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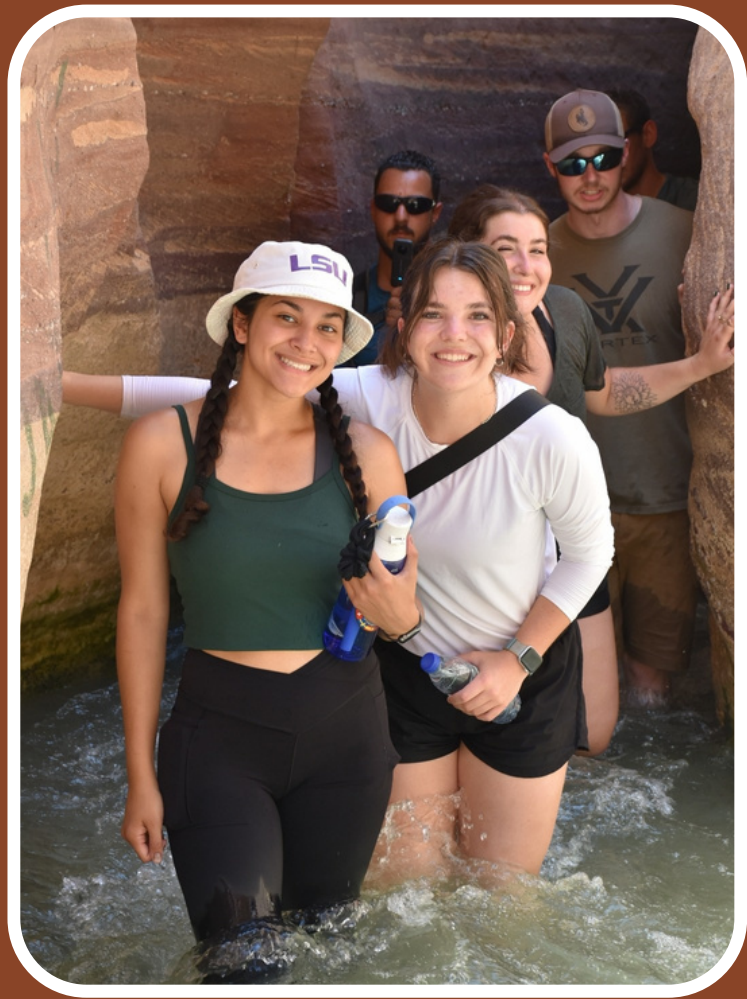
Welcome to the summer edition of the Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies newsletter! We hope all students, staff, and faculty had an enjoyable break. We are excited to share with you what the Arabic and Middle East Studies Program has been up to this summer. In this special edition, we will be sharing photos from all of our initiatives, including our first Project GO program in Amman, Jordan! Also included are updates from our Iraqi visiting Fulbright scholars and pictures from the Center for International Experiential Learning faculty-led abroad program to Jordan, Israel, and Palestine. Be sure to stay tuned for our Fall 2022 events in the September issue of our newsletter... coming soon!



