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Semestral Arabic language programme in Rabat, Morocco

Autumn 2026

MODERN STANDARD
ARABIC (MSA)

MOROCCAN ARABIC
(DARIJA)

AMAZIGH LANGUAGE

from Sept 14th 2026 to Dec 11th 2026

In partnership with



The Arabic language programme



of the Jacques Berque Centre



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The Jacques Berque Centre (CJB), located in Rabat, is a hub for research on Morocco and Mauritania in the human and social sciences. Placed under the supervision of the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs and the French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), it plays an essential role in fostering ties between Moroccan and French academic circles. Since 2022, it has also been developing a variety of Arabic language programmes in partnership with the department of Arab and Hebrew Studies of Sorbonne University. The faculty of this department, experts in the teaching of Arabic as a second language to an audience of university students and young researchers, actively participate in the recruitment of language instructors, in the development of the teaching material, as well as in the overall educational monitoring of the programme.



The CJB is supported by the following establishments :





Arabic language classes in Rabat, Morocco

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General objectives

- Go from an A2 to a B1 level, or from a B1 to a B2 level in MSA
- Learn MSA and Moroccan Arabic to explore the Human and Social Sciences of the Maghreb

Target audience

- Students enrolled in the department of Arabic Studies who wish to improve their language skills in both Modern Standard Arabic and Moroccan Arabic
- Students enrolled in the departments of Human and Social Sciences or Political Studies who wish to pursue a research project or a professional project tied to the Maghreb

Teaching methods

- A program based on joint contribution :
 - Discussion of theoretical and methodological frameworks
 - Exchanges with teachers, but also between learners
- A variety of learning materials to encourage progress :
 - Coursework, audio and video resources, film projections, etc.
 - Individualised support from each teacher
- An assessment of the acquired skills, by skill block :
 - Speaking and Writing
 - Listening comprehension and Reading comprehension
 - Interactive and continuous communication

Teachers

The programme benefits from the expertise of a team of qualified teachers and lecturers employed by Moroccan universities :

Youness EL BOUDAMI
Modern Standard Arabic (speaking)

Othmane QAZI
Modern Standard Arabic (speaking)

Youness OTMANI
Modern Standard Arabic (writing, Maghrebi literature)

Abdelaziz AGUNAOUN
Moroccan Arabic (Darija) and introduction to the Amazigh language

Hanane SADIQI
Modern Standard Arabic (civilization)

Mahjoub CHOUNI
Modern Standard Arabic





Open levels

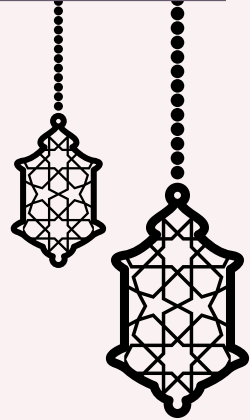
For the fall semester programme, **two levels** are available :

Group 1 : from an **A2** level to a **B1** level :

- **Prerequisites** : A2 level (= at least 200 hours of prior Arabic language classes, equivalent to 1 year of Arabic Major or 2 years of Arabic Minor).
- **Target level** : B1

Group 2 : from level **B1** to level **B2** :

- **Prerequisites** : B1 level (= at least 300 to 350 hours of prior Arabic language classes, equivalent to 2 years of Arabic Major or 3 years of Arabic Minor).
- **Target level** : B2



