



*Study Arabic in Oman*







# A DAY WITH NOOR MAJAN

*Your Address for Studying Arabic in Oman*

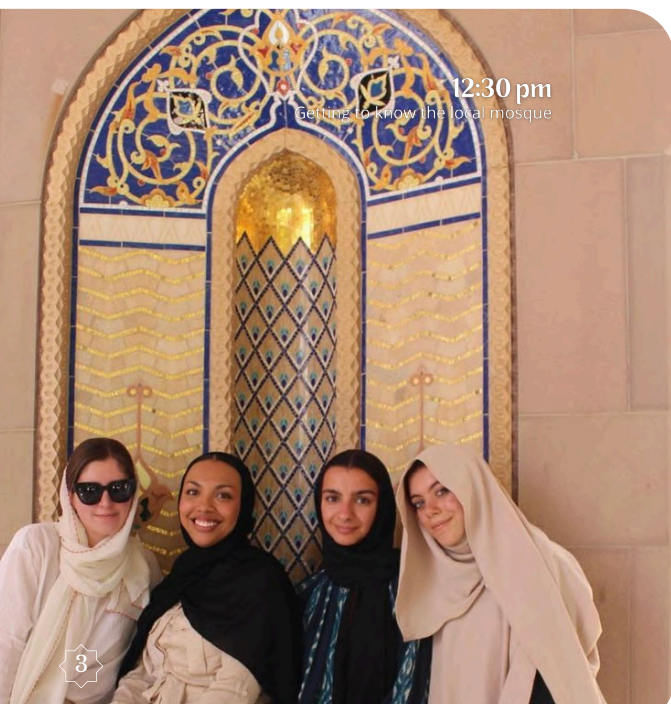
5:20 am  
Hearing the the Fajr call to prayer



7:45 am  
Enjoying an Omani breakfast



9:30 am  
Immersed in Arabic class



12:30 pm  
Getting to know the local mosque



1:45 pm  
Finishing up the day's classwork



2:30 pm  
Energizing with a shay karak



6:30 pm  
Picnicking under the desert sky



5:00 pm  
Adventuring with new friends



7:15 pm  
Networking with your language partner



### **Wajahat Mohiuddin, University of Houston**

“I always enjoyed sessions with our language partners. My language partner also hung out with us outside of the scheduled times so this enhanced my language learning experience. I got to use the Omani Arabic that we learned outside of the classroom to speak to his family and friends and exchange stories and ideas. I am still in contact with quite a few Omani friends.”

— Summer 2023 program participant, Nizwa

### **Avery Kurzontkowski, University of Texas at Austin**

“The Noor Majan Arabic Institute was more than welcoming with engaging classes and incredible weekend trips. I spent nine weeks living in Oman, studying Arabic for five hours per day, five days a week. Besides time in the classroom, I visited the cities of Salalah and Nizwa, as well as enjoying the ocean, desert, and mountains through hiking and snorkeling.”

— Summer 2024 program participant, Muscat



### **Finbar Tilley, University of Edinburgh**

“Seven months of immersion in the vibrant culture and language of Oman has indubitably elevated my Arabic but additionally has broadened my perspective and enriched my appreciation for the unique beauty of Omani culture. I have had some fantastic experiences this year and I am leaving with exceptional memories and lifelong friendships only made possible through the language partner program.”

— 2023–2024 academic year program participant, Muscat

# TWO CAMPUSES, TWO EXPERIENCES



We operate two institutes in distinct parts of the country. Though only a two-and-a-half-hour drive apart, these locations reflect two different sides of Omani life: Muscat, the vibrant coastal capital, and Nizwa, a historic provincial city nestled between mountains and the expansive sands of the Empty Quarter.

Each location offers a unique learning atmosphere and structure. Noor Majan in Muscat provides an all-inclusive package. On the other hand, the Daaris Institute in Nizwa charges students exclusively for tuition and housing, thus allowing students greater liberty to budget add-ons like weekend trips and food.



All-inclusive fees			Fees cover tuition and housing only
Large city (Muscat)			Small city (Nizwa)
Structured excursions and language partners			Independent exploration according to your budget



	Noor Majan (Muscat)		Daaris Institute (Nizwa)	
<b>J-TERM</b> (January term)	Jan 4 – Jan 29	1225 OMR (\$3,180)	Jan 4 – Jan 29	600 OMR (\$1,560)
<b>SPRING SEMESTER I</b>	Jan 4 – Apr 30	4800 OMR (\$12,470)	Feb 1 – May 21	2400 OMR (\$6,230)
<b>SPRING SEMESTER II</b>	May 3 – May 21	2445 OMR (\$6,350)		
<b>SUMMER I</b>	May 31 – Jul 23	2405 OMR (\$6,250)	—	—
<b>SUMMER II</b>	Jul 26 – Aug 27	1520 OMR (\$3,950)	—	—
<b>FALL SEMESTER</b>	Aug 30 – Dec 17	4800 OMR (\$12,470)	Sep 20 – Dec 24	2100 OMR (\$5,450)

For the latest course dates, make sure to check our website or email us at [info@noormajan-institute.com](mailto:info@noormajan-institute.com).



