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**Tangier Summer Arabic Language Program (TSALP)**

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**Abstract**

Building on a decade's success teaching intermediate-level Modern Standard Arabic (MSA) while providing an introduction to Moroccan Arabic, the Tangier Summer Arabic Language Program (TSALP), directed by Dr. Driss Cherkaoui of the College of William and Mary, will now shift to offering coursework primarily in advanced-level MSA while continuing to provide an introduction to Moroccan dialect. Applications will be accepted nationwide from undergraduate or graduate students who have completed two or more years of MSA or are completing their fourth semester of the language at the time of application. The program is designed to accept up to 16 students in third- and fourth-year MSA.

TSALP is sponsored by AIMS (the American Institute of Maghrib Studies), the professional association supporting academic research on North Africa. Classes are held at the American School in Tangier. Students also have access to the research facilities of the Tangier-American Legation Museum. Classes in Moroccan dialect give students first-hand experience with Arabic diglossia, helping prepare them to use both MSA and dialectal Arabic in appropriate ways. Lectures, field trips and travel also offer an introduction to North Africa and North African studies.