



Borders, Mobility and Migration: Europe and the MENA Program Safety Plan

This safety plan provides program specific information relevant to the Borders, Mobility and Migration: Europe and the MENA program, for which a detailed program description is available [here](#).

Program Locations:

This is a dual city program with teaching delivered in two locations:

- Seville, Spain in partnership with Active Learning Abroad
- Rabat, Morocco in partnership with Amideast

US Department of State Travel Advisory Notes:

- [Spain](#): Level 2
- [Morocco](#): Level 2

FIE Spain's risk mitigation protocols, including the Emergency Incident Response Plan, can be accessed on the FIE website [here](#).

FIE's partner in Morocco has been working in the Middle East/North Africa for more than 60 years. Their long history of service to local communities has enabled the development of strong relationships with local institutions and individuals. On site Country Directors maintain close ties to the Regional Security Officers at the U.S. Embassies, and local program staff members are included in the U.S. Embassy warden network. Our partner organisation is also a member of the Department of State's Overseas Security Advisory Council and contracts with iJET: Intelligent Risk Systems. Part of ensuring that students remain safe while abroad includes the delivery of in-depth pre-departure orientations, and a rigorous on-site orientation once in each country. As part of the program fee, FIE and our on site partner provide travel and medical insurance as well as high-quality medical, political, and security evacuation coverage for all students.

Once in Morocco, on site program staff members help students deal with medical issues as they arise. Students are given a local "pay as you go" mobile phone pre-programmed with local staff numbers and emergency contact numbers to use for the duration of the program. Serving as the primary link between the Program Manager on-site and the students in emergencies, staff have the ability to send text messages to all program participants instantaneously to convey information and to ask students of their whereabouts. Students are provided with an emergency contact card upon arrival that includes phone numbers for the on site team, contact information for the U.S. Embassy, and local emergency phone numbers. Students are briefed throughout the program about local or international security concerns should any arise.



Accommodation: Where will students be housed?

Housing in Seville and Rabat is an included and integral part of the program:

- Seville: Students begin the program in Seville, living in [student residence halls](#) equipped with modern amenities
- Rabat: Students spend their first night in a city hotel before moving on to their host family, offering cultural immersion and firsthand experience of daily life in Morocco

Local Transportation

- Seville: The city boasts a wide, reliable, and easy-to-navigate public transportation network including buses, trams, and metro lines that students can confidently rely on for daily travel. These systems provide safe and efficient routes between their residence and the [study center](#), supporting smooth and secure mobility throughout the city.
- Rabat: Students are able to move safely across the city using the bus network and readily available taxis. These options provide reliable routes between homestay accommodations and the [study center](#), supporting secure and convenient daily travel.

Field Trips & Excursions:

Seville

- Two visits to NGOs on migration or similar institutions
- City tour: Jewish Quarter (Barrio de Santa Cruz), Puerta de Jerez, Guadalquivir River, La Maestranza, entrance tickets to the Mezquita-Catedral and beach time
- Visit to the Real Alcázar, Cathedral and Giralda, the museum of Fine Arts and to the Parque de María Luisa and Plaza de España
- Flamenco Show
- Day trips to Cádiz and Córdoba

Rabat

- Rabat scavenger hunt
- Tour of Sale
- Visit and activity with Circus Shems'y
- Farm visit and music activity
- Various meetings with cultural peers
- Participation with Moroccan cultural peers in activities
- 2 night trip to Fez

Emergency Contact Details

24/7 support is available to students in both Seville and Rabat, with coverage through office and on site residential staff. Office staff are available Monday-Friday 9am-5pm. Outside of these hours locally based residential staff are available. Students are given emergency contact numbers during orientation, with staff collecting student phone numbers at orientation.