Global Exchange Program

Cairo, Egypt
MISR International University

USC’s exchange program in Egypt is designed to help Pharmacy students gain first hand knowledge of Egyptian culture and local pharmacy practices. This program is located in Cairo and students will attend MISR International University. MIU is a private university located in the Ahmed Orabi district of Cairo. For more information on MIU, visit http://www.miuegypt.edu.eg/. Cairo, located on the banks of the Nile River, is the capital of Egypt and the largest city in the Arab world with a population of 6.8 million. It is the center of the region’s political and cultural life and offers famous historical sites such as the Great Pyramids of Giza, as well as world-class cultural events and an array of shopping, leisure & nightlife activities.

While at MIU, students will take one elective class within the Middle East Studies Program and one class in community pharmacy. Students take classes with Egyptian and other international students and all classes are taught in English. As a prerequisite, students must be enrolled in the College of Pharmacy and a minimum 3.0 GPA is required.

Courses and Credits
Students must enroll for a minimum of two classes for the summer session. Listed below are a few examples of the subjects offered in the Middle East Studies Program. More course information can be found at http://www.miuegypt.edu.eg/int/middle.aspx

Sample Courses Offered
Arabic Language for Foreigners
Ancient Egyptian History
History of Islamic Architecture
History of Islamic Egypt
Contemporary Issues
Contemporary Arabic Literature
Survey of the History of Modern Egypt
Arab Societies
Oriental Music
Middle East Politics
Economic Development in the Middle East

Living Arrangements
Housing in Cairo is arranged for students by the International Office at MIU. Students are mainly accommodated in the El Rehab district (15 – 20 min. away by bus from MIU). Students pay in-state Pharmacy tuition and fees to USC and housing costs abroad. Housing costs and payment options vary based on the type of accommodation arranged but generally range from $200-$250 a month.
**Budgeting**
As a general guide, students should expect to spend approximately $500-$750 in living expenses while in Cairo. All costs are estimates and may fluctuate based on the exchange rate.

**Master Calendar**
USC students can attend Misr International University during the summer, generally from early July to early August.

**Insurance**
Per university policy, all USC students will be charged emergency medical, evacuation and repatriation insurance for their time abroad. Contact the Study Abroad Office for more details.

**Orientation**
MIU is located near the airport in the NE sector of the city, and transportation to and from the airport is arranged for exchange students. Orientation is provided to students participating in the exchange program and takes place throughout the first few days after arrival by giving students a tour of the campus and the city. More information about orientation can be found at [http://www.miuegypt.edu.eg/int/support.aspx](http://www.miuegypt.edu.eg/int/support.aspx).

**Excursions & Extra-Curricular Activities**
The International Office at MIU organizes several social events throughout the program for the international students. Students also have the opportunity for individual travel throughout Egypt and the region. More information can be found at [http://www.miuegypt.edu.eg/int/support.aspx](http://www.miuegypt.edu.eg/int/support.aspx).

**Entry Visa**
All students studying in Egypt will receive a tourist visa upon their arrival in Cairo. The visa costs approximately $15.

**Footnotes**

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