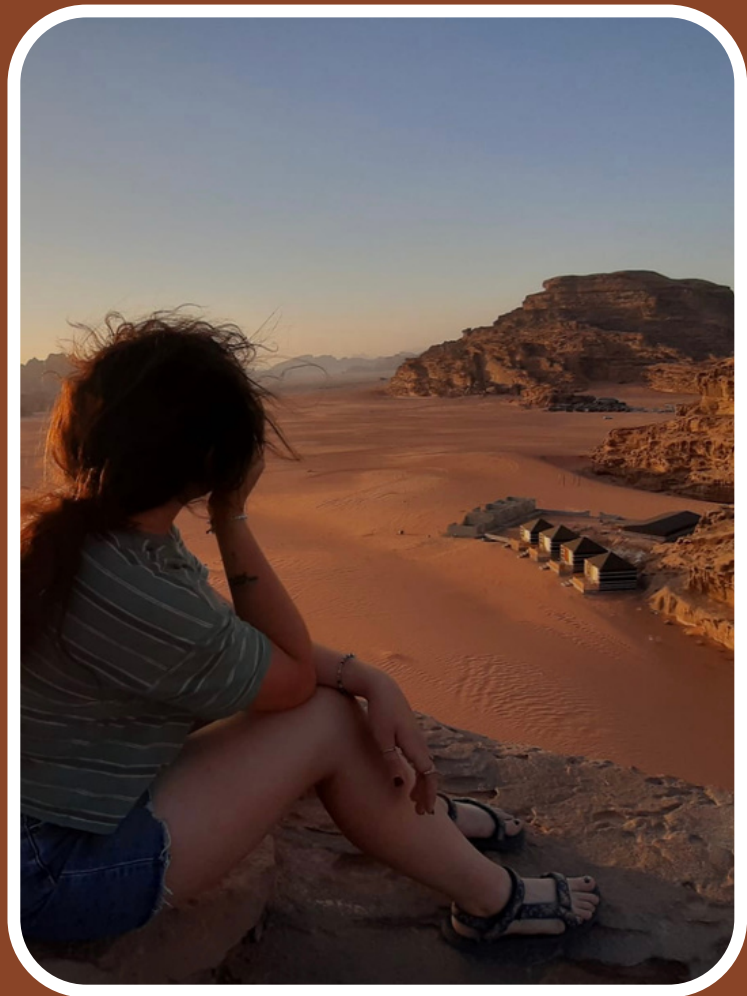
Project GO: ROTC Students in Amman, Jordan

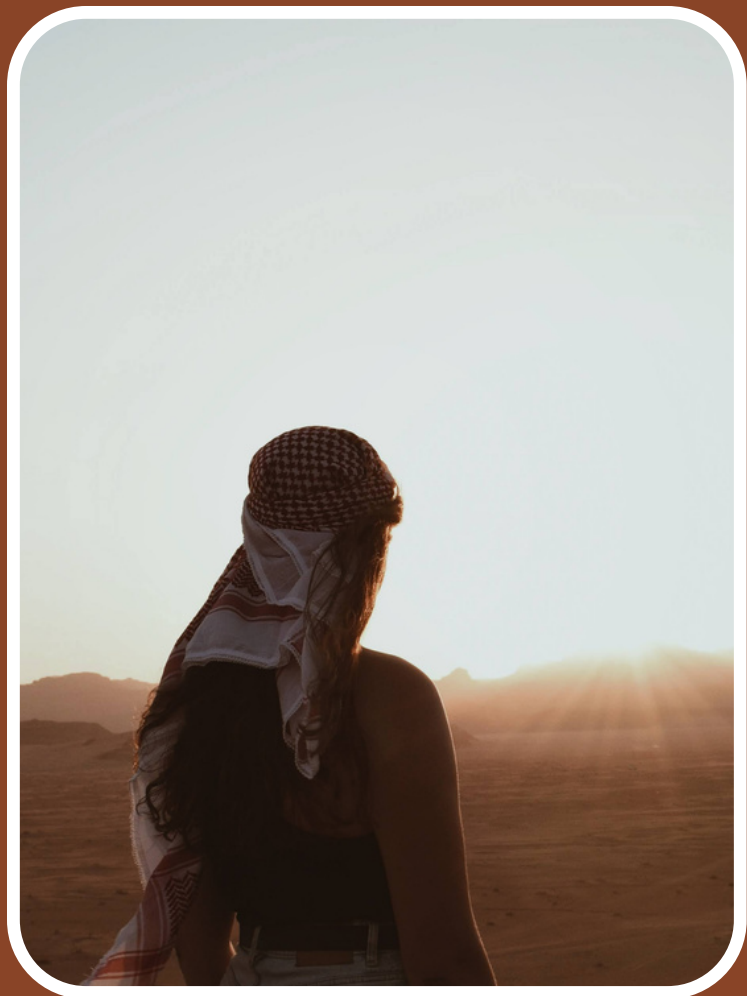
ROTC students from around the country took part in the University of Wyoming's first ever Project Global Officer (Project GO) program learning Arabic in Amman, Jordan this summer. These fifteen students began last March with an online class taught by UW's Dr. Ali Raddaoui. Then, they came to Laramie and took part in an intensive three-day orientation to further their survival Arabic skills and learn more about Jordanian culture before landing in Amman. Finally, they departed for Jordan where they spent ten weeks studying Arabic at the Consortium for Global Education (CGE) Jordan, all while living with host families and engaging with Jordanian culture. Project GO is a fully-funded scholarship program from the Department of Defense and the Defense Language and National Security Education Office (DLNSEO) and administered by the Institute of International Education (IIE).