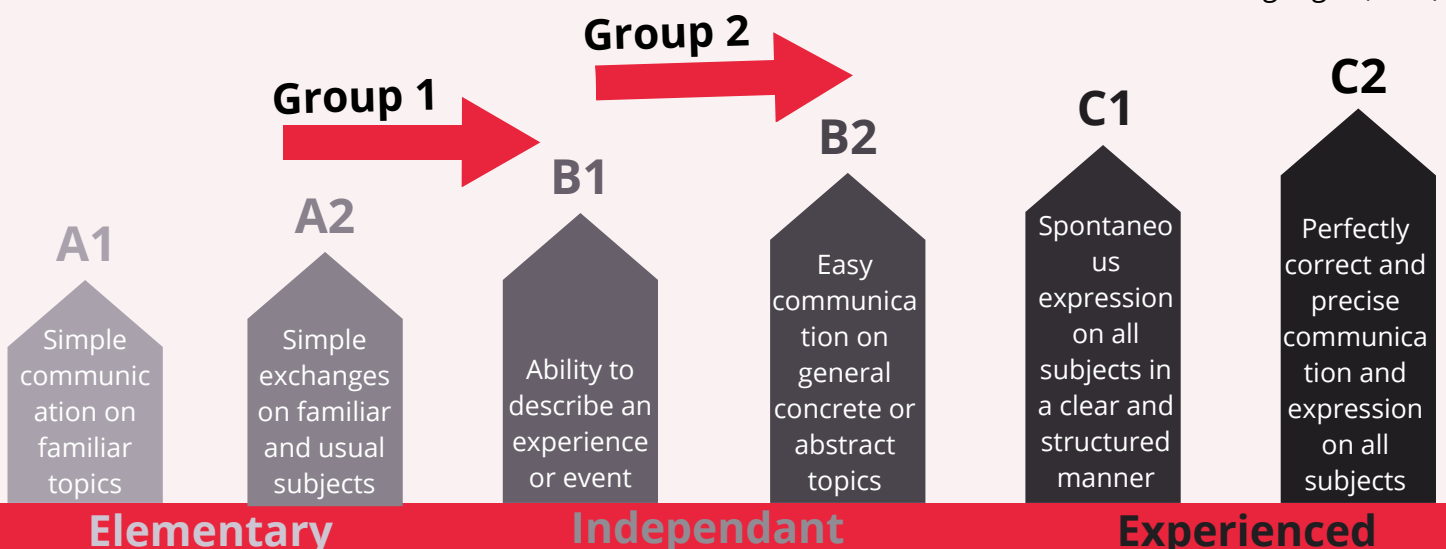
Placement test

Students are divided into two groups following a double placement test :

- **reading and writing**, administered remotely before the beginning of the programme;
- **listening and speaking**, administered on the first day of classes.

Each group has between 6 and 15 students.

Levels A2, B1, B2 :
designation of linguistic levels in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for languages (CEFR)





Evaluation and attendance

Class attendance is mandatory. Teachers keep a weekly attendance sheet, which is then turned in to the administration. A certificate of attendance will be issued at the end of the programme.

Each class is subject to continuous assessment (several graded assignments throughout the semester). A transcript of records is issued to participants at the end of the programme by the Jacques Berque Centre.

Certification conditions

- The programme may count towards the acquisition of university credits. Indeed, certain universities can, under certain conditions, recognise credit equivalencies to students for this programme.
- A certificate of completion is issued to each participant.

Calendar

The fall programme will take place from **September 14th 2026** to **December 11th 2026**.

The schedule of public holidays and vacation days will be communicated at a later date.

An orientation meeting for newly arrived students will take place before the start of each language programme. Further details will be communicated to enrolled students at a later date.

Duration and organization

The programme is entirely in-person, and consists of 228 hours of language classes, over a period of 12 weeks. Classes take place Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

	Number of hours per week	Number of hours over the semester
Standard Arabic - MANDATORY	15	180
Grammar, spelling and dictation	3	36
Writing	3	36
Speaking	3	36
Written and audiovisual press	2	24
Modern Arabic littérature (Moroccan and Maghrebi)	2	24
Moroccan and Maghreb civilization (in Arabic)	2	24
Languages of Morocco - MANDATORY	4	48
Moroccan Arabic (Darija)	3	36
Introduction to Amazigh	1	12

Educational means

The CJB has three classrooms equipped with educational material (whiteboard, video projector, etc.).





Language programme

The semester programme offers 19 hours of mandatory classes per week, plus 3 optional hours depending on the needs and interests of the students. Occasional cultural and scientific activities are also offered throughout the semester.

1/ Standard Arabic

This class aims to develop complete mastery of the Arabic language. Though the main focus will be on speaking, the study of grammar, spelling and the practice of dictation will also be recurring tasks. The class also includes an introduction to Moroccan literature and civilisation, in Arabic. Other class activities include writing and speaking exercises, the analysis of written and audiovisual press, as well as an introduction to modern Arabic literature, with a focus on Moroccan and North African works.

