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NOOR MAJAN ARABIC INSTITUTE

STUDY ARABIC IN OMAN



“INNOVATORS IN ARABIC LANGUAGE
AND CULTURAL EDUCATION”

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Had I not been able to attend Noor Majan on this scholarship, I no doubt would have given up on learning Arabic. However, thanks to the language gains I've acquired during my time here [at Noor Majan], I have confidence in myself, strengthening my foundation in Arabic and now I have every intention to build upon the knowledge that I acquired here...”

*-Critical Language Scholarship
Participant, Summer 2017*

A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE



Noor Majan believes in crafting educationally rigorous programs to meet students' individual academic goals

Located at the heart of Ibri's historic souq, Noor Majan Arabic Institute is a hub of innovation in language and cultural education. Since its establishment in 2013, Noor Majan has slowly built a reputation as the leading Arabic language institute in the Sultanate. The institute hosts more than 150 students per year from over 15 different countries and 30 different universities. It is the institute of choice for the U.S. Department of State's prestigious Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) program and has earned a reputation for producing results.

At the heart of Noor Majan's success is its team of qualified and experienced language instructors. Nearly all of the instructors have earned an advanced graduate degree and have participated in intensive professional development workshops and training. Above all, Noor Majan's teaching staff comprises passionate and highly motivated individuals focused on supporting student's academic goals and needs.

Noor Majan's courses are designed to give students the confidence and ability to effectively communicate and engage in Arabic. Utilizing a unique approach to language and cultural acquisition, Noor Majan stands to be the front-runner of Arabic language education in the region.

UNIVERSITIES & ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED

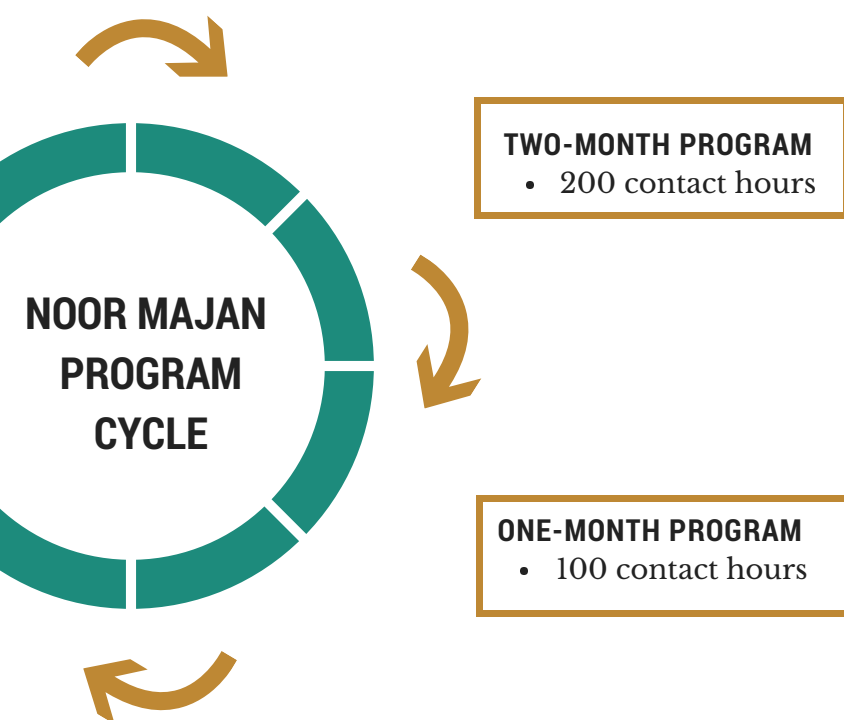
- Critical Language Scholarship
- Princeton University
- Bryn Mayr College
- Harvard University
- School of Oriental and African Studies
- University of Freiburg
- Grand Valley State University
- George Washington University
- Georgetown University
- University of Oklahoma
- Virginia Tech University
- University of Arizona
- University of New Mexico
- University of Kentucky
- University of Texas at Austin
- Texas A&M University
- University of Road Island
- Portland State University
- German Embassy of Oman
- Brigham Young University
- Ohio State University
- University of Mississippi



OUR PROGRAMS



PROGRAMS



Noor Majan offers intensive Arabic language courses that are either two months or one month in length. The two options were built to accommodate the needs and time constraints of university students and professionals alike. The continuous nature of Noor Majan's programs enables students to enter at any point during the year and study for as short as one month or for as long as one year.

