EXTENDED STUDY: MOROCCO
(MIST 253: ASPECTS OF CONTEMPORARY ARAB SOCIETIES/ FALL 2015)

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CREDITS: one credit (includes both on-campus class and three weeks in Morocco)

ON-CAMPUS COURSE: MIST 253: Aspects of Contemporary Arab Societies: Morocco

PREREQUISITES: two semesters of Arabic language (by end of fall 2015 semester), and must take Arabic during fall 2015 semester

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 1, 2015

WHERE TO APPLY: www.colgate.edu/off-campus-study/extended-study

OVERVIEW:

This extended study course concentrates on giving students a sense of the many players and elements that make up contemporary Morocco – the land, the language and its people. This requires a sense of both history and language, as well as a wide-ranging (if eclectic) understanding of the lived experience of the people. Thus, the class studies cultural aspects such food, music, historical issues, political issues, and language. The course includes a three-week trip to Morocco, which exposes the students to the actual environment in which all these aspects come together.

The three-week Morocco program will be based in Meknes, a medium-sized city in central Morocco, but will include trips to Rabat, the capital, Fez, the cultural and religious center, a rural village, and several other cultural sites. Our local partner in Morocco will be AALIM, the Arab-American Language Institute in Morocco. The schedule in Morocco will include lectures by local scholars, discussions led by the programs co-leaders, visits to cultural and historical sites, language instruction, and language partnerships with local Moroccan students that will include home visits.

Because course readings will be in English and Arabic, and class discussion will be in Arabic, all students must have completed the equivalent of two semesters of Arabic by the end of the fall 2015 semester.