



# Dar Si Hmad for Development, Education and Culture ETHNOGRAPHIC FIELD SCHOOL IN SOUTHERN MOROCCO

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*WGEI (Women's Global Empowerment Initiative) participants learning to crack Argan nuts in Agadir-based women's cooperative (Summer 2017)*

## About Us

*Our ethnographic field school allows students to experience fieldwork and research first hand. **Our immersive programs give students critical perspectives on local cultures, economies, and development projects, bridging the gap between theory and practice.** We work in Agadir, and conduct training in Sidi Ifni, Taroudant, Tiznit, and other small towns in southwest Morocco.*

*As a non-profit, all benefits from tuition fund our local, Moroccan education and environmental initiatives. Dar Si Hmad manages the world's largest fog-harvesting project, which provides clean water to surrounding villages, and we focus on capacity-building in the region, including training local women to manage the fog project and offering environmental education programs to rural youth.*



**ALL PROCEEDS FROM OUR FIELD SCHOOL PROGRAMS GO DIRECTLY TO OUR ENVIRONMENTAL AND EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS.**

## Our Programs

*We have hosted over 365 participants, from over 50 different groups, with most groups coming from American universities. In addition to academic lectures and discussions, **our programs prioritize experimental learning, cross-cultural dialogue, and community engagement.** Dar Si Hmad has over 10 years of experience developing custom programs, catered to the interests of professors and students. Programs can include: **site visits, individual research projects, language classes, academic lectures and discussions, field work methodology training, and exchanges with Moroccan students, rural community members, cooperative workers, academic, activists, and professionals.***

## **Program Structure and Themes**

*Dar Si Hmad partners with universities and schools to create faculty-led programs. Students register at their home institution, under the leadership of a faculty member or professor. DSH partners with university faculty to finalize the proposed program, including the curriculum, itinerary, and activities. We provide all logistics, including transport, classroom space, translation services, research support, and accommodation (hotels, apartment homestays).*

*Our programs are locally-rooted, with connections to globally-relevant issues and fundamental theoretical questions. Dar Si Hmad has taught the following curriculum:*

### **Environment, Ecology, and Sustainable Development**

*Critical Perspectives on Development; Ethnobotany & Permaculture;*

*Water Systems and Rural Livelihoods*

### **Globalization and Local Economies**

*Tourism & the Commodification of Culture; Subsistence Agriculture and Innovative Farming Practices; Women's Livelihoods: Argan and Aknari Cooperatives*

### **Contemporary Expressions of Culture**

*Literature & Poetry; Sociolinguistics, Art, Photography, & Cinema,*

*Music & Dance, Cuisine, Fashion*

### **Sociohistorical Transformations and Identity**

*Arab & Amazigh Identities in the South, Gender & Sexuality, Migration, Education and Youth*

### **Embodiments of 'Tradition' and 'Modernity'**

*Urban and Rural Governance, Medical Anthropology, Fashion and Identity*





### **Tuition, Fees, and Where Our Money Goes**

Our tuition is calculated based on our 10 years of experience and is dependent on the group size, structure, and length of each program. In general, tuition is around 1200 MAD/day/per participant. We are 100% transparent with our program budgets. We adjust to limited budgets without compromising the quality of the program offered since Dar Si Hmad is a non-profit and all remaining funds from our programs are invested directly in our Educational Initiatives and Development Projects.

There is a non-refundable 100 MAD for registration.

To establish a program with your university or school, we recommend reaching out to us around 1 year prior to the desired program date.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION, INCLUDING PROGRAM COSTS AND SCHEDULING, PLEASE CONTACT US:**

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