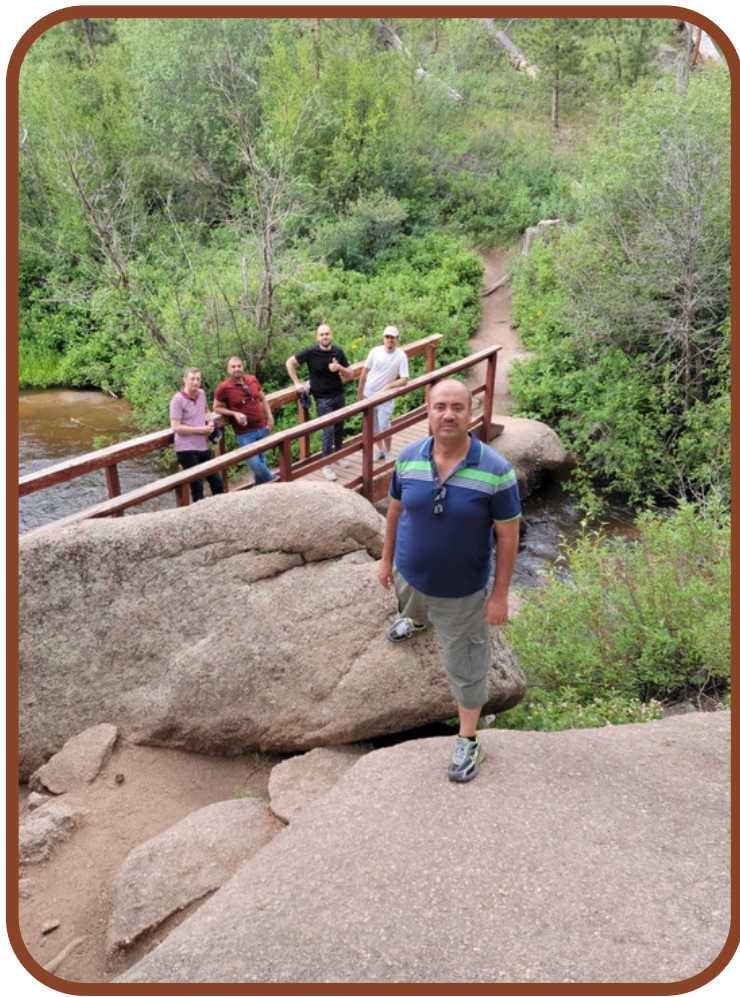


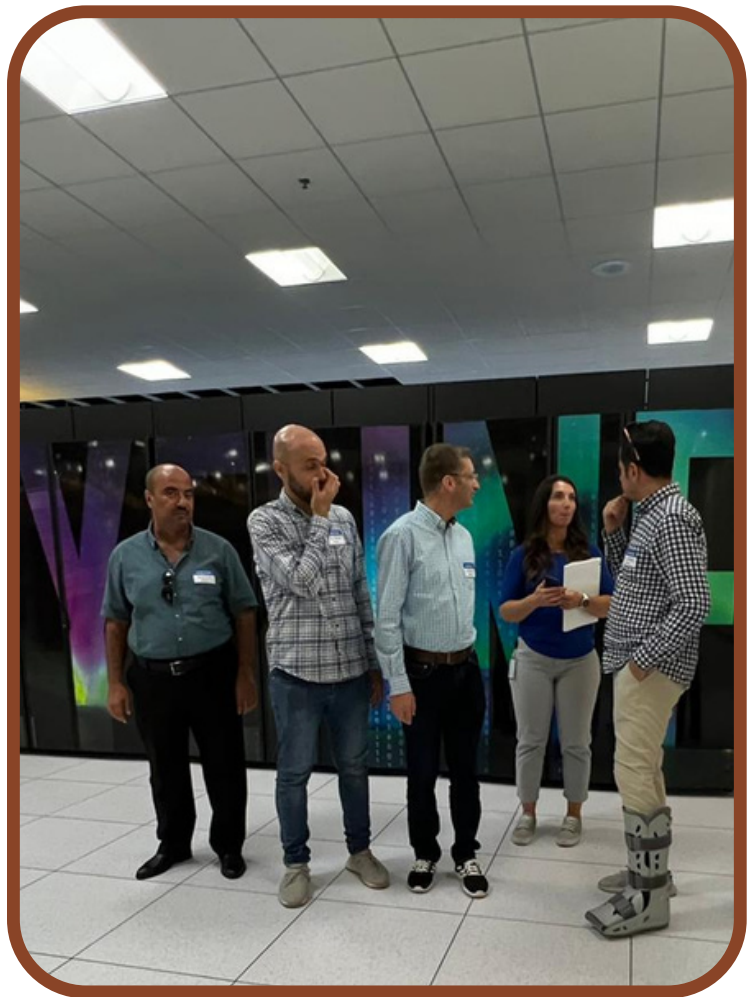


Visiting Fulbright Scholars from Iraq

Five engineering professors from Iraq were selected for a competitive Fulbright scholarship to spend the summer at the University of Wyoming. They engaged in ten weeks of professional development and cultural immersion between the end of June and beginning of September. Each scholar was paired with a UW mentor with whom they were able to network, build professional relationships in the U.S., and assist with research and projects. They also attended workshops related to pedagogy and internationalization throughout the summer. Outside of these experiences, the scholars traveled around Wyoming and the Front Range including visits to Mount Rushmore, Grand Teton National Park, and Yellowstone National Park with additional trips to California and Washington D.C. Congratulations to all of our Iraqi Fulbright scholars and we wish you the best in all your future endeavors!