The two-month program consists of 200 contact hours, while the one-month program is 100 contact hours. Classes meet for five teaching hours per day, five days a week, a total of 25 contact hours per week.

In addition to the classroom contact hours, students will also receive two hours of language partner practice every week. During this time students will be challenged to apply their classroom knowledge to real-life situations.

Noor Majan understands the financial constraints of students and encourages the prolonged study of Arabic through responsible pricing. Thus, students receive discounts for continuous study of the language. For more information please contact us. All monthly prices include the following below.

- Tuition (100/200 contact hours)
- Accommodation
- Lunch during class days
- Excursions
- 2 hours of language partner practice per week
- Airport pickup

PROGRAM PRICES

ONE MONTH	TWO MONTHS
950 OMR	1900 OMR
~\$2,470 USD	~\$4,935 USD

** Please check the website for the most updated prices*

METHODOLOGY

OUR UNIQUE APPROACH

INTENSIVE ARABIC LANGUAGE PROGRAM

LEVELS OFFERED

Arabic 101- Novice Low

Arabic 102- Novice Mid

Arabic 201- Novice High

Arabic 202- Intermediate Low

Arabic 301- Intermediate Mid

Arabic 302- Intermediate High

Arabic 401- Advanced Low

Arabic 402- Advanced Mid

Arabic 501- Advanced High

Arabic 502- Superior

DAILY CONCENTRATIONS

Foundational
Knowledge
in MSA

- Grammar
- Conversation
- Book exercises
- Public speaking



Skills
Development

- Listening
- Reading
- Writing
- Speaking



Application of
knowledge and
skills through
Media Literacy

- Listening comprehension
- Discussions
- Debates
- Presentations
- Dialect recognition



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SUCCESSFUL LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

Noor Majan believes that successful language acquisition occurs when students are repeatedly challenged to utilize and develop their listening, speaking, reading, and writing abilities in a structured environment. Thus, Noor Majan's methodology reflects this idea by dividing instruction time into three distinct concentrations: foundational knowledge in Modern Standard Arabic (MSA), skills development, and application of knowledge and skills through media literacy.

Throughout the three concentrations Noor Majan utilizes *Al Kitaab Fi Ta'allum Al-'Arabiyya* (Mahmoud Al Batal) as the primary course material and complementary material from *Al Kitaab Al-Asasi* (1-3) by El-Said Badawi, *Modern Standard Arabic* (Eckehard Schultz) and *Ahlan Wa Sahlan* (Mahdi Alosch). All courses draw upon authentic and relevant material to engage the student with appropriate usage of the language.

The institute follows and applies international teaching standards set by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL), with the ability to teach nine distinct levels from beginner to advanced.

LANGUAGE PARTNERS

To solidify the knowledge and skills gained in the formal classroom environment, students are placed with a language partner for a total of two hours per week. This allows students to apply their classroom knowledge in the real world and gain confidence.

These language partners more than often become good friends with the students and act as a local ambassadors of Oman and Ibri.

Noor Majan's language partners are chosen through an extensive interview process and once chosen are given training in effective intercultural communication and language engagement strategies.



STUDENT HOUSING



STUDENT APARTMENTS

Students at Noor Majan stay at the institute's student apartments. This type of accommodation is covered by the course fee. The apartments themselves are gender-segregated within a shared building on Ibri's main road, within walking distance of restaurants, shops, laundry services, and the taxi and bus stations.

