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## **UF Connections in Morocco**



Morocco is situated in Northern Africa. Its capital city is Rabat. The US Department of State estimates its total population at 33,655,786. Information about travelling to Morocco is on the <u>Department of State</u> website. The <u>Center for Disease Control and Prevention</u> also has useful travel information on their website.

The University of Florida and institutions in the country of Morocco have collaborated on a variety of initiatives that cover a broad range of subjects, including climate change and gender.

## Visiting Students, Scholars & Researchers

During the 2014–2015 academic year, UF hosted six Moroccan students and scholars.

Visiting Students, Scholars, and Researchers						
Undergraduate	Graduate	Non-degree	ОРТ	<b>Exchange Visitors</b>		
2	2	1	1	0		

## **UF Students in Morocco**

During the 2014-2015 academic year (most recent data available), 21 UF students studied in Morocco.

There are no active reciprocal agreements UF has in Morocco at this time.

Reciprocal agreements are the foundation for the exchange programs in which so many UF students are involved. In an exchange program, students pay UF tuition and are assigned UF course equivalencies for the work they do abroad. Reciprocal agreements provide for the equal exchange of students between UF and an international accredited institution. Agreements are typically valid for three years initially and can be renewed through a signed addendum, if both parties agree. For information on establishing a reciprocal agreement in Morocco, visit http://ufic.ufl.edu/Agreements-RecipProcedures.html.

### **Cooperative Agreements**

The University of Florida does not have any Cooperative Agreements with Moroccan institutions at this time.

Cooperative Agreements are broad declarations of intent for the promotion of exchanging faculty and students as well as the exchange of academic and research information. These agreements are generally valid for five years, with the possibility of renewal if both parties agree. The full list of Cooperative Agreements UF has is available at: <a href="http://ufic.ufl.edu/Agreements.html">http://ufic.ufl.edu/Agreements.html</a>.

#### **Highlights**

#### • UF study abroad programs in Morocco

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Center of African Studies, the Center for Global Islamic Studies and the Arabic Language Institute offer two exchange programs for undergraduate students.

• UF in Morocco and Senegal – Comparative Muslim Societies

This study abroad program takes place in Morocco and Senegal. The program focuses on the disciplines of anthropology, religious studies, linguistics, and popular culture. The program is hosted in the four following cities: Rabat, Fez, Marrakech, and Casablanca.

• UF in Fez – Arabic Language

Hosted by the Arabic Language Institute in Fez (ALIF), this study abroad program offers students the opportunity to earn 11 credit hours while spending nine weeks in Fez, Morocco. Through small classes of 3 to 8 students, the program offers access to the ALIF library with texts on Arab, North African, and Islamic Studies in a large Moorish-style villa. The faculty manager for this program is Dr. Soraya Bougettaya (sorayadz@ufl.edu). (Pulled from the UF in Fez webpage)

#### **Research Projects:**

Below is a table of funded research projects with an international component involving Morocco.

Funded Research Projects						
Principal	PI department	Project title	Funding	Project funding		
Investigator (PI)			agency/Sponsor			
Sandra Russo	International	Climate Change	International Center	\$18,770		
	Center	Impacts by	for Agriculture			
		Gender in	Research in the Dry			
		Morocco	Areas			

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#### **Key Connections**

- <u>Dr. Fiona McLaughlin</u> Associate Professor in the Department of Linguistics and the Department of Languages, Literatures & Cultures; affiliate faculty in the Center for African Studies and a member of the Sahel Research Group and the Center for Global Islamic Studies.
- <u>Center for Global Islamic Studies</u>
- Center for African Studies

## Adding information to this brief

If you have or are aware of a project, program, or other activity that UF has in this country that has not been included in this brief, email <u>ogre@ufic.ufl.edu</u>.