\* Full and spring semester courses are usually 13 to 15 weeks long, but may vary from year to year. Please note that through 2030, the spring semesters will include additional breaks due to the Islamic Eid holidays.  
 \*\* The above dates and prices are exact for the 2026 calendar year. Dates vary slightly from year to year, check our website for current dates or reach out to us at [info@noormajan-institute.com](mailto:info@noormajan-institute.com).  
 \*\*\* The prices listed here for the Daaris Institute are special rates for students currently enrolled in an institute of higher education at any degree level.



# TOTAL IMMERSION

Mark Voss • Students talk to merchants during an excursion | Ibri Old Souq

“ Noor | نور Majan | مجان  
 (n.) light, illumination (proper n.) an ancient civilization that encompassed what is today Oman

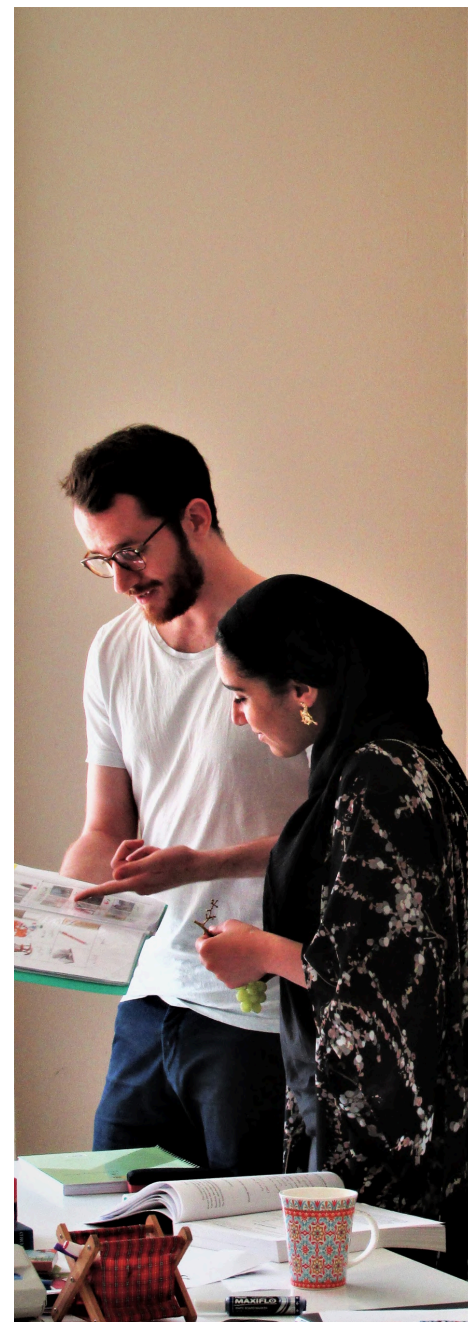
The Noor Majan Arabic Institute was founded in 2012 with a name that speaks to Oman’s Islamic modernity (Noor) and its rich history on the Arabian Peninsula (Majan). Ten years later, the institute has emerged as a premier site for studying Arabic abroad in the Gulf region. From its eight original students in 2012, the institute today serves more than 200 students annually from over 15 countries.

Noor Majan’s **Muscat campus** and our **Daaris Institute in Nizwa** provide students the flexibility to choose programs more suited to their unique needs and interests. Together with a team of Omani instructors, enthusiastic staff, and a welcoming community, we invite you to achieve your Arabic language study goals with us. We offer programs geared towards expatriates, study-abroad students, and professionals and welcome you all to seek out a unique experience here in Oman.

## UNIVERSITIES & ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED

- Brigham Young University
- Bryn Mawr College
- Embassies of France, Germany, Ethiopia, India, Singapore, Turkey, the U.S., and the UK
- George Washington University
- Georgetown University
- Grand Valley State University
- Harvard University
- Leiden University (The Netherlands)
- Ohio State University
- Portland State University
- Princeton University
- School of Oriental and African Studies (UK)
- Texas A&M University
- U.S. Air Force Academy
- U.S. Naval Academy
- University of Arizona
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Freiburg (Germany)
- University of Kentucky
- University of Mississippi
- University of New Mexico
- University of North Georgia
- University of Oklahoma
- University of Rhode Island
- University of Texas at Austin
- Virginia Tech University

... and more!





# ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

Mark Voss • A Noor Majan student mingles with language partners

## COURSE OFFERINGS

Before arriving in Oman, Noor Majan students take a comprehensive placement exam online that assigns them to one of 11 levels as defined by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL).

In addition to the core instruction program in MSA, students can arrange to take elective classes for additional fees. These courses are taken privately or as institutional small-group classes for an additional fee.

### INTENSIVE MSA PROGRAM

#### Base MSA Course

Noor Majan offers 11 levels of Arabic instruction corresponding to the ACTFL's language proficiency levels.



#### Media Arabic

Focuses on applying reading comprehension skills to consume news, literature, and current world events.

### ELECTIVE OFFERINGS

#### Omani Dialect

Innovative dialect classes that impart students with an understanding of Omani Arabic, which is a dialect of Gulf Arabic.

#### Arab Poetry

Advanced Arabic taught through the lens of the language's poetic greats.

#### Arabic for Research

Ideal for researchers studying historical Arabic source materials for theses, dissertations, publications, and more.

### LEVELS\*

Arabic 101: Novice Low	A1
Arabic 102: Novice Mid	
Arabic 201: Novice High	
Arabic 202: Intermediate Low	A2
Arabic 301: Intermediate Mid	
Arabic 302: Intermediate High	B1
Arabic 401: Advanced Low	B2
Arabic 402: Advanced Mid	
Arabic 501: Advanced High	C1
Arabic 502: Superior	C2
Arabic 503: Distinguished	

\* Approximate equivalency between the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) proficiency levels and the Common European Framework of Reference.

## METHODOLOGY

Noor Majan's methodology places equal importance of speaking, reading, writing, and listening and strives for students to advance in all four areas. Instruction time is divided between two distinct concentrations:

- Foundational knowledge in Modern Standard Arabic
- Application of knowledge and skills through media literacy

Throughout both concentrations, Noor Majan utilizes the third edition of *Al Kitaab Fi Ta'allum Al-'Arabiyya* (Mahmoud Al Batal) as the primary course material. Complementary material from *Al Kitaab Al-Asasi (1-3)* (El-Said Badawi), *Modern Standard Arabic* (Eckehard Schultz), and *Ahlan Wa Sahlan* (Mahdi Alish) may also be used. The media Arabic class in particular draws on authentic and relevant material selected by our instructors to demonstrate real-world applications of the language skills.

We follow the international teaching standards set by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages and teach Arabic at all eleven ACTFL-defined levels.

## LANGUAGE PARTNERS

All Noor Majan students in Muscat\* meet with an Omani language partner for a total of two hours a week. This allows students to apply their classroom knowledge to the real world and gain confidence. Language partners often invite students to accompany them on outings and to cultural events, bringing students in closer contact with the host community.

Noor Majan's language partners are chosen through a competitive interview process. Once selected, they are given training in effective intercultural communication and language engagement strategies.

Many students form long-lasting bonds with their language partner that extend beyond the duration of the program. We encourage our students to engage with their language partners in social settings outside the two hours a week of structured conversation practice.

*\* Language partners are part of the tuition package in Muscat. Students at the Daaris Institute in Nizwa are encouraged to engage with Nizwa's vibrant university community for independent immersion.*



Mark Voss • Jibreen Castle, Bahla



Mark Voss • An impromptu study session during a weekend excursion • Al Sharqiyah region



Students with one of their Arabic instructors during the Eid holiday • Ibbi

# NOOR MAJAN-MUSCAT

📍 The Shadow Building in Muscat (right), home to Noor Majan's classrooms



معهد نور مجان للتدريس  
Noor Majan Arabic Institute

## THE CAMPUS

The Noor Majan–Muscat campus is located in a modern and multi-story building at the heart of the Al-Khuwair shopping and commercial district. The campus is surrounded by a number of lively restaurants, stores, and cafés and is near essential services such as hospitals and pharmacies.

Noor Majan–Muscat's centralized location places students equidistant from places of interest in Muscat. The campus is located 10 minutes away from the Al-Qurum Beach, the Muscat Royal Opera House, the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, and less than 15 minutes from Muscat International Airport.



📍 Meriem Mohraz • The Summer 2024 Muscat cohort out and about 📍 Muttrah Souq, Muscat

\*A contact hour is equivalent to 50 minutes of instruction time.