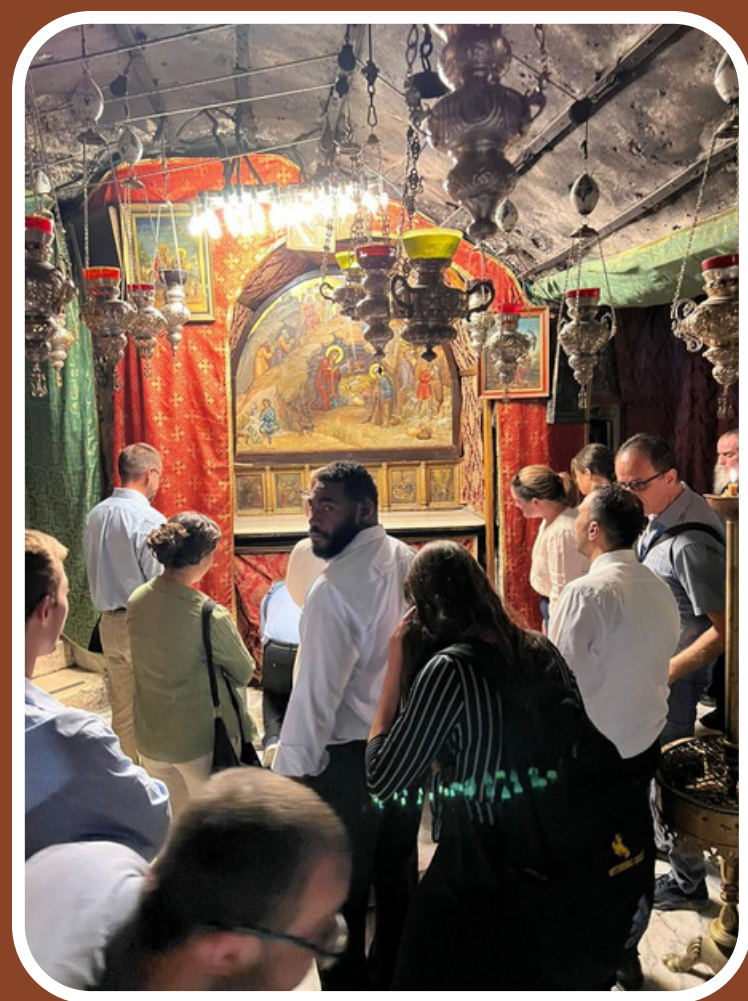
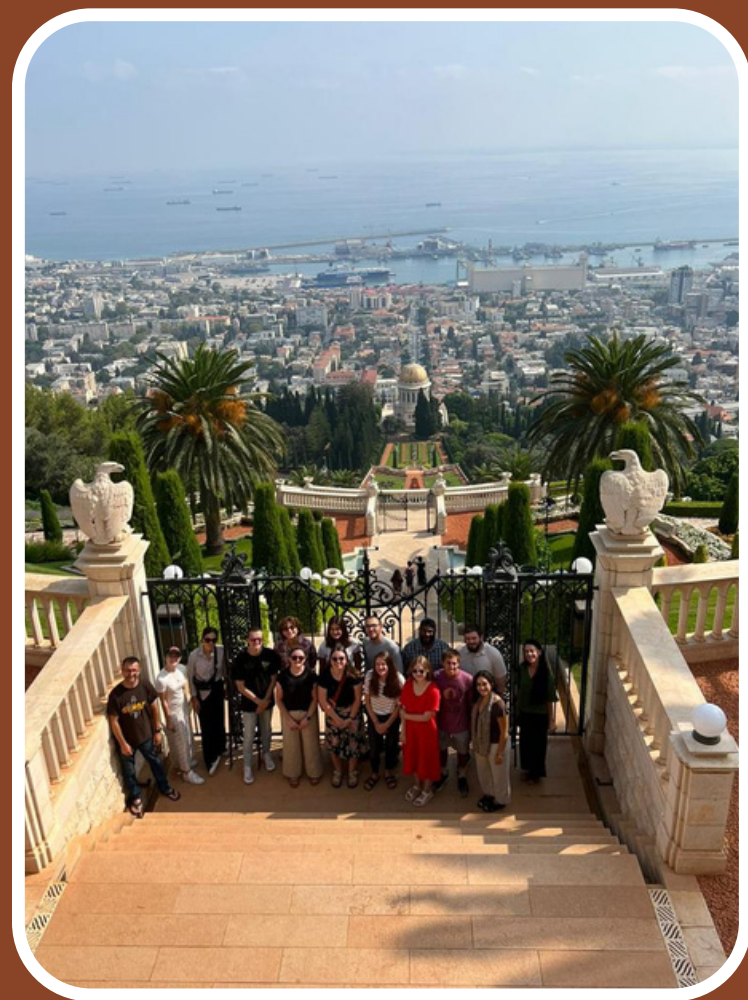