The apartments consist of shared two, three or four bedroom apartments. Bedrooms are double occupancy, and depending on capacity, students may upgrade their room to single occupancy for an additional fee. The fully equipped kitchen, lounge area, bathrooms, washing machines and flat screen TVs are for shared usage within one apartment. All apartments are equipped with WiFi internet access. Bed linen is provided, students need to bring their own towels.

HOST FAMILIES

Female students have the opportunity to live with Omani host families for the duration of their course. For this arrangement Noor Majan charges an additional 150 OMR per month. The family provides a bed, wardrobe and bed linen, but students must bring their own towels. Students share the regular family meals. Our host families are carefully selected and understand the importance of Arabic language practice in the home. They are eager to make students feel at home and as part of the family, and to facilitate their immersion into Omani culture. Our host families typically live in detached villas or on farms; some of them live in extended families and/or polygamous marriages and most families have children of different ages.





CULTURAL COMPONENTS

CULTURAL EXCURSIONS

Noor Majan holds the belief that culture is an inseparable component of language learning; thus, the institute organizes semi-weekly cultural excursions around Ibri and Oman. These excursions represent additional opportunities to explore the country, and also serve as a continuation and important enhancement of their language studies. Language partners and teachers are invited on excursions as supervisors, with the purpose of linguistically engaging students and enhancing their social and personal bonds. Locations of excursions are determined by factors including season, weather, safety, and availability of local hosts and guides. Below are a list of typical excursions:

- Exploring the historic towns around Ibri
- Strolling among Ibri's date palm pastoral lands
- Horseback riding near the Sultan's stables in Ibri
- Visiting Nizwa's renowned souq and fort
- Camping among the dunes in the Empty Quarter
- Hiking through the valleys of Wadi Shaab and Wadi Bani Khald
- Trekking along the falaj irrigation system in the mountain oasis of Misfat Al-Abreyen and Al-Hamra
- Visiting Muscat, Oman's capital city and its souqs, museums, and sites



ADDITIONAL CULTURAL COMPONENTS

Alongside Noor Majan's cultural excursions, the institute seeks to engage students in meaningful activities aimed at strengthening both their cultural immersion and linguistic abilities. These activities are divided between the linguistic enhancement component and cultural activities.

Within the linguistic enhancement component Noor Majan hosts lectures in Arabic on subjects such as "Women in the Gulf," "The Tradition of Ibadhisim in Oman," and "Traditions of Ramadan in Oman." To further support students, Noor Majan hosts Arabic language table night, where locals come and interact with students at a restaurant.

Noor Majan's cultural activities include Arabic movie nights, Arabic calligraphy workshops, and cultural exchange activities with locals in Ibri.



STRIVING FOR INNOVATION



Noor Majan maintains the belief that innovation must be at the core of our programs. From our curriculum to our cultural programs, Noor Majan is constantly redefining the traditional model of Arabic language and cultural education. Through carefully crafted language and cultural programs Noor Majan aims to broaden students' understanding of the region, while helping them reach their goals. This is why Noor Majan has developed two unique partnerships with the Al Amana Centre in Muscat and the Arab American Language Institute in Morocco (AALIM).

AL AMANA CENTRE

Located near the historic Mutrah Souq in Muscat, Al Amana Centre has been an integral part of Oman's modern developmental history, and is now at the forefront of Christian-Muslim dialogue and relations. Al Amana Centre's work is rooted in a legacy of over 120 years of interfaith cooperation. In 1893, members of the Reformed Church in America (RCA), with the blessing of Sultan Qaboos, arrived in Muscat to serve the people of Oman. With the help of Omanis, the RCA began a program of medical and educational development. Following the nationalization of Oman's medical and educational sectors in the 1970s, a new vision emerged in response to the challenges of a world in which tensions between Christians and Muslims were on the rise. The Reformed Church in America encouraged the creation of an ecumenical center to work on building bridges of understanding and cooperation between Muslims and Christians. Al Amana was created out of this idea and now works with religious, educational, civic, and government leaders of Oman to develop programs in Christian-Muslim dialogue and relations.



