

Furman University Study Away Program: Academic, Environmental, Physical & Health Expectations

Program: Furman in the Holy Lands

Dates: May 11 - June 1, 2022

*Request accommodations through the Student Office for Accessibility Resources (SOAR)

Course Catalog Description: This Study Away course will primarily focus on the land and literature of the Bible through visiting biblical locations (both archaeological sites and modern cities) and landscapes in Israel. Secondary foci of the course include studying Judaism, Christianity, and Islam through site visits and lived experiences.

Program Description: The primary focus of this trip will be on visiting biblical and post-biblical sites in order to better understand their importance to the early histories of Judaism and Christianity. Alongside this primary focus, two important secondary foci will be seeing the ways in which Jews, Christians, and Muslims have impacted the material culture of Israel over the course of many centuries, and gaining a fuller and more complex view of the religious and political conflicts that Israel in particular, and the Middle East more broadly, currently face. Students will encounter a land that has remained central to Jewish, Christian, and Muslim imagination and aspirations for thousands of years, and see how understanding the past is crucial for interpreting the present.

	Frequency						
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Optional	Recommended	Required
Course work in a foreign language	X						
Course work in English							X
Use of laptop	X						
Use of smart device	X						
Traditional Classroom	X						
Indoor Course Work		X					
Outdoor Course Work				X			
Group Work				X			
Presentations		X					
Interactions with local residents		X					
Field Work				X			
Internship	X						
Research	X						
Comments:							

	Frequency				
HEALTH & DIET	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Vegetarian Options			X		
Vegan Options			X		
Food Allergy Accommodations			X		
Group Meals					X
Cooking for oneself	X				
Host family prepares meals	X				
Healthcare easily accessible			X		
Comments:					

	Frequency				
STUDY AWAY ENVIRONMENT	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Foreign Language Environment		X			
Mountainous				X	
Tropical	X				
Desert			X		
Urban			X		
Rural			X		
High Elevation			X		
Dusty				X	
Air Pollution			X		
Recent Terrorism			X		
Mosquito Borne Risk of Illness		X			
Earthquakes		X			
Other Natural Disaster		X			
Comments:					

	Frequency				
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Always
Host Family	X				
Roommate					X
Shared Apartment	X				
Dormitory	X				
Camping	X				
Hotel					X
Cell phone signal available				X	
Internet signal available				X	
Comments:					

	Frequency				
PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Daily
Lifting luggage				X	
Carrying luggage up stairs				X	
Carrying equipment	X				
Carrying groceries	X				
Standing 30+ minutes					X
Walking 1+ miles					X
Hiking (easy)					X
Hiking (strenuous)					X
Sitting 5+ hours		X			
Use of public transportation		X			
Flat terrain					X
Hilly terrain					X
Stairs				X	
Comments:					

	Frequency					
WATER ACTIVITIES	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Optional	Required
Swimming		X				
Snorkeling	X					
SCUBA	X					
Boating (speed boat)	X					
Rowing	X					
Comments:						
Center for Disease Control Recommendations: no required vaccines. Typhoid and Hepatitis A are recommended.						

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