



THE AMERICAN
UNIVERSITY IN CAIRO

100 YEARS

Discover Egypt

A HISTORICAL AND
CULTURAL LEARNING
ADVENTURE



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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

‘Discover Egypt—A Historical and Cultural Learning Adventure’ program is a 12-day experience offered exclusively by the American University in Cairo, a leading reputable educational institution in Egypt. With this archaeological adventure, you will explore Egypt’s history and ancient civilizations. This program is an opportunity to immerse yourself in the world of the Pharaohs, mummies, religions, hieroglyphs, and the archaeology of ancient towns. You will walk through the past, while experiencing the present in the streets of the magical city of Cairo. Learning will be hands-on, allowing you to understand the main social and cultural features of the region. You will also get a crash course in Arabic that will allow you to communicate and interact effectively.

The goal is to provide students with a valuable historical and archaeological academic experience while immersing students in an authentic learning environment. If you have always had a keen interest in the history and archaeology of ancient Egypt, a willingness to get out there and have an adventure, this course has your name written all over it!

KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROGRAM:

- Learn Ancient and Medieval Egyptian history and ancient civilizations at the American University in Cairo
- Engage in immersive seminars, interactive hands on-sessions, and attend guest lectures from experts on Egyptian history and archaeology
- Experience Egypt's rich culture through visits to the Great Pyramids of Giza, Grand Egyptian Museum, Saqqara Pyramids and tombs and other adventures
- Get a crash-course in Arabic to help you communicate and interact effectively
- Receive a certificate of participation



For your group project, you will get the opportunity to make a podcast about Egypt's history and tell the story of a site, artifact, or an aspect of Egypt's rich culture. While on your adventures around Cairo, you can record sounds of the city to add color and life to your podcasts. Your group will further work at AUC's sound studio to record and produce your stories. On the last day of the course, we will have a listening session and select the best podcast.



LIFE AT AUC

‘Discover Egypt—A Historical and Cultural Learning Adventure’ program immerses international participants in Egyptian history & archaeology, and gives a crash course in Egyptian arts, culture and language. As a student participating in the program, you will examine the past and explore archaeological sites in order to develop a first-hand understanding of Egypt’s ancient civilizations.



CLASSROOM	INTERPERSONAL	FIELD TRIPS	CULTURE EXPERIENCE
Interactive hands-on sessions	Tour the campus and greet AUC students	Dinner on the Nile	Visit the historical attractions of Cairo
Group Work & Presentations	Learn key skills of collaboration and teamwork	Giza Pyramids and the Grand Egyptian Museum	Learn basic Egyptian language skills
Learn Ancient & Medieval Egyptian History: Pyramids, Tombs and Mummies	Learn how to share ideas and processes	Saqqara, Pyramids and Tombs	Explore the Arts & Crafts of Islamic Cairo
Learn about daily life and technology used in Ancient Egypt		Felucca Trip	Learn Arabic Calligraphy
Improve your researching skills			Sufi Dancing
Build your own project			Social activities
Attend guest lectures from experts on Egyptian History and Archaeology			



Join the intellectual and cultural adventure of your lifetime at Cairo from **11–24 January 2020.**

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NERMINE BASSILY is an Arabic tutor since 1993. She has taught students from various nationalities and backgrounds. She has a B.A. in English Literature and Translation from the Faculty of Languages (Al- Alsun), Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt in 1989, and a Diploma in Teaching Arabic as a Foreign Language from the International Language Institute, Cairo, Egypt in 1992

MEREDITH BRAND is an Archaeologist, Egyptologist, and Writer. She has excavated at numerous sites in Egypt including the ancient workers' settlement at the Giza Pyramids, Abydos, Elephantine, and the Mut Temple in Karnak. Currently, she is the Assistant Director of the Wadi el-Hudi Expedition that surveys and excavates Wadi el-Hudi, a stretch of the Eastern Desert full of ancient Egyptian mining sites and settlements. Dr. Brand teaches in the Rhetoric and Composition department at the American University in Cairo (AUC) and has taught courses on ancient Egyptian history and antiquities looting. She completed her PhD (2019) and MA (2008) in Egyptology & Egyptian Archaeology from University of Toronto and her BA (2006) in Egyptology from AUC.



American University in Cairo (AUC)



Founded in 1919, American University in Cairo (AUC) is a leading American-accredited institution of higher education and an essential contributor to intellectual, social and cultural life of Egypt and the Arab world. Its community of students, parents, faculty and staff, trustees, alumni and other generous sponsors represent more than 60 countries. The University stands as a crossroads for the world's cultures and a vibrant forum for reasoned argument, spirited debate and understanding across the diversity of languages, facilities and human experiences.

BrainGain Academy



BrainGain Academy is a global platform offering short-term, international cohort-based learning programs on college and university campuses. Our university partners include University of Cambridge, the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Arizona State University and Dutch Academy for Film and Photography, to name a few. We offer these global learning experiences to pre-college and college students and young professionals. We curate, develop and market experiential learning programs in partnership with leading global universities to offer new ways of learning for students. We offer universities new channels to reach, engage and recruit international students.



HOW TO APPLY:

Students applying for the program must submit their applications online at auc.braingainmag.com.

1. A completed online application, including personal details
2. Latest Academic Transcripts/College Degree/Resume

ELIGIBILITY:

All applicants must be 18 years or older and proficient in English. No prior experience or knowledge is required to attend the program. The university encourages all interested students to apply for the program.

COST:

The fees for the program is \$3000. Unfortunately, there are no scholarships available. The fee excludes airfare, visa costs, meals and international travel insurance. The fee includes:

- Tuition
- On-campus accommodation
- Expeditions and field trips



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