COLLABORATION: NOOR MAJAN & AL AMANA

Al Amana Centre and Noor Majan believe that increased engagement through language and culture leads to mutual understanding and respect. This belief allowed the two organizations to collaborate and form a unique program focused on intensive language studies and inter-faith dialogue .

Students participating in this program through the Al Amana Centre take six weeks of an intensive Arabic language course at Noor Majan in Ibri and then move on to Muscat for the rest of the semester, focusing on Muslim-Christian relations. The six-week Arabic intensive course is necessary to give students the confidence and ability to effectively engage in interfaith dialogue, and it provides a strong cultural background. The stark contrasts of Ibri and Muscat also gives students a unique insight to the diversity of Oman and its people.

Noor Majan is honored to have partnered with Al Amana Centre in this regard, and is committed to fostering understanding through education and language.

For more information on this program and the Al Amana Centre please visit www.alamanacentre.org.



NOOR MAJAN



RIHLA PROGRAM

“AN EPIC JOURNEY FROM OMAN TO MOROCCO”

WHAT IS THE RIHLA PROGRAM?

The geographical immensity of the Arabic speaking world poses challenges for students who wish to gain sufficient exposure to various dialects of Arabic and the cultural diversity of the Arab world. To address this, Noor Majan and the Arab-American Language Institute in Morocco (AALIM) teamed up to provide students the opportunity to study in both Oman and Morocco under one the Rihla program, named after the Arabic word for "journey".

Noor Majan and AALIM are both recognized as leading Arabic institutes in their respective countries and are sister sites for the U.S. Department of State's Critical Language Scholarship Program. Together, the two institutes aim at reconciling the cultural and linguistic differences between two ends of the Arab speaking world in the minds of the students. Through collaboration on curriculum and cultural programs, the Rihla Program allows students to experience the similarities and differences between the two countries.

The Rihla Program offers both summer and semester options. The summer program is focused on Arabic language and culture, with four weeks spent in Morocco and four weeks in Oman. The semester program aims to broaden students' understanding of the MENA region through economics and Arabic, with six-seven weeks spent in Oman and ten weeks in Morocco. For the most updated program information, please contact Noor Majan or AALIM.

SUMMER PROGRAM - 8 WEEKS

4 weeks in Morocco
+
4 weeks in Oman

- 20 hours/week of Arabic
- 2 language partner sessions/week
- Cultural activities some afternoons
- Housing: Shared apartments or host families
- Cultural excursions around Oman
- Airline ticket between Morocco and Oman

Cost = \$5,500

SEMESTER PROGRAM - 16/17 WEEKS

6-7 weeks in OMAN

+

10 weeks in Morocco

- 20 hours/week of Arabic
- 2 language partner sessions per week
- Cultural activities some afternoons
- Cultural excursions around Oman
- Housing: shared apartments
- Visits to Omani families
- Airline ticket between Oman and Morocco

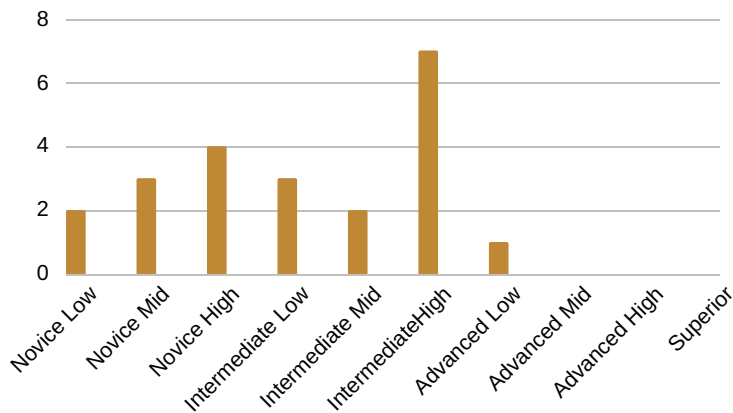
Cost = \$12,820

- Economic Focus: 3 classes at the Moulay Ismail University (UMI) in Meknes
- AALIM faculty attend UMI classes and provide content support (1 hour of content debrief per class; 3 hours of Arabic language per week)
- 1 other content course at AALIM
- Moroccan host families
- 2 language partner sessions per week

