

## Furman University Study Away Program: Program Expectations

**Program Title:** Furman in the Holy Lands

**Locations:** Israel and Jordan

**Dates:** May 7-25, 2024

This study away program is designed to provide students with an immersive experience in the Holy Lands, which invites discussion of the complex religious and political conflicts that Israel and the Middle East currently face. Sites visited include Jerusalem, Galilee, Jerash, Amman, Petra, Bethlehem, and the Dead Sea.

### Academic, Environmental, Physical & Health Expectations for Participation

Below is a list of academic, environmental and physical expectations and requirements for participation in this study away program. The list captures most, but not all, requirements. If you have questions about the expectations and requirements, please check with the study away office or the program directors. Students requiring a physical or academic accommodation should contact the Student Office for Accessibility Resources (SOAR) no less than 4 months prior to the start date of the program.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS	Frequency
	Always, Sometimes, Never/ Required or Optional
Course work in a foreign language	Never
Course work in English	Always
Laptop Required	Never
Smart phone required (videos, photos, blogs)	Never
Traditional Classroom	Seldom
Group Work	Never
Academic Assessments (tests, journals, presentations, essays)	Journal and Final Essay
Interactions with local residents	Seldom
Field Work/Research	Often
Internship/ Volunteer Work	Never
Other	

STUDY AWAY ENVIRONMENT	Frequency
	Always, Sometimes, Never/ Required or Optional
Foreign Language Environment	
Terrain (Mountains, Tropical, Forest, Desert, Hilly, Flat)	Mountains, Desert, Uneven ground
Population: Rural, Urban, Remote, etc.	Rural and Urban
Environment (high altitude, air pollution, dusty, sandy, humid, dry, hot, cold)	Altitude ranges from 1400 feet below sea level to 3,000 feet above sea level. Climate is hot and dry.
Mosquito Borne Risk of Illness	Seldom to sometimes
Is tap water safe to drink	Israel - Yes / Jordan - No
Other Risks (natural disasters, crime, pickpocketing, etc.)	Seldom to sometimes
Cultural Dress Code	Often. Knees and shoulders should be covered for men and women.
Curfew	Never
Motion Sickness	Bus travel
Other	Physically demanding trip; sunblock and hat are required.

PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS	Frequency
	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Lifting/Carrying Own Luggage	Always
Carrying equipment or program supplies	Always
Standing 60+ minutes	Every day
Ability to walk up one or more flights of stairs (elevators may not be available)	Always
Hiking (easy to strenuous; frequency; miles)	Often
Walking 3+ miles per day	Often
Use of public transportation (buses, trams, trains, subways)	Seldom
Other	

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS	Frequency
	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Host Family	Never
Roommate	Always
Shared Apartment	Never
Dormitory	Never
Camping	One night in the desert
Hotel	Always
Cell phone signal available	Usually
Internet signal available	Usually
Refrigerator Access	Usually
Air Conditioning	All hotels and buses
Other	

HEALTH & DIET	Frequency
	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Vegetarian and Vegan Options Available at all meals	Usually for vegetarians, sometimes for vegans
Food Allergy Accommodations	Sometimes
Group Meals	Always
Cooking for oneself	Never
Host family prepares meals	Never
Healthcare easily accessible	Always
Quality of Healthcare	Usually
Other	

WATER ACTIVITIES	Frequency
	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Swimming	Seldom
Snorkeling	Optional
SCUBA	Never
Boat, canoes or other water activities	Large ship
Sea sickness	
Other	

Center for Disease Control Recommendations:

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/jordan>  
<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/israel>