📍 The Al Khuwair Mountain as seen from the upper floors of the building that hosts Noor Majan

## PROGRAMS

Programs at the Muscat campus are highly flexible and range from short term programs such as a 4-week winter term, and 4-week, 6-week, and 8-week programs throughout the year. There are also long-term programs for students who want to do a full semester or year abroad. Students can start at any of the 11 levels offered at any time of the year. All programs amount to 25 contact hours per week or 100 contact hours\* per month. All students additionally receive two hours of language partner practice every week.



*Program price at the Noor Majan main campus in Muscat includes:*

- Tuition (100 hours monthly)
- Exclusions & cultural activities
- Accommodations
- Two hours of structured language partner practice weekly
- Airport pickup
- Student visa


# MUSCAT

مسقط



## A PEARL ON THE GULF

*Wedged between the sea and the jagged rocks of the Hajar Mountains, Muscat is rather quiet in comparison to its neighbor Dubai. Under the surface of its pearly cityscape, however, is a cosmopolitan culture that speaks to its history as a port for ships from all corners of the globe.*

 1,400,000 residents (rank in Oman: 1)

One possible meaning for the name Muscat is “falling place,” a fitting name for a city where merchant ships have dropped their anchors for centuries. Muscat reflects this history in its cultural diversity as a crossroads between East Africa, South Asia, and the entire Arab Gulf. Today, nearly one and a half million people live in the greater Muscat area, including the suburban areas of Muttrah and Seeb.

Different from the dazzling skylines of Dubai or Doha, Oman’s capital maintains an unassuming appearance of low, whitewashed buildings. As the country’s political capital, the city hosts many of Oman’s most spectacular mosques, museums, and cultural sites. Among the most iconic representations of the city are the sprawling Sultan Qaboos Mosque and the Sultan’s Palace. Muscat boasts many luxury hotels, shopping centers, and of course, sandy beaches for relaxing getaways. A long coastal road connects Muscat to the Muttrah port, home to a teeming souq. Here, students can put their Arabic to use while shopping for frankincense, Omani handicrafts, Islamic artwork, national clothes, and much more.

Students who come to Muscat enjoy the international environment and social atmosphere to converse with Arabic speakers from across the region. The city’s well-connected international airport allows for direct travel to many regional and global destinations.





Mark Voss | Falaj Irrigation System, Wadi Dhahir al-Fawaris

## EXCURSIONS

Noor Majan treats culture as an inseparable component of language learning. Thus, students studying in Muscat are invited to participate in semi-weekly cultural excursions around Oman as part of their tuition package. These excursions represent opportunities to explore the country and serve to complement their language studies and are included in the tuition package. Locations of excursions are determined by factors including season, weather, safety, and availability of local hosts and guides.

### NIZWA FORT AND SOUQ

2 days • History and culture

Immerse yourself in the rich heritage of Nizwa, Oman's de facto cultural and religious capital. Nizwa's market with its live animal auctions and friendly people make it a consistent favorite destination.

### AL SHARQIYAH REGION

2 days • Nature and culture

Camp under the starry desert skies in the Sharqiyah Sands natural area and visit a traditional shipbuilding workshop in the coastal city of Sur. Make a stop at the Ras Al Hadd beach to witness sea turtles come ashore to lay eggs (seasonal)

### WADI BANI KHALID

1 day • Nature and recreation

Swim in the refreshing waters of a natural wadi (canyon) in Omans eastern region.

### MUTRAH SOUQ

1 day • Culture

Crisscross Oman's largest traditional market and indulge in some of the country's scents and flavors. Mutrah is an excellent place to pick out gifts and products unique to the Sultanate.

### AL DAKHILIYAH REGION

2-3 days • Nature and culture

Trace the alleys of the ancient village of Misfat al-Abriyeen and experience the natural beauty of Jebel Akhdar, one of Oman's most splendid natural areas.

# DAARIS INSTITUTE (NIZWA)

Mark Voss Nizwa's Al-Qala'a Mosque and the Hajar Mountains



POWERED BY: NOOR MAJAN ARABIC INSTITUTE

## THE CAMPUS

In fall 2022, Noor Majan opened its affiliated Daaris Institute in the interior city of Nizwa with the goal of offering students an alternative, more independent study program.

The Daaris Institute is housed in a building that overlooks the idyllic Nizwa Old Souq and with views of the surrounding Hajar Mountains. With nine classrooms, the institute has the capacity to host 60 students at any given time and is happy to work with university Arabic programs to host groups.



The Nizwa Old Souq, just a few steps from the Daaris Institute in Nizwa.

\*A contact hour is equivalent to 50 minutes of instruction time.

