

# INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE



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## Dear International Student,

We are delighted that you have chosen Zayed University as your first preference among institutions of higher education. It proudly bears the name of the founder of the nation - the late **Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan** - Zayed University was founded in 1998 to inspire, encourage, educate, and lead a powerful generation of students.

Zayed university's mission is to graduate students who are fluent in both English and Arabic, skilled in leadership, masters of the computer and trained in academic discipline.

Quality instruction, distinguished faculty, and a commitment to the highest international standards have earned Zayed University a reputation for academic excellence throughout the Gulf region.

Accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, the University's programs are recognized internationally as coming from a quality assured university

In this brochure, you will find information related to Zayed University and various programs offered.

Please feel free to contact the Admissions Office of the Office of Enrollment Management for further information required:

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*We look forward to you joining our student community to participate in this exciting experience.*

Kind Regards,

**Office of Enrollment Management.**





# About Zayed University

## Vision

Zayed University shall become the leading university in the region, embodying the same rigorous standards and intellectual elements found in major universities throughout the world.

**H.E. Sheikh Nahyan Mubarak Al Nahyan**  
President of Zayed University and  
U.A.E. Minister of Higher Education  
and Scientific Research

Zayed University is an educational centre of excellence in an emerging and evolving nation. Proudly bearing the name of the founder of the nation – the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan – it stands for innovation, inspiration, and education.

The University was founded to prepare male and female leaders who will provide the knowledge and abilities this nation will need to enjoy a future of security and progress. It offers an academic program that prepares talented, ambitious and enthusiastic students for success in government, the arts, business, media and IT and to meet the challenges of a dynamic twenty-first century world.

The University was founded for UAE National women in 1998, with campuses in Dubai and Abu Dhabi. Today, the University is educating more than 6,000 male and female students from 19 countries to compete and thrive in a global environment at the following campuses: Abu Dhabi North, Abu Dhabi South, Dubai – Al Ruwayyah, and Dubai – Knowledge Village .

Zayed University is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104 (267-284-5000).

***We offer  
the following  
Bachelor degree  
programs:***

- Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Art and Design
- Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in International Studies
- Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Emirati Studies
- Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Health Sciences
- Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Multimedia Design
- Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Business Sciences
- Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Information Systems and Technology Management
- Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Communication and Media Sciences
- Bachelor of Science (B.S.Ed.) in Education
- Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Technology and Education
- Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Information Technology

***Your education doesn't have to end when you graduate, as we offer the following Master's degree and Graduate Certificate programs:***

- Executive Masters in Health Care Administration (EMHCA)
- Executive Masters in Public Administration (EMPA)
- Master of Arts (M.A.) in Diplomacy and International Affairs
- Executive Masters in Business Administration (EMBA)
- Master of Science (M.S.) in Finance
- Master of Science (M.S.) in Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Master of Science (M.S.) in International Business (MSIB)
- Master of Arts (M.A.) in Communications
- Master of Education (M.Ed.)
- Master of Science (M.S.) in Teaching and Learning
- Master of Science (M.S.) in Information Technology
- Graduate Certificate in Health Care Administration
- Graduate Certificate in Diplomacy and International Affairs
- Graduate Certificate in Business Administration
- Graduate Certificate in Tourism and Cultural Communication
- Graduate Certificate in Advanced Professional Study in School Leadership for Principals
- Graduate Certificate in Advanced Professional Study in Teaching and Learning
- Graduate Certificate in High Technology Crime Investigation
- Graduate Certificate in Information Security
- Graduate Certificate in E-Archive and Information Management



# Admission Requirements



Cumulative academic grade point average, language proficiency, standardized tests, letters of recommendation, personal statement and extra-curricular activities play an important role in the admission decision. The Office of Admissions may also request a personal interview with the candidate to complete the profile. **Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.**

## Minimum Admissions Requirements:

A candidate must be at least 17 years of age on 31 August of the entering year and have graduated from an accredited secondary school.

- ◆ National General Secondary School Certificates (Arts or Science): Minimum required average of 70 percent.
- ◆ IGCSE, GCSE, GCE: Completion of a minimum of five subjects at the GCSE/ IGCSE Ordinary level and two subjects at the GCE Advanced Subsidiary level with a "C" standing or better in every subject;
- ◆ IB: Certification of completion of the International Baccalaureate program with at least five courses successfully completed. No minimum academic standard has been established for each course; rather, the candidate's entire academic record will be considered.
- ◆ Or equivalent from other educational systems.