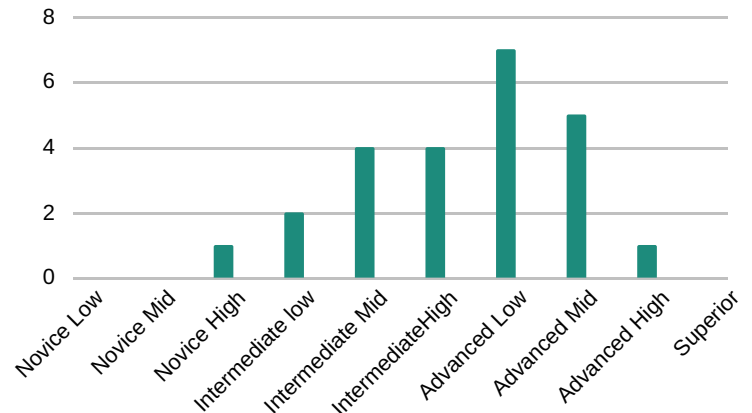
RESULTS DRIVEN

Critical Language Scholarship Program OPI Results, 2016

Pre-Program- June, 2016

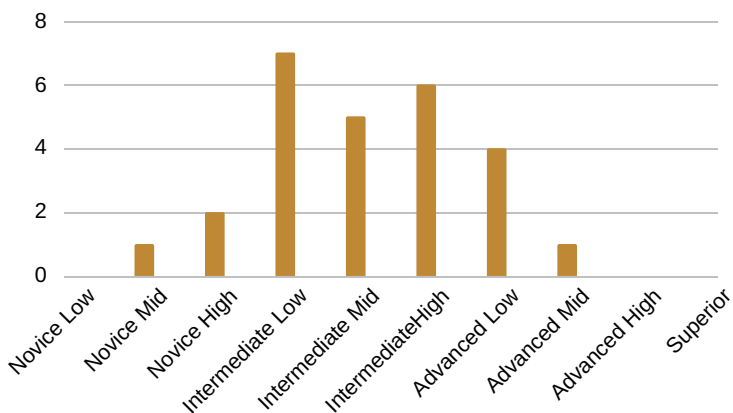


Post-Program-July, 2016

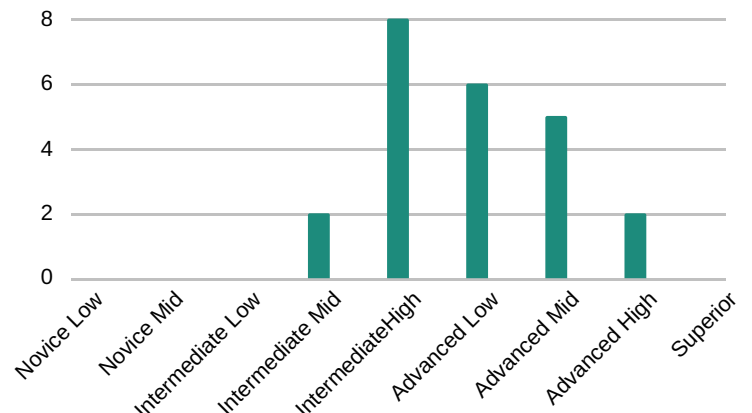


Critical Language Scholarship Program OPI Results, 2015

Pre-Program- June, 2015



Post-Program-July, 2015



My classes overall were effective practice that helped me learn a lot of grammar and vocab; greatly improve my speaking ability in a positive environment.

