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# Partner University Exchange

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

## FAST FACTS

- **Exchange levels:** undergraduate, graduate
- **Language of instruction:** English, Arabic
- **Language requirement:** one year college-level Arabic prior to exchange
- **University website:** [www.alakhawayn.ma](http://www.alakhawayn.ma)
- **Length of exchange:** semester or year

## IFRANE AT A GLANCE

**Population:**  
12,000

### Climate:

Located in the Atlas Mountains, Ifrane has four distinct seasons. It snows between November and March, and summer highs reach 85-90°F

### Proximity to:

Casablanca: 114 miles  
Fès: 37 miles  
Rabat: 74 miles

## Al Akhawayn University

Al Akhawayn University Ifrane (AUI) was inaugurated in 1995. This Moroccan university is grounded in the historical strengths of African, Arab, and Islamic culture; at the same time, it is modeled in its organizational structure, curriculum, method, and language of instruction on the American system of higher education. Just over 1,000 students attend the school, with 160 international students from 28 different countries.

### Academics

AUI offers undergraduate degrees in Business Administration, Communication Studies, Human Resource Development, International Studies, Science Engineering, & General Engineering. English is the main language of instruction,

and Arabic language instruction courses are also available. Graduate programs are offered in Humanities, Business, Corporate Finance, Computer Networking, Software Engineering, & Computer Science. The Academic Catalog can be found at: [www.alakhawayn.ma](http://www.alakhawayn.ma).

### Housing & Meals

Exchange students will stay in AUI dormitories. Bed linens, blankets, and a pillow are provided. All rooms have telephone, television, and Internet access. There are three restaurants and a café on campus for students to choose from for their meals each day.

### Cost Information

UM exchange students to AUI

pay their regular tuition, fees, room and board to UM (double room, all-campus meal plan, and orientation costs approximately US\$3,700). UM financial aid applies to tuition, living, and travel expenses while on this program.

### Credit Transfer

Students will register for classes upon arrival at AUI, and should plan to enroll in at least 12 credits per semester. Students going to the Arabic program are required to take 6 hours of intermediate Arabic per semester.

### Program Dates

Semester 1: late August to mid-December

Semester 2: mid-January to mid-May

## Ifrane, Morocco

### The City

Ifrane is a resort town high in the Atlas Mountains of Central Morocco. Designed by the French during the Colonial Period, the architecture of the city has a distinctive building style characterized by mountain chalets with high-pitched tile roofs and wooden beams. The region is known for its beautiful forests, mountains, and lakes, as well as for skiing.

The imperial cities of Fès and Meknes are within an hour from Ifrane. The medina (old city) of Fès, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is the largest living medieval Islamic city in the world. Wander the streets of the medina full of jewelry makers, hide tanning, street food booths, and rug shops. Breathe in the history as some of the winding alleys were built in 789 AD, when the city was founded.

The cosmopolitan coastal cities of Rabat and Casablanca, two hours drive, are places to see the urban atmosphere of this Muslim country.

Also within exploring range from Ifrane, lies the gateway to the Sahara Desert, first accessible through the ancient trading town of Marrakesh. Marrakesh has one of the liveliest public squares in the world.