



الكلية اليمنية لدراسات الشرق الأوسط  
YEMEN COLLEGE OF MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES

## Program in Arabic Language

### Program Information:

Nine terms are held throughout the year – 6 academic year and 3 summer terms.

All terms are 5 weeks long and consist of either 100 hours of group classes or 50 hours of private classes. Additional class hours can be accommodated upon request. The maximum group class size is six students but often accommodate less.

YCMES standard curriculum teaches Modern Standard Arabic (MSA) and is based on *Al-Kitab fi Ta'allum Al-Luġha Al-'Arabiyya* (Georgetown Press). Additional materials, designed by YCMES teaching staff, ideally supplements the class especially in regards to grammar, dialect, media, history, culture, etc. Specific language requests can be met through private tuition.

### Accreditation:

The YCMES is accredited by the Yemeni ministry of Higher Education. Students are issued a certificate of program complementation and a transcript at the end of their studies at the YCMES provided that they successfully complete the corresponding terms. Weekly quizzes, class participation, homework are taken into account in addition to one mid-term and one final exam to allow students to pass.

Most American and European universities agree on transferring credits based on YCMES transcripts. Students are however advised to contact their universities and obtain prior approval from the concerned office prior to requesting credit transfer.

### Our 2012 summer term dates are as follows:

Term 7 - June 10th- July 11th

Term 8 - July 15th- August 15th

Term 9 - August 26th- September 26th (including a one-week break for Eid Al-Fitr)

### Our 2011/2012 academic year term dates are as follows:

Term 1 - October 02 to November 02

Term 2 - November 13 to December 14

Term 3 - January 08 to February 08

Term 4 - February 12 to March 14

Term 5 - March 25 to April 25

Term 6 - April 29 to May 30

PAL regular package includes:

- Tuition for Arabic language courses (group class)
- Housing (shared room)- different prices are available for private rooms/ private rooms with bathroom
- Roundtrip airfare (from Washington, NYC for US applicants; from Paris/Frankfurt/Roma for European applicants)
- Visas and residency permits
- 1 meal per day (breakfast) 5 days per week
- Cultural activities (qat chews, cooking lessons, Yemeni music concerts, etc.)
- Day Trips throughout the country
- Library, wireless internet, 24/7 guards, and other various services

Our 2012 summer discounted prices, which apply to terms 7, 8 and 9 of this year are as follows:

***For US Applicants***

1 term \$2,690  
2 terms \$3,656  
3 terms \$4,439

***For European Applicants***

1 term €1,480  
2 terms €2,255  
3 terms €3,004

Please refer to the pricing table on our [admissions page](#) for our standard package prices.

YCMES Location:

The YCMES facilities are conveniently located at the edge of the old city near Tahrir Square. We provide a fully equipped, modern Yemeni-style building with classrooms, living space, and electronic equipment such as satellite TV links, e-mail access, TVs and cassette players to aid in learning Arabic. All student housing provides comfortable single and double rooms, shared bathrooms, common areas for socializing and studying, and fully equipped kitchens. The required textbook for Arabic classes, al-Kitaab fi Ta'alum al-Arabiya (الكتاب في تعلم اللغة العربية) can be purchased here for \$65, or in your home country.

Helpful Links:

- You might find our [student handbook](#) helpful as you consider the possibility of studying at the YCMES.
- If you'd like to have a better sense of life on the ground here in Yemen, check out our [student blog](#).
- You can apply by filling out the [application form](#) and sending it to me.
- Fees and calendar for PCMES (Program in Contemporary of Middle Eastern Studies): <http://ycmes.org/pcmesfees.html>
- Program description, PCMES: <http://ycmes.org/pcmes.html>
- Program description, Arabic: <http://ycmes.org/pal.html>