-Critical Language Scholarship Participant, Summer 2016



NOOR MAJAN AT A GLANCE



STUDENT-TO-TEACHER
RATIO



ARABIC LANGUAGE
INSTITUTE IN OMAN



DIFFERENT LANGUAGE
LEVELS OFFERED



HOURS OF LANGUAGE PARTNER
PRACTICE WEEKLY



HOURS OF FORMAL LANGUAGE
INSTRUCTION DAILY



HOURS OF FORMAL LANGUAGE
INSTRUCTION MONTHLY



COUNTRIES REPRESENTED
YEARLY



STUDENTS YEARLY



UNIVERSITIES REPRESENTED
YEARLY



THE SULTANATE OF OMAN

Oman is a peaceful refuge in the Gulf region rich in diversity and culture. Oman success lies in its reconciliation of traditional cultural heritage and modernity. It is a land of jagged mountains, lush green hills touched by monsoon showers in the South, and vast deserts. This diverse landscape is also home to some of the most welcoming and hospitable people in the world. Omanis present all the best qualities of Arab culture, from their warm smiles to their unrivaled hospitality.

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SAFEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD
World Economic Forum, 2017 Report



**MOST AFFORDABLE
DESTINATION IN THE GULF**



IBRI, OMAN

AN OASIS NESTLED BY THE MOUNTAINS

Study in the shadow of Ibri's great fort, walk among the pastoral lands of Sulief and Ibri, embrace the eastern wind on top of Ibri's mountains, and drink a cup of Karak tea with local vendors in the souq. These are among my fondest memories of Ibri and Noor Majan.

Carlo Aragon- Boren Scholar, 2013

Ibri belongs to the Dhahira region in Oman and is one of the sites of the country's earliest human habitation. Today, Ibri has a population of over 100,000 and is also the regional capital. Ibri has long been a strategic crossroad between Oman and the other Gulf states as it lies in almost equal distance to Muscat, Dubai and Abu Dhabi (between 220 and 330 km), as well as between Nizwa in the Omani interior and Sohar on the Omani Gulf coast (both less than a two hour drive from Ibri). Given its strategic location, Ibri has a long history as a trade route for caravans, hence its name which means "point of transit."

Due to its proximity to the world's largest sand desert, appropriately named the "Empty Quarter," Ibri has a desert climate with very low humidity. During the winter months from November through March, Ibri enjoys relatively cool weather with temperatures ranging between 18 and 30 degrees Celsius (low 60s to mid 80s, Fahrenheit), which at times can even drop to a relatively 'chilly' 10 degrees. There is some rainfall in February and March, however, during the season when the dates are harvested, from May to September, temperatures can reach 30 to 50 degrees with very little rainfall, necessitating the usage of air conditioning.

Ibri boasts a number of historic sites, the most prominent among them being the 400-year old Ibri fort and its famous gates known as "Sabahat," located right beside the well-preserved old souq of Ibri. Inside the fort there is an old mosque where Friday congregational prayers are held. Amongst the most prominent archeological sites in and near Ibri is the UNESCO World Heritage site of Bat with its prehistoric beehive tombs



THE TEAM



Sultan Al Farsi
Institute Director



Hussein Al Farsi
Academic Director



Samira Selle
Director of Marketing and
Student Affairs

Sultan holds a master's degree in teaching Arabic and German as foreign languages from the University of Leipzig, Germany. He served as the Director of the Language Department at the World Learning Oman Center in Muscat until 2011. In this role he developed and implemented high-quality Arabic language programs. Due to his passion and dedication he was tasked with implementing and overseeing the U.S. Government's Critical Language Scholarship Program in Oman and the Omani Diwan Funded SALAM Program. Today, Sultan passionately oversees all aspects of Noor Majan's operations and serves as a valuable resource in the professionalization of the field of Arabic language teaching in Oman.

