

Learn Arabic and Islamic Studies for a “culture of encounter” ?

It is possible this summer 2023 in Cairo at the Ideo

For the summer of 2023, IDEO is offering Dominican friars in philosophical or theological **training a one-month course in Cairo** to learn about Arabic and Islamic Studies. This internship should open the brothers during their formation to the reality of the Islamic world in its beliefs and in its life, and contribute to the indispensable construction of a culture of encounter, “an intrinsic requirement for experiencing the joy of the Truth in community” and for “deepening its meaning and practical implications” (*Veritatis Gaudium* 4.b).

From a methodological point of view, we propose to start from an initiation to the Arabic language in order to show its own logic and its theological dimension. It is thus through linguistic means that the students are introduced to Islamic Studies.

The internship lasts four weeks: each week is composed of five days of classes (Monday to Friday); each day is broken down into five hours of classes: three hours in the classroom and two hours with an individual tutor. During the month, a weekend in Luxor will be organized as well as cultural visits in Cairo.

The session is preceded by a *moodle* of 14 lessons to learn the basics of reading and writing. Successful completion of the *moodle* is a prerequisite for participation in the Cairo course. The links to the *moodle* will be sent to the student upon receipt of his application.

The cost of the training (courses, full board, week-end in Luxor, visits to Cairo) is covered by an Ideo scholarship program. However, it is up to the provinces to pay for the airfare and the brothers' daily expenses on site. For the provinces where the price of the ticket would be too expensive, it is possible to ask for an exceptional help from the IDEO (please contact us).

Dates : Arrival on July 15 or 16, 2023 in Cairo. Beginning of the courses on July 17th. End of the course on August 11th. Departure on August 12 or 13.

Application procedure: The application must be sent to the Ideo management before **March 15, 2023** (direction@ideo-cairo.org). It consists of a letter of motivation from the student, the results of his studies, and a letter of recommendation from the director of studies or the Regent. The student receives confirmation of his participation in early April 2023. It is up to the student to take the consular steps in case he needs a visa and to pass the *moodle* on the basics of Arabic reading and writing.