## PROGRAMS

Noor Majan's Daaris Institute in Nizwa offers an experience designed with independent learners and explorers in mind. Daaris's fees exclusively cover housing and tuition and offer a more budget-friendly, less structured option. The following programs are offered:

- J-term (January), 4 weeks
- Summer program, 8 or 9 weeks
- Semester term, 15 weeks (fall) or 16 weeks (spring)

While the instruction methods are the same as Noor Majan–Muscat, tuition costs at Daaris do not include structured excursions. Students are therefore encouraged to explore the country independently according to their own budget. Students at Daaris will not be assigned language partners, but will find that Nizwa's lively university community makes it easier to make local Omani friends independently.

Semester students will start at one of three levels for each semester: beginner low, intermediate low, and advanced low. Upon the end of the semester, they can expect to reach beginner high, intermediate high, and advanced high levels respectively. Each month of class consists of 100 contact hours\* (25 per week), just as at Noor Majan–Muscat.



*Program price at the Daaris Institute in Nizwa includes:*

- Tuition (100 contact hours monthly)
- Accommodation


# NIZWA

نزوى



## A CULTURAL HUB IN THE MOUNTAINS

*Nizwa serves as Oman's de facto religious and cultural capital, with a long history of cultivating Islamic thought and scientific and literary intellect. Its spectacular forts, mountain views, and ancient souqs make it a popular stop for international tourists.*

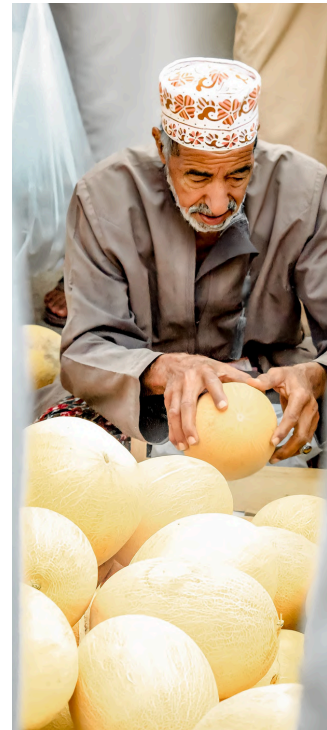
 70,000 residents (rank in Oman: 10)

Despite its small size, Nizwa usually ranks as the second most popular city for international tourists in Oman after Muscat. Nizwa is a part-college town, part-cultural hub with plentiful cultural, historic, and natural offering. Among the town's most popular attractions are:

- Jebel Akhdar and Jebel Shams mountains
- The extensive Nizwa Old Souq and animal auctions
- Falaj Daris UNESCO World Heritage Site
- The 7th-century Al-Qala'a Mosque
- Nizwa Fort

Located at the western edge of the Hajar Mountains, Nizwa is a short drive from the majestic Jebel Akhdar and Jebel Shams and many quaint mountain villages. Nizwa also offers intrepid study-abroad students the chance to engage with the local community. A large university means that students have a multitude of opportunities to participate in local culture and social events. As a city accustomed to opening its doors to tourists, students will find a pleasantly welcoming atmosphere that facilitates a more independent learning environment.

The Daaris Institute overlooks the Nizwa Old Souq and offers students unparalleled access to Omani lifeways and culture. Students here are encouraged to get out and explore the city, which in a city like Nizwa is a sure way to meet Omanis curious to meet foreign students and establish friendships.



# CULTURAL IMMERSION



📍 A "hanging village" in Oman's mountainous interior 📍 Jebel Akhdar

## CULTURE

Students will find that Omani culture is multifaceted, with communities representing the three major sects of Islam in addition to large communities of South and Southeast Asian expatriates. Noor Majan seeks to engage students in meaningful activities to strengthen their understanding of local culture.

Noor Majan's directors bring over 10 years of experience hosting students of diverse backgrounds. We prioritize individualized support and want to ensure that your time in Oman is not only enriching, but also secure. For students seeking guidance on navigating issues related to accessibility or identity within the context of Oman, we encourage you to reach out to us. We're committed to open, supportive conversations to help you feel welcome.

📍 Ahmed Al Sulemani • Students try their hand in an Arab calligraphy workshop



## EXTRACURRICULARS

To foster engagement with fellow students and the Omani community, Noor Majan encourages and facilitates student extracurricular clubs. For more advanced students, we also host lectures with experts in Arabic on subjects such as "Women in the Gulf" and "The Ibadi Tradition in Oman."