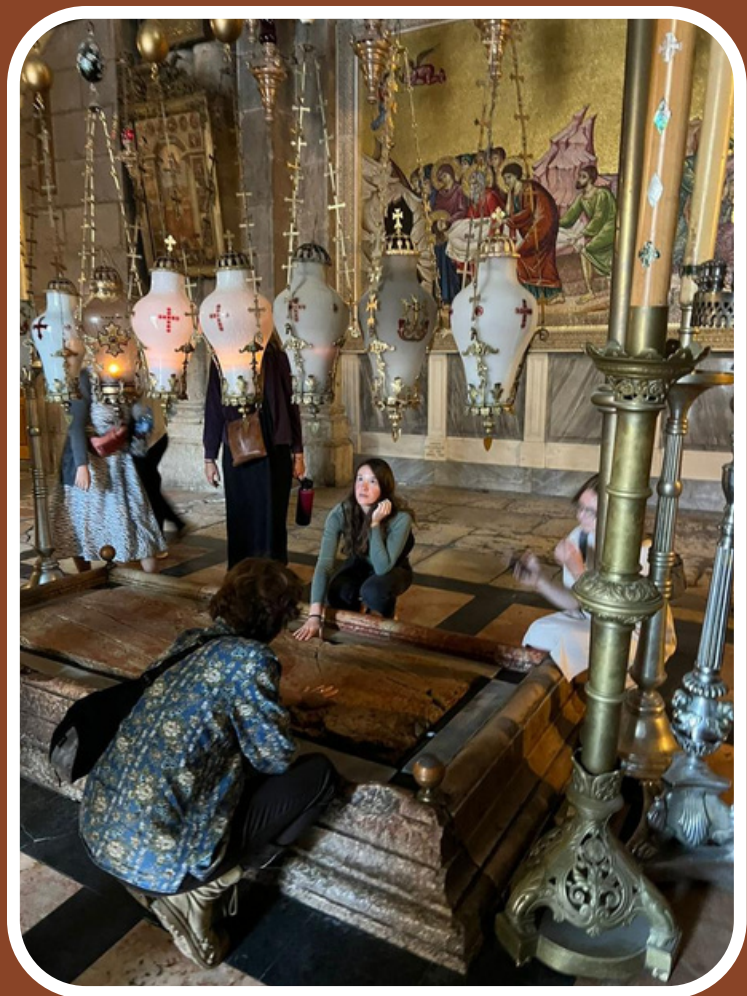
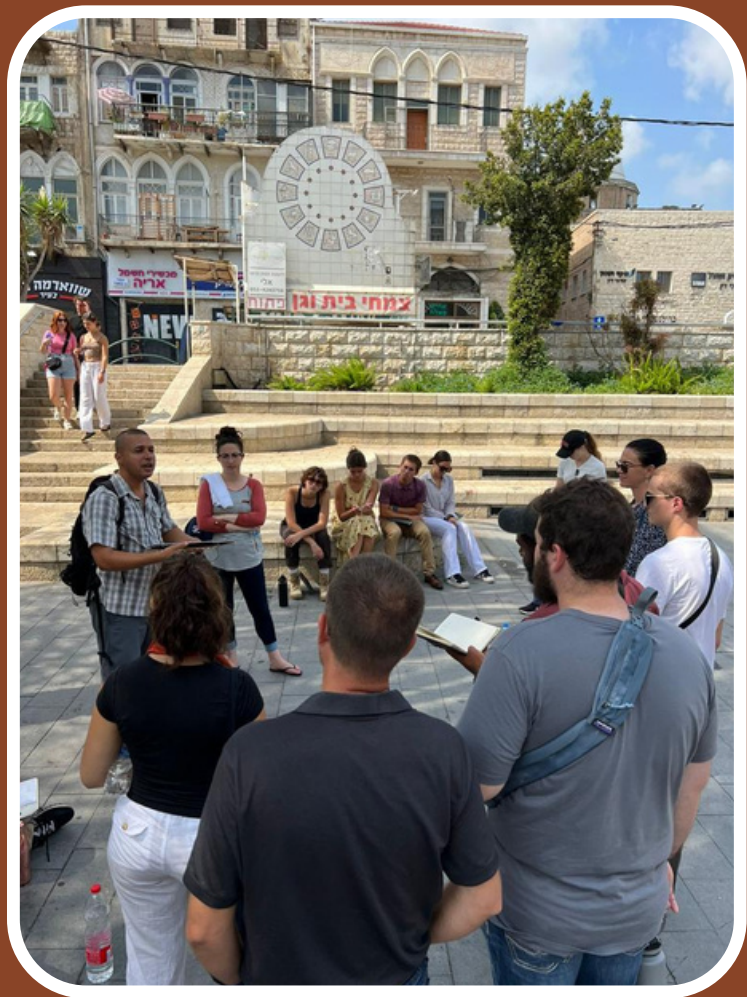


CIEL: Faculty-Led Abroad to Jordan, Israel, and Palestine

Students from the University of Wyoming, along with other universities from around the country, traveled to Jordan, Israel, and Palestine with the Center for International Experiential Learning to learn about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The students began the three-week program in Amman, Jordan before traveling to the West Bank and across Israel. They met with political figures, activists, ex-combatants, refugees, the Palestinian Liberation Organization, and the Israeli Prime Minister's office to further understand both sides of the conflict and the peace process. Listening to personal narratives from stakeholders in both Israel and Palestine was the core component of the experience as students engaged with stances with which they might not necessarily agree. UW Arabic & Middle East Studies is excited to be returning to the Middle East with CIEL for another faculty-led abroad experience next summer!









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