccans" and "Maghariba" (North Africans) contributes to anthropological theories of personhood, identity, gender, religion, illness, politics and economics.

### **DATES**

May 9-August 1, 2024

### **HOUSING**

Students will live with local host families. Home stays are recommended, as it will facilitate the experience of cultural immersion and also provide students with a way to situate data conducted in their fieldwork.

### **COURSES**

Students must register for 12 credit hours during the spring-summer semester from the following courses:

- Anthropology 340 Peoples of the Middle East (3 credit hours)
- Anthropology 495R Ethnographic Field Project (6 credit hours)
- Anthropology 420 Visual Anthropology (3 credit hours)

Students may not take any other courses on this program, including BYU Online courses, without approval by the program director and ISP.

### **COST**

\$6500-7000

Includes Latter-day Saint undergraduate full tuition (increased cost for graduate and non-Latter-day Saint students), housing, in-country excursions, public transportation stipend, meals, and international health insurance. Include anything that is covered by the program cost.

Does not include airfare, prep course tuition, or personal expenses. Include anything that is not covered by the program cost.

## **TRAVEL**

Students are responsible for purchasing their own airfare to and from the program sites. Airfare reservations must be made through BYU Travel. Students should contact a BYU Travel agent.

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## **PREPARATION**

It is recommended that students take the following courses prior to departure:

ANTHR 101—Social/Cultural Anthropology (fulfills both the Global and Cultural Awareness and Social Science requirements)

MOROCCAN ARABIC (not sure of the course number, but it will be 3 credits)

All anthropology students wanting to use the field school experience for thesis research must take ANTHR 442—Ethnographic Research Design and Methods prior to departure. All other students are strongly encouraged to take this course in order to develop their research proposal and learn principles of social science research. Accepted students are required to participate in an international, cross-cultural preparation course (IAS 201R, 1 credit hour). This class will be held during the second block of the Winter 2024 semester. Part-time BYU students and non-BYU students will need to pay an additional tuition fee.

Accompanying spouses need to be credit-bearing participants on the program. Spouses will also need to apply online and take the preparation course.

**Students must meet all country- and program-specific COVID and health requirements for travel.**

## **FUNDING SOURCES**

Regular BYU tuition scholarships, Pell Grants, and Federal Insured Student Loans may be applied to study abroad programs. Students who submit the financial aid section of the ISP application and who have a current FAFSA form on file at the Financial Aid Office (A-41 ASB) will be considered for a Study Abroad scholarship. Academic departments and colleges may assist with scholarships and grants. Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist (see [kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships](http://kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships)).

The director has applied for various sources of funding for this program. In the event that some of these sources are awarded, this may reduce program costs. Additional funding may be available and eligible students can apply for such funding based on either merit and/or demonstrated need. Please consult the director to discuss this and other possible funding options.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Students must be 18 years of age or older to participate. Complete the online application at [kennedy.byu.edu/isp-apply](http://kennedy.byu.edu/isp-apply). A nonrefundable \$35 application fee is required; applicants will be interviewed once the application is complete. Students will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance into the program. The first payment is due upon acceptance.

**Priority Deadline: 1 November 2023**

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## **FACULTY**

Becky Schulthies is the faculty director for the field school. Professor Schulthies teaches courses in the Department of Anthropology and has led field schools in Morocco previously. Jacob Hickman from the Department of Anthropology will be teaching the Visual Anthropology two week intensive course.

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## **SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT**

Students should refrain from scheduling late arrivals and early departures.

## **PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS**

International Study Programs (ISP) reserves the right to cancel this program, revise its offerings, or make any adjustments to the preliminary cost. If it becomes necessary for ISP to cancel a program, all program payments made to BYU ISP will be refunded to the student's BYU financial account. ISP is the only office authorized to cancel any of its programs.