MANDATORY
15h/week
=
180h/semester

2/ Languages of Morocco (Darija, Amazighe)

This class aims to offer an introduction to the languages of Morocco, by providing students with a space to learn Moroccan Arabic (Darija) and to become familiar with the Amazigh language. Participants will acquire the basics of oral communication, discover the cultural and linguistic specificities of these languages and develop the necessary skills to have daily exchanges in Morocco.

MANDATORY
4h/week
=
48h/semester

3/ Cultural and scientific immersion activities

These optional workshops offer students the opportunity for cultural and scientific immersion. Participants will have the possibility to visit a variety of landmarks in Rabat, such as Moroccan libraries, historical sites in the region, and museums. Furthermore, commented screenings of films in Moroccan Arabic will provide students with a better understanding of the country's cultural issues.

OPTIONAL
2 hour
workshops



Enrolment procedure

- 1/ To express your interest in the internship, send an e-mail to najma.zaghrioui@cjb.ma
- 2/ You will receive an application sheet to complete and return to najma.zaghrioui@cjb.ma by **May 5th, 2026**
- 3/ The educational committee will convene and decide whether your application for the language programme is accepted
- 4/ You will receive a response *via* email on **May 15th, 2026**
- 5/ If accepted, you will receive additional information on the payment of tuition fees, as well as a learning agreement to be signed and returned no later than **June 30th, 2026**
- 6/ You will pay the tuition fees by bank transfer in July

The terms and deadlines for the payment of enrolment fees will be specified to you by the CJB at the time of confirmation of your application (after you have sent in the application sheet).

Important : *training can only start if funding is guaranteed and committed.*

Application deadlines

The application deadline for the annual language programme is **May 5th, 2026.**

Candidates selected by the educational committee will be informed on **May 15th, 2026.**



Other course formats

The CJB also offers :

- a **semester-long fall course** starting in February - from an A2 to a B1 level or from a B1 to a B2 level in MSA.
- an **annual programme**, comprised of the fall session and the spring session, and spanning a full academic year - from an A2 to a B2 level or from a B1 to a C1 level in MSA.
- an **intensive summer course** every July - levels A2, B1 and B2.





Location

The language classes take place at the Jacques Berque Centre, located at 35 Avenue Tariq Ibn Ziyad in 10020 Rabat - Morocco.

You will have to autonomously organise your arrival in Rabat and your accommodation there. To help you prepare for your stay, here are some tips :

Concerning transport

In order to find the best plane prices, do not limit yourself to looking for flights to Rabat only, but also consider looking at the airports of other nearby cities (Casablanca,...).

Regarding accommodation

Affordable housing solutions are possible in shared rental flats in Rabat and in the city of Salé, accessible by tram from the CJB.

Prices

Prices vary depending on the student's affiliation :

- **€ 836** for Sorbonne University students;
- **€ 1170** for students from establishments who have signed or are in the process of signing an agreement with the CJB (INALCO, Jean Jaurès University of Toulouse, Aix-Marseille University, Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, Sciences Po Paris, Paul Valéry Montpellier University, Paris 8 University, Strasbourg University))
- **€ 1672** for students from other establishments (without an agreement)

Transportation, accommodation and meals on site remain the responsibility of the students.

Please note : *enrolment fees will only be refunded in the exceptional case of course cancellation by the CJB.*

University financial aid

Did you know that you can benefit from financial aid for your language stay ? In fact, each university has a system in place to support you in this project. Contact your international relations department or scholarship office for more information on eligibility conditions and the procedures to follow.

- **Passport** : to enter Morocco, a valid passport is required for European nationals. Holders of other nationalities should check specific entry requirements.
- **Visa** : for a stay of less than 3 months in Morocco, no visa is required for European nationals. For a stay exceeding 3 months, you must contact Moroccan immigration services and request a resident card or another residence permit. It is possible to renew the 3-month residence permit by simply leaving Morocco and then returning.

PASSPORT





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