Some of the regular clubs students have taken part in in recent terms include:

- Arabic movie nights
- Omani cooking lessons
- Arabic *khatt* (calligraphy) workshops
- Hiking club
- Outings to local museums and historical sites
- Sports club (soccer and padel)
- Cultural exchanges with local Omani students



📍 Students and their language partners participate in mock Omani wedding ceremonies

# HOUSING



Typical apartments in Oman

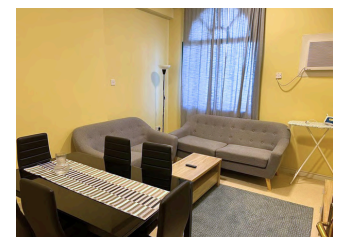
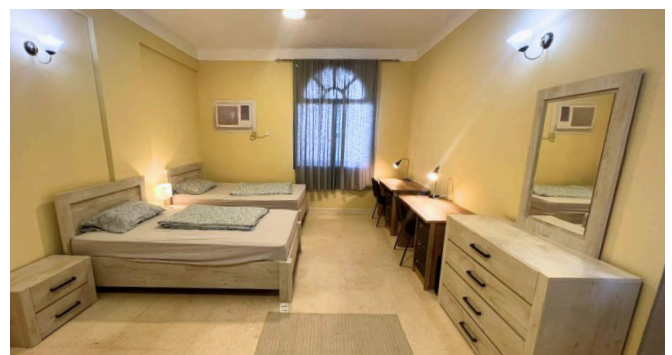
## STUDENT APARTMENTS

Except for professionals already residing in Oman, students at Noor Majan–Muscat or the Daaris Institute stay at our student apartments for the duration of their stay. At both locations, the course fee covers this accommodation. The apartments themselves are gender-segregated within a shared building, and both apartments have undergone recent renovations and are outfitted with modern appliances. Their locations have been carefully selected to be within walking distance of restaurants, shops, laundry services, and taxi/bus stops.

Student apartments consist of shared two, three, or four-bedroom apartments. Bedrooms are double occupancy, although students may upgrade their room to single occupancy for an additional fee (when available). 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 Wi-Fi internet access. All apartments are equipped with appropriate smoke detectors and air conditioning.



The Shadow Building, home to our Muscat Institute and student apartments.



Student apartments in Muscat following renovations in 2022.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Mark Voss Sharqiyah Sands



Students participate in an interactive Arabic lesson at a local market Nizwa

## HOW SAFE IS OMAN?

We recognize the anxieties many students have about coming to a country with an entirely different culture. Students will find some peace of mind in knowing that Oman has consistently ranking among the world's safest countries in terms of crime. Oman has also enjoyed political stability for over 50 years, making it an ideal place to get acquainted with the Arab world. Core institute staff are on call 24/7 to provide support should any emergency arise during your stay.

## HOW SHOULD I DRESS IN OMAN?

We encourage students to be conscious of Oman's Islamic culture. All students, regardless of gender, should wear modest attire in public that covers your shoulders and legs to the ankle. Omani culture is welcoming to foreign students who wish to wear national dress, such as the *abaya* for women and the *dishdasha* for men. Omanis generally do not expect foreign women to cover their hair, although it is required in order to enter any mosque.

## WHAT HEALTH SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE?

During student orientation at the beginning of each term, all students are informed about emergency protocols and health services. Noor Majan maintains contact with local health professionals who speak English, and staff members are available to accompany sick students to doctor's visits. Students studying at Noor Majan must acquire a health insurance plan that covers the duration of their stay in the country.

## WHAT IS THE FOOD LIKE AT NOOR MAJAN?

Students studying at Noor Majan–Muscat are served lunch on class days, while students at the Daaris Institute in Nizwa will be responsible for all of their own meals. All students apartments in both Nizwa and Muscat are equipped with kitchens and modern appliances. Restaurants in Oman usually serve Levantine Arab or South Asian food, offering a wider range of vegetarian options than typical home-style Omani meals.



