

# COR 275: JORDAN

**JANUARY 2020**

**Dr. Mark Edwards**

Its landscape and people will enchant you. Jordan is home to the “lost” Nabataean city of Petra, 100 biblical sites, Greco-Roman ruins, Byzantine art, traditional Bedouin culture and spectacular nature reserves. In the Middle East of the 21st century, Jordanians still stand at the crossroads of world civilizations and religions.

## **Learning-intensive activities may include:**

**RELIGION AND HISTORY** Travel to the Jordan River site of Jesus’ baptism. Stand on top of Mt. Nebo where Moses viewed the Promised Land. Experience Orthodox Christmas Mass and evangelical church services. Interact with Christian and Muslim young people and learn about their life experiences in Jordan. Walk inside the hippodrome at Jerash, where Roman chariots raced. Explore the treasures of Madaba, the Byzantine “city of mosaics.” Put on your “Indiana Jones” persona as you discover the ancient rock-cut city of Petra.

## **GOVERNMENT, ECONOMICS, EDUCATION AND FAMILY LIFE**

Hear university lecturers discuss crucial topics such as the Arab Spring, Israeli-Palestinian relations and the impact of globalization and recent refugee migration in Jordan. See Jordanian government facilities, such as the National Assembly or one of the royal palaces. Share meals with Jordanian families and hear their stories.

\$1,400\* for those with full CCS benefit  
\$2,800\* for those with half CCS benefit  
\$4,200\* for those with no CCS benefit

**NATURE** Visit one or more of Jordan’s RSCN (Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature) reserves to assess how sensitive and diverse ecosystems are being safeguarded. Hike through woodlands of oak and pistachio trees at the site of the 12th century Ajloun Castle. Consider a camel ride in the vast desert canyons of Wadi Rum. Enjoy a Bedouin campfire meal under the stars. Float in the Dead Sea!

## **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS MAY INCLUDE:**

- Visit the port city of Aqaba on the Red Sea
- Attend one or more events showcasing Jordanian music, arts and/or sports
- Learn a bit of conversational Arabic at the Kelsey Arabic School
- Gain insight into U.S. foreign policy through a visit to the U.S. Embassy in Amman
- Sleep in the Wadi Rum desert with camels.

**DEPARTURE DATES** January 2020 experiences may begin sometime during the last week of December 2019 and last 19–23 days. Students should not make irreversible plans until their departure date is confirmed by the CCS office in early Fall 2019.

This experience, like all CCS experiences, is subject to political and safety realities at the time of departure. CCS options can be physically and emotionally intense and stretching. Before enrolling, all participants should consult the disclosures on physical hardships of CCS.

Passport and immunizations required (both at additional cost); visa required.



“My time in Jordan has been about trying to understand how I love my neighbor in a different cultural context. In a country with many different nationalities and facing some major obstacles in the region, there have been many opportunities to show Christ’s love and learn from the amazing people I’ve met.”

**Christopher Conrad**

“Spending time in Jordan is definitely one of the most rewarding decisions I have ever made. Each day provided me with new opportunities to meet and befriend people from many different countries and to view life in the Arab world in a new and different way than ever before. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to share in God’s love for the Middle East firsthand.”

**Meg Donahue**

“My program in the Middle East was one of the greatest learning experiences of my life, and it changed me in so many ways. Visiting places that have biblical history and being able to walk on the old Roman roads where Jesus may have walked gives you a whole new perspective and appreciation of the Bible. Visiting and ministering to refugees in the country and seeing the smiles on their faces, knowing you have impacted them in some way, gives whole new meaning to loving my neighbor. Learning and struggling with the Arabic language made me realize how diverse our world truly is but that there are people just like me, with the same passion, all over the world. I highly recommend traveling in the Middle East.”

**Faith Gunderson**

\*CCS program costs do not include: tuition, passport, immunizations, or the \$150 study abroad fee. The study abroad fee provides an international ID, insurance, travel photos and support services.