## Language Proficiency

Applicants who can provide the following proof of English proficiency will be admitted directly to our General Education undergraduate program.

- ◆ A valid IELTS certificate with an average overall score of 5.0 or greater (no individual score less than 4.5) or a valid TOEFL iBT certificate with a score of 61 or greater.
- ◆ Test scores must be not more than 2 years old.

**\*\*** *In exceptional circumstances, students who cannot meet the IELTS/TOEFL iBT requirement may be permitted to enroll in the upper levels of our pre-undergraduate English program*

**\*\*** *Additional assessment testing may be required dependent upon IELTS/TOEFL iBT results*

## Fee Structure:

- ◆ A non-refundable application fee of AED 250 (please note that applications will not be reviewed until this payment is received)
- ◆ Tuition cost of AED 75000 per academic year
  - AED 5000 deposit due upon admission to ZU
  - AED 32500 per semester for first year
  - AED 37500 per semester for consecutive years

## Tuition Waiver Scheme:

Zayed University, through the Office of Enrollment Management, offers a limited number of tuition waivers to international students. Tuition Waivers are for 50% and 100% of the tuition fees (but do not cover the cost of a ZU laptop, food or transport).

In return for a tuition waiver, students are expected to provide 4-6 hours of on campus student support.

Tuition waivers are awarded for the full four years of study providing students

- a) Maintain the required GPA
- b) Successfully complete their on-campus student support obligations.

Tuition waiver applications can be made at the time of application to Zayed University. Tuition waiver selection will be announced no later than a week before the official start of the semester.

The Tuition waiver application form can be downloaded from the website: [www.zu.ac.ae](http://www.zu.ac.ae)



## Our Facilities:

### **Office of Accessibility:**

The Office of Accessibility was created in Jan 2010 with a view to improve access to higher education for students with different disabilities.

### **Library:**

The library and learning resources collections, in Abu Dhabi and Dubai, are arranged according to the Library of Congress Classification Scheme (LCCS) with the exception of the Learning Enhancement Centre which is arranged by skill area.

Items from all collections can be found using the library catalog.

The Learning Enhancement Center (LEC) on each campus houses a collection of self-study materials which provides support for students' coursework. The collection consists of ESL books, kits, TOEFL, IELTS and other exam preparation materials, graded readers, audio cassettes and CDs, CD ROMS, Business Communications resource books, and Math and English worksheets.

### **Student Careers Office and Alumnae Affairs:**

Student Careers Office and Alumnae Affairs seeks to empower all students to maximize their personal and career potential. We provide diverse career programs, resources and expertise in a supportive student-centered environment in order to facilitate student and graduate success.

### **Peer Assistance Leaders Support Program:**

The Peer Assistance Leader Support Program has been set up to be an additional support system to Zayed University students and in turn the Peer Assistance Leaders (PALs) will complement other university support structures. They will contribute to the intellectual and personal growth of students by offering their peers first-hand experience and insights into academic issues. Their aim will be to strive to promote academic excellence and student success in Zayed University and as a comfortable, non-intrusive source of contact with students.



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**Wellness Center:**

The Wellness Center on campus is available from 8.00am to 5.00pm, Sunday to Thursday for any immediate medical assistance without any cost. Ambulance service will be arranged for any serious condition.

**Food Service:**

Different kinds of restaurants / cafes are available on campus.

**Business Centre:**

Students can use the copying and fax service at a discounted price from our fully functional business center on our campuses.





# About UAE

Asia, bordering the Gulf of Oman and the Persian Gulf, between Oman and Saudi Arabia; The UAE lies between 22°50' and 26° north latitude and between 51° and 56°25' east longitude. It shares a 530-kilometer border with Saudi Arabia on the west, south, and

southeast, and a 450-kilometer border with Oman on the southeast and northeast. The land border with Qatar in the Khawr al Udayd area is about nineteen kilometers in the northwest; however, it is a source of ongoing dispute. The total area of the UAE is approximately 77,700 square kilometers. The largest emirate, Abu Dhabi, accounts for 87% of the UAE's total area (67,340 square kilometers). The smallest emirate, Ajman, encompasses only 259 square kilometers.

