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ABIC 03 – Arabic Language in Jordan (Summer Program)

Ali Baba International Center (ABIC) is an Arabic Language Institute situated in the heart of Amman, the vibrant capital of Jordan. The Center offers six summer programs; three -4week programs, two -8week programs, and one -12week program. A typical Summer program includes three core components: (1) an intensive Arabic language course, (2) comfortable, student-friendly accommodation, and (3) a dynamic schedule of extracurricular activities and guided tours to Jordan's most renowned historical and cultural sites. Further details are provided below.

Program Academics

At the heart of a summer program is the Arabic language course. Key details—such as instructional hours, proficiency levels, core textbooks, thematic content, credit transfer guidelines, and program dates—are outlined below.

•**Levels:** Each group course is offered at three main levels: beginner, intermediate, and advanced. Depending on enrollment, these levels may be further divided into sub-levels to better accommodate students' needs. Placement into small, level-appropriate groups is determined by the results of an online placement test and a pre-course interview.

•**Text Book:**

The instructional materials at ABIC are primarily drawn from two internationally recognized textbooks—Al-Kitaab and Al-Asas—and are further enriched with a range of supplementary resources and interactive activities.

•**Topics and Content:**

The course emphasizes all key language skills, including listening, speaking, pronunciation, reading, writing, vocabulary, grammar, and interactive activities. Course content is tailored by the instructor to match the students' proficiency level and specific language needs. At the intermediate and advanced levels, instruction covers a broad range of topics, including Arabic media, politics, and contemporary issues in the Arab world, among others.

Official Credit Transfer and Equivalency:

ABIC issues official transcripts upon completion of each summer program and can provide additional documentation to help home institutions facilitate direct credit transfer. Typically, one academic credit hour corresponds to every 15 to 20 contact hours completed at ABIC.



Program Dates:

ABIC's Summer 2025 term offers six program sessions, scheduled as follows:

- o **Three -4week Summer programs :** 31/7-6/7, 3/7-1/6, and 28/8-3/8.
- o **Two -8week Summer programs :** 31/7-1/6, and 28/8-6/7.
- o **One -12week Summer programs :** 28/8-1/6.

Accommodation Options

ABIC offers a range of housing options to suit different preferences, including private apartments, shared apartments, and homestays with local Jordanian families. All accommodations are conveniently located near the Center and are easily accessible by foot or a short taxi ride. For more information about each option, please visit our [Accommodation page](#).



- **Private Studio :** A compact, open-plan living space that includes a bedroom, private bathroom, and kitchenette.
- **Private Apartment :** A fully furnished unit featuring a separate bedroom, bathroom, kitchenette, and living area.
- **Shared Apartment :** A multi-bedroom unit shared with other students, offering shared access to a bathroom, kitchenette, and living area.
- **Homestay with a Local Family :** Includes a private bedroom and bathroom, along with two home-cooked meals per day, providing a culturally immersive experience.

Cultural Engagement:

On-Campus Events and Off-Campus Trips Each week, ABIC organizes a variety of engaging extracurricular activities, both on-campus and off-campus, designed to enhance students' cultural immersion and language learning experience. These activities range from interactive workshops and cultural events to guided excursions across Jordan. A sample of these activities is listed below. To explore photos and videos from past events, please visit our [Activities Gallery](#).

- **On-Campus Activities :** A variety of cultural experiences are offered on-site, including Arabic calligraphy workshops, henna design sessions, colored sand bottle art, traditional Jordanian lunch days, and cultural open house events. These activities provide hands-on engagement with Arab traditions and customs.
- **Off-Campus Trips :** The program includes three organized every month:
 - o A guided tour of downtown Amman with a traditional Jordanian breakfast (Week 1)
 - o An unforgettable visit to the ancient city of Petra (Week 2)
 - o A combined trip to Jerash and Ajloun, exploring Roman ruins and scenic hilltop castles (Week 3).
- **Language Partner Program :** Students are paired with local university students to practice conversational Arabic and build meaningful cross-cultural connections through informal language exchange.

Program Cost

Program costs vary depending on the selected accommodation option. Below is a detailed breakdown:

- **Course Tuition Fees:**
 - 1,100 for -4week summer programs
 - \$1,900 for -8week summer programs
 - \$2,700 for -12week summer programs
- **Accommodation Fees (per month):**
 - \$Homestay with a local family: \$850
 - Private studio apartment: \$650
 - Shared standard apartment: \$550

- **On-Campus Social Activities :** Included at no additional cost
- **Off-Campus Excursions :** Included, with the exception of entrance fees to historical and cultural sites

Scholarships and Financial Support

Students are encouraged to apply for external funding opportunities such as the Boren Awards, Fulbright Program, Fund for Education Abroad, Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, FLAS, and others. ABIC also offers partial financial aid to eligible students.

Registration and Admission

Enrolling in a summer program is simple and streamlined. To apply, please follow the provided instructions carefully and complete the application form in full to ensure timely processing. For registration details and to begin your application, visit our [Registration Page](#).

Registration Deadline

There is no fixed registration deadline for summer programs. Enrollment is accepted on a rolling basis, and seats are allocated in the order applications are received until the course reaches full capacity. Early registration is recommended to secure a place. Prospective students are encouraged to contact ABIC at info@alibaba.jo to inquire about current availability and receive assistance with the application process.

Student Testimonials

Student feedback plays a vital role in helping us enhance our programs and services. Testimonials are collected in two formats: written statements and recorded video messages. To view past testimonials, please visit our [Testimonials Page](#).