Mark Voss Jibreen Castle, Bahla

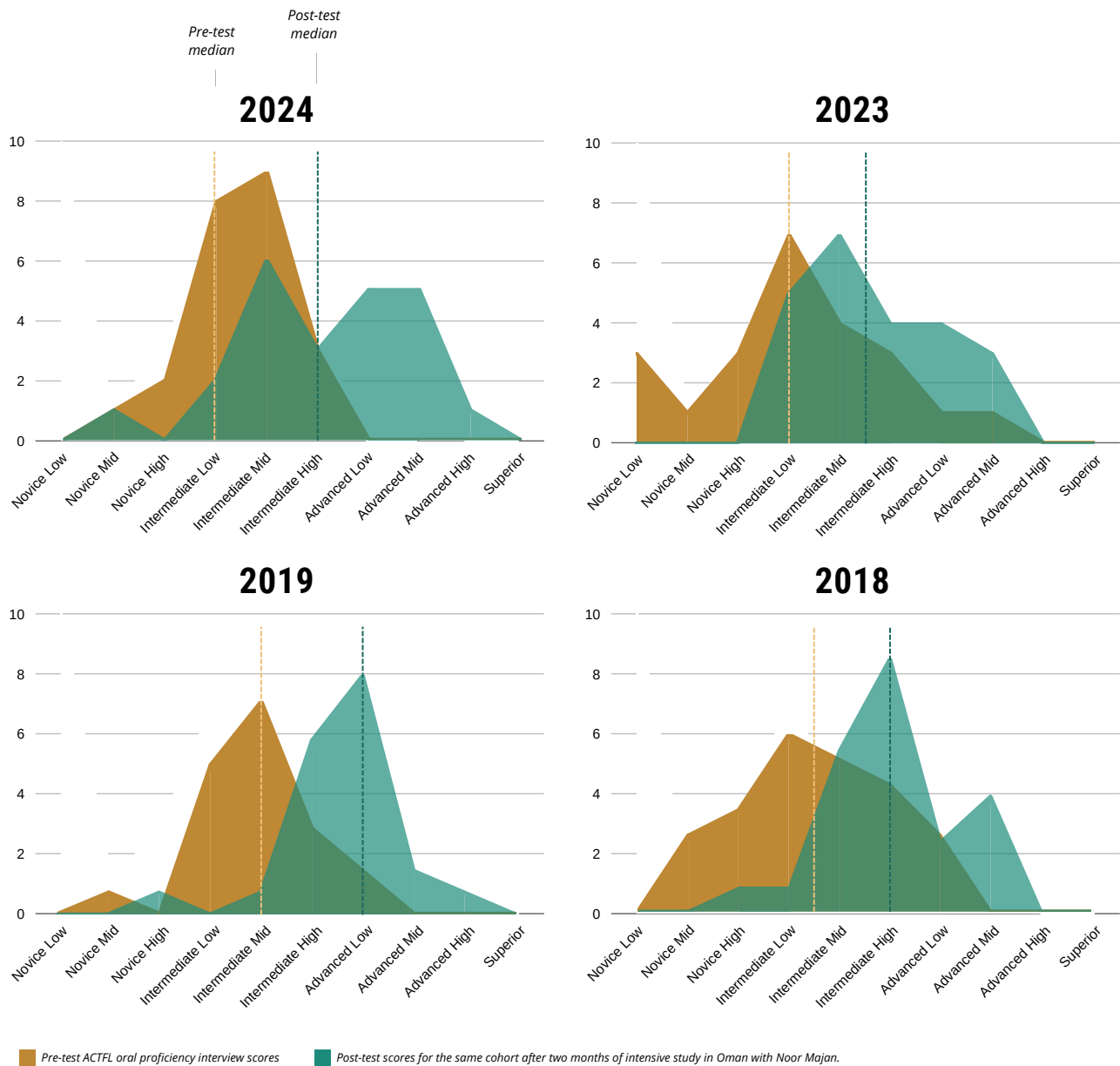
# HOW MUCH ARABIC WILL I LEARN?



We have some answers! Intensive classroom study combined with practical application in your Omani host community is a tried and tested formula. Noor Majan's CLS students from the U.S. consistently have shown marked oral proficiency interview (OPI) gains over the years.

Committed students can expect to see significant gains within a few months of study. The data below demonstrates student growth in oral proficiency during two months of in-person summer study at our Daaris Institute in Nizwa.\*

## Critical Language Scholarship Oral Proficiency Scores



\* 2018 and 2019 summer courses were taught at our former institute site in Ibri. From 2020 to 2022, we did not offer in-person summer programming.

# NOOR MAJAN BY THE NUMBERS



AVERAGE STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO



ARABIC LANGUAGE INSTITUTE IN OMAN



LANGUAGE LEVELS OFFERED



HOURS OF LANGUAGE PARTNER PRACTICE WEEKLY



MINUTES OF FORMAL LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION DAILY



CONTACT HOURS MONTHLY




COUNTRIES REPRESENTED ANNUALLY



STUDENTS ANNUALLY



UNIVERSITIES REPRESENTED ANNUALLY



# THE NOOR MAJAN TEAM

📹 Summer program students in class

📍 Noor Majan Arabic Institute, Muscat

Our directors and teaching staff work daily to enrich the experience of our students in Oman. Our instructors are all native speakers of Arabic and are certified to teach MSA to foreigners. Students can feel comfortable going to them with any questions about local culture and language. All of our administrators have over a decade of experience working with Arabic language instruction to foreigners in Oman and make an effort to get to know all the students who come through our doors.

## ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF



**Sultan Al Farsi**  
Institute Director

Sultan holds a master's degree in teaching Arabic and German as foreign languages from the University of Leipzig (Germany). He directed the Language Department at the World Learning (SIT) Oman Center until 2011. Since co-founding Noor Majan in 2012, Sultan has overseen all aspects of operations and has striven to professionalize the teaching of Arabic as a second language in Oman.



**Dr. Hussein Al Farsi**  
Academic Director

Hussein holds a master's degree in Teaching Arabic from the University of Nizwa (Oman) and a Ph.D. from the International Islamic University Malaysia with a focus on using classical Arabic poetry in the classroom. He formerly served as a consultant with the Omani government in improving Arabic language teaching throughout the Sultanate.



**Samira Selle**  
Director of Marketing and  
Student Affairs

Samira holds a master's degree in Middle East studies, political science, and French civilization from the University of Leipzig. She worked as the Academic Director of the World Learning (SIT) Oman Center, teaching courses on Middle East studies and research methods. Born in Germany with Yemeni roots, Samira is a cultural mediator and supports students with any issues they may have in Oman.



**Dr. Saif Al Azri**  
Instructor

With a Ph.D. in the techniques of teaching the Arabic language, Saif uses modern teaching techniques and authentic source materials to enable students to attain their highest potential in Arabic.



**Al Khansaa Al Rawahi**  
Instructor

Al Khansaa comes from a background of translation studies at Sultan Qaboos University, but started her career in teaching Arabic as a foreign language after her graduation. She joined our staff in 2019.



**Youssef Al Jassasi**  
Instructor

Youssef has 30+ years of experience in foreign language teaching. He holds a master's degree in TESOL and served as a consultant with Omani Ministry of Education designing foreign language courses.



**Shifa Al Amri**  
Instructor

Shifa brings to Noor Majan her passion for public speaking, broadcasting, and an interest in researching social issues. She is currently finalizing her master's thesis.



**Omar Al Sheikh Balahaj**  
Instructor

Originally from Algeria, Omar has 10 years' experience teaching Arabic as a foreign language across Algeria and Oman. In addition to Arabic, he speaks English, French, and Tamazight.



**Siham Al Harrassi**  
Instructor

Siham holds a master's degree in Arabic and is enthusiastic about sharing her knowledge with students and light their passion for this beautiful language.



**Asma Al Shukaili**  
Instructor

Asma received her B.A. in Arabic Literature from the University of Qatar and has several years of experience in the field of TAFL at different language institutes, including five with Noor Majan.



**Nihal Al Jahwari**  
Instructor

Nihal received her B.S. in Language Interpretation and Translation from Kent State University (Ohio, U.S.) and joined Noor Majan's staff in 2024 after working as a professional translator.



**Malik Mohammed**  
Instructor

Malik holds a BA in Arabic from Sohar University (Oman) and recently finished his Master's in Modern Arabic Literature from the University of Nizwa. He has taught our students for over five years.



**Moosa Al Sumri**  
Calligraphy Workshop Instructor

Moosa is a recognized Omani calligrapher who conducts our extracurricular workshops for students interested in developing traditional Arabic calligraphy skills (*khatt*).



**Ahmed Al Suleimani**  
Cultural Programs Supervisor

As a U.S. Fulbright program alumnus, Ahmed has worked for 10 years in cross-cultural settings. He enjoys explaining Omani culture to our students and accompanies us on program excursions around Oman.



**Mohammed Al Maawali**  
Administrative Staff

Mohammed is responsible for all institute logistics and transport. He is available at our reception desk in Muscat during the day. You can contact him whenever you need assistance on institute grounds.



**Stephanie Davidson-Mendez**  
Program Assistant

Stephanie was resident director for the CLS programs in Nizwa and Ibri. She has a master's from the University of Jyväskylä and holds a bachelor's in Linguistics and Arabic from the UT Austin.



**Mohammed Taher**  
Grounds Keeper

Mohammed is a friendly face all our students come to know. He oversees the maintenance of all the institute grounds and student housing, ensuring student residences and classrooms are comfortable.



**Alex Bare**  
Outreach Officer

Alex joined Noor Majan part-time in 2022 after studying at Noor Majan for a summer in 2018. Based in Washington, DC, he manages Noor Majan's social media and designs promotional materials.



*Two institutes, one quality team.*

**NIZWA**

**MUSCAT**





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