

## Iraq

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In 2012-2013, nine U.S. students studied abroad for academic credit in Iraq.

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### **Education System Overview**

**Academic year:** September – June

**Major school holidays/break:**

- Spring Break: Mid-January
- Summer Break: June – August
- Numerous religious holidays during the year

**Structure of the university system:**

- **Years of study required to earn a bachelor's degree:** 4 years. A Bachelor's Degree in Architecture, Dentistry, Pharmacy, and Veterinary Medicine is awarded after five years of study. Bachelor's Degree in Medicine is awarded after six years of study.
- **The language of instruction in universities:** Arabic, Kurdish, or English for certain majors

**Resources:**

Organization: Government of Iraq - Ministry of Higher Education & Scientific Research

Website: [www.moheer.gov.iq](http://www.moheer.gov.iq)

Email: [scrd@moheer.gov.iq](mailto:scrd@moheer.gov.iq)

Organization: Kurdistan Regional Government - Ministry of Higher Education & Scientific

Research

Website: [www.mhe-krq.org](http://www.mhe-krq.org)

Organization: The Higher Committee for Education Development (HCED Scholarship Program)

Website: [www.hcediraq.org](http://www.hcediraq.org)



### **Know Before You Go**

- [How to Apply for Your U.S. Passport](#)
- [Iraq Travel Information](#)

### **U.S. Government-Sponsored Study and Exchange Programs**

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