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) is a federation of seven emirates situated in the southeast of the Arabian Peninsula in Southwest Asia on the Persian Gulf, bordering Oman and Saudi Arabia. The UAE consists of seven states, termed emirates, which are Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Ajman, Umm al-Quwain, Ras al-Khaimah and Fujairah. The capital and second largest city of the United Arab Emirates is Abu Dhabi.

## Sheikh Zayed and the union

In the early 1960s, oil was discovered in Abu Dhabi, an event that led to quick unification calls made by UAE sheikdoms. Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan became ruler of Abu Dhabi in 1966 and the British started losing their oil investments and contracts to U.S. oil companies. The sheikhs of the emirates then decided to form a council to coordinate matters between them and took over the development office.

On 2 November 2004, the UAE's first president, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, died. His eldest son, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, succeeded as ruler of Abu Dhabi. In accordance with the constitution, the UAE's Supreme Council of Rulers elected Khalifa as president. Sheikh Mohammad bin Zayed Al Nahyan succeeded Khalifa as Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi. In January 2006, Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the prime minister of the UAE and the ruler of Dubai, died, and Crown Prince Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum assumed both roles.

## Geography

The United Arab Emirates is situated in Southwest

## Climate

The climate of the U.A.E generally is hot and dry. The hottest months are July and August, when average maximum temperatures reach above 48 °C (118.4 °F) on the coastal plain.

## Sport

Football is the national sport of the United Arab Emirates. The UAE football team qualified for the World Cup in 1990.

Cricket is one of the most popular sports in the UAE, largely because of the expatriate population from the Indian subcontinent. The United Arab Emirates national cricket team qualified for the 1996 Cricket World Cup and narrowly missed out on qualification for the 2007 Cricket World Cup.

Other popular sports include camel racing, falconry, endurance riding, and tennis.

## Currency

The official currency of the United Arab Emirates is the dirham (abbreviated to Dhs or AED), with each dirham divided into 100 fils. Dirham notes come in 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500, and 1000 denominations, while coins come in Dhs 1, 0.5, 0.25, 0.10 and 0.05.



## **Driving**

If you are a resident (have obtained a Residence Visa), you must obtain a ten-year U.A.E. driving license before you can drive. Residents from the following countries can usually obtain a U.A.E. license without having to take a driving test: UK, most European countries, Australia, New Zealand, United States of America, and Canada. Canadian passport holders will have to obtain a letter from their Embassy or Consulate prior to applying for a U.A.E. license. If your driving license is not from one of the countries mentioned here, you will have to undergo a driving test.

You will not be able to drive or rent a car until your residence visa has been finalized. Nor can you buy a car until your residence visa has been finalized and you have a U.A.E. driving license.

Nationals or residents of other Gulf Cooperation Council countries do not require an international driving license, and can drive or rent a car in Abu Dhabi using their GCC-issued driving license for the duration of their visit in the emirate (up to three months).

Fully comprehensive accident insurance is recommended.

Women of all nationalities can drive in the U.A.E.

## **Emirate of Abu Dhabi**

Year-round sunshine, pristine beaches, spectacular sand dunes and pulsating cosmopolitan lifestyle await every guest in Abu Dhabi. The famous Liwa oasis in the south is home to some of the largest and most beautiful sand dunes in the world. It is also the frontier that leads to the legendary Rub Al-Khali (Empty Quarter), a vast expanse of desert that extends through Saudi Arabia and Oman, which has been the object of many explorers' conquest in the past.

Abu Dhabi city bursts with dazzling business-cum-leisure facilities ranging from state-of-the-art convention centre, luxurious hotels, spas, designer golf courses, theatres. Gastronomic treats further abound from cool and sophisticated cafes, clubs and restaurants.

## **Emirate of Dubai**

Sunshine, shopping, seaside, sports and safety - five of the key ingredients that have earned Dubai a growing reputation as one of the world's most attractive and rapidly developing leisure destinations. Located at the cross-roads of Asia, Europe and Africa, Dubai is well positioned to attract tourists looking for somewhere new and different, a destination combining the traditions of the east with the comforts of the west.

Both business travelers and tourists find that Dubai offers the highest standards of comfort and luxury. An intriguing land that combines old-world souks and modern shopping malls, rolling sand dunes and championship grass golf courses, remote Bedouin villages and an array of five-star hotels, Dubai defies easy definition.

*Source:*

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United\\_Arab\\_Emirates](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Arab_Emirates)

<http://www.dubaitourism.ae>

<http://www.visitabudhabi.ae>