Program Information:

This program will be a twenty-four day immersion in the history, culture, politics, languages and geography of this unique African country. The first portion of the program will take place in Tangier where students will be housed in a three or four star hotel in the heart of the city, including breakfast and either lunch or dinner. During this time, students will attend formal classes in the morning, and the afternoons and weekends will include guided excursions of Tangier, its surrounding cities and landmarks (such as the Medina, Asilah and the Mediterranean and Atlantic coastal environments). The second part of the program will be a tour of important sites and cities that may include Agadir, Zagora, Ouarzazate, Marrakesh, Casablanca and Rabat, where students will discover the historical impact of each site. The program will traverse the extremely diverse natural environment of Morocco, including its Alpine, Desert and mountainous terrains. The final portion of the program will be back in Tangier and may include a day trip to Tarifa in Andalusia, Spain to complete the student’s understanding of historical Morocco during the 700 years that the Moorish Empire ruled this part of Spain. The program will begin and end in Morocco. Participants should expect frequent walks, hikes, and heavy traveling.

Program Director:

Dr. Abdellatif Attafi, Department of French, attafia@cofc.edu, 843-953-5706
Dr. Attafi is a Professor of French at the College of Charleston and is originally from Tangier, Morocco. He has vast experience with study abroad program, having directed the French summer study abroad program for over ten years and the CofC semester program in La Rochelle for five years.

Dr. Jack Parson, Department of Political Science, parsonj@cofc.edu, 843-442-2096
Dr. Parson is Professor Emeritus of Political Science and former Director of International Education. He lived in Uganda and Botswana a total of ten years and has traveled extensively on the African continent. He previously taught in the CofC summer program in France and in the spring semester program in Trujillo, Spain.

Both Dr. Parson and Dr. Attafi have directed this summer program to Morocco the past ten years.

To Apply:

Applications can either be downloaded from the CIE website, http://international.cofc.edu, or picked up in the CIE office in the Multicultural Center, 207 Calhoun St. All applications must be submitted to Gabriela Peschiera, Assistant Director, Center for International Education, peschierag@cofc.edu, 843-953-7823.

The Program fee of $4,375* includes a non-refundable $50 application fee, round-trip airfare, lodging, ground transportation, some meals, medical insurance, and entrances into sites. TUITION FOR THE COURSES IS NOT INCLUDED.

Application deadline is March 1, 2014. Deposit of $550 will be posted to the student’s MyCharleston account once the application has been submitted to, and approved by, the CIE. Scholarships of up to $1500 are available to CofC students for study abroad. Eligibility is based on demonstrated financial aid and academic merit.