Hussein holds a master's degree in Teaching Arabic from University of Nizwa and is currently pursuing his Ph.D from the International Islamic University in Malaysia, focusing on the use of classical Arabic poetry as learning tools in a classroom. He has served as a consultant with the Omani government in improving Arabic language teaching throughout the Sultanate. His passion for Arabic language led him to teach at the highest levels internationally, working with the U.S. Government's Critical Language Scholarship Program, and the Omani Diwan Funded SALAM Program. His experience in teaching Arabic to non-native speakers and expertise in Arabic grammar, rhetoric, and classic poetry have added to Noor Majan's strong academic commitment and unique teaching methodology.

Samira holds a master's degree in Middle East Studies, Political Science, and French Civilization from the University of Leipzig. She previously served as the Academic Director of the World Learning Oman Center, teaching courses on Middle East Studies and research methodologies. At Noor Majan, Samira serves as the first point of contact for students and oversees the registration and records management of the institute. Born in Germany, with Yemeni roots, Samira weaves her international experiences in supporting students throughout their study in Oman.



Dr. Saif Al Azri
Instructor

Saif is one of our most dedicated and talented teachers. With a Ph.D in the techniques of teaching the Arabic language he uses modern teaching techniques and authentic source materials to enable students to attain their highest potential in Arabic.



Latifa Rashid
Instructor

After graduating as an Arabic teacher with honors, Latifa was looking for an unusual challenge and decided to join Noor Majan. She has been teaching at Noor Majan for 3+ years. She is currently completing her master's in Arabic as a Foreign Language at the University of Nizwa.



Youssef Al Jassasi
Instructor

Youssef holds 30+ years experience in foreign language teaching. He holds a master's degree in TESOL and served as a consultant with Omani Ministry of Education, designing and implementing foreign language courses. After hosting Noor Majan students. He decided to use his skills in Arabic as a Foreign Language and began teaching at the institute.



Ibtisam Al Muqballi
Instructor

Ibtisam made her passion for the Arabic language her vocation and started teaching at Noor Majan in 2013. She is known for her innovation in developing unique curricula and has a good sense of humor. She is currently completing her master's in Arabic as a Foreign Language at the University of Nizwa.



Huzaim Al Ma'ni
Instructor

Huzaim hails from the coastal town of Shnas and holds years of experience in teaching Arabic. In his previous capacity he developed curriculum and taught for the U.S. Department of State's Foreign Service Institute year abroad program in Muscat. He is passionate about Arabic and is on his way to complete a master's degree in teaching Arabic as a Foreign language at the University of Nizwa.



Omar Ali
Public Relations Officer

Omar is responsible for Noor Majan's logistics and is the primary bus driver for the institute. He often serves as a liaison for Noor Majan between government offices and other private institutions. He loves to strike up conversations with students and is a good guide to Ibri and Oman in general.



Carlo James Aragón
Associate Director of Business Development

Born and raised in New Mexico, USA, Carlo, discovered a passion for Arabic through he NSLI-Y Scholarship program in Egypt, 2010. Since then he has attained fluency in Arabic and has 3+ years of experience in Oman both as a student and as professional. He holds a bachelor's in Political Science and Foreign Languages from the University of New Mexico and is on his way to earn a Master's in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School at Tufts University.



Mohammed Al Shueili
Administrative Assistant

Mohammed holds bachelor's in Human Resources Management and served as a language partner with Noor Majan. He is the go-to person for all of the institute's activities and ensures the smooth running of all of the institutes English and Arabic courses. He often joins students on excursions and serves as an invaluable resource on Omani culture and Ibri.



Mohammed Taher
Grounds Keeper

Mohammed Taher is Noor Majan's facilities manager who has a huge passion for helping others. He assists Mohamed Al Shueili and Omar Ali in ensuring the smooth flow of day to day operations and oversees all of the grounds at the institute and at the student accommodations.



#OMAN WHERE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE MEET



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