

MES 197.2 “Ambassador Stevens Internship: Virtual Exchange with Moroccan Students”

This internship seeks to continue the legacy of the fallen ambassador and CAL alumnus Christopher Stevens by connecting UCB students with their counterparts in the MENA for the purpose of intercultural exchanges on topics of contemporary relevance. In the inaugural semester of the internship, Berkeley students will be connected with their counterparts in Moroccan universities for exchanges on the theme of Muslim women's lives. Together the two sets of students will read and discuss a variety of sources--documentary, scholarly, personal testimony, fiction, films, etc. -- as a basis for conversations around such topics as gender construction, economic disparities, lgbt rights, and legal status of women in both societies. On completion of this internship, students will be able to articulate in conceptually appropriate ways key issues relating to women in Morocco, and more broadly, issues related to Islamic feminisms in various cultural contexts and geographical regions.

The virtual exchanges will take place on one morning a week in order to accommodate the time difference between California and Morocco, but may be done from individual computers. Must be taken on a Pass/No Pass basis, and will not fulfill upper-division course requirements in the major. Prerequisites: completion of 60 or more units and a minimum GPA of 2.0. Consent of faculty sponsor (sponsorship is on a voluntary basis).

Note: No more than a total of 4 units of 197, 198, and 199 courses may be taken in one semester. No more than 16 units of 99, 197, 198, 199 courses may be used to meet the requirement of a bachelor's degree.

Student Information

Name: _____ Semester/year: _____ Units completed: _____

SID#: _____ Major: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

No. of Units: 1 Unit credit is based on the number of hours worked per week: 3 hours = 1 unit.

How to Apply: Please fill out and submit this form with a copy of your C.V. and a cover letter to cmes@berkeley.edu with “VOMENA” in the subject line, or drop off at 340 Stephens Hall. *You must obtain a permission number to enroll in the course.*

Written Reports: The student must submit a midterm progress report to their faculty sponsor by the end of the 8th week of classes and a final report no later than the last day of classes (*not* the last day of final exams):

1 unit = midterm progress report: 1-2 pages, final paper 6-8 pages 2 units =

midterm progress report: 2-3 pages, final paper 8-10 pages 3 units =

midterm progress report: 3-4 pages, final paper 10-12 pages 4 units =

midterm progress report: 4-5 pages, final paper 12-15 pages

Organization Information

Name: Ambassador Stevens Internship Address: _____

Supervisor's name: _____ Email: _____

Hours to be worked per week: _____

Faculty Sponsor

Name: Emily Gottreich Phone (510) 642-8208

Department: Center For Middle Eastern Studies Email: emilyrg@berkeley.edu

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Frequency of consultations with faculty sponsor: Weekly Bi-weekly Monthly

Format of assignment (report, field journal, term paper): _____

For more information, please contact CMES at (510) 642-8208, or cmes@berkeley.edu.