

ZAYED UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS CRITERIA OVERVIEW

Minimum High School Requirements (All Majors)

- MOE (Advanced and Elite) **70%** or Above - MOE (General and Applied) **80%** or Above
- International Baccalaureate (IB) 30 or above
- British Curriculum: A levels 2Bs or Equivalent 80 UCAS tariff points, Plus minimum 5 (I)GCSE subjects excluding Arabic & Islamic
- American Curriculum: 80% Minimum 5 subjects excluding Arabic and Islamic Studies
- Other, e.g. CBSE: 75%

+

Standardized Testing ¹

EMSAT / SAT Math

OR

ZU Internal
Math Test

+

EMSAT or TOEFL
or IELTS English



Application Review ²

Accept conditionally ³

Accept unconditionally

Reject

Note:

A score of EmSAT Arabic 750 will be required for UAE Nationals.

Zayed University EmSAT Requirements

College of Interdisciplinary Studies

Program/Major	Specialization/Concentration	Math	English	Arabic
Bachelor of Science in Business Transformation	Specialization in Finance	EMSAT 750 or SAT Math 530 or ZU internal Math test ¹ (65 - 75% ²)	EMSAT 1250 or IELTS Academic 5.5 or TOEFL iBT 71	EMSAT 750 (UAE Nationals Only)
	Specialization in Accounting			
	Concentration in Operations Management			
	Concentration in Growth Strategy & Management			
	Concentration in Entrepreneurship & Innovation			
Bachelor of Science in Social Innovation	Specialization in Communication & Media	EMSAT 600 or SAT Math 475 or ZU internal Math test ¹ (65%)	EMSAT 1250 or IELTS Academic 5.5 or TOEFL iBT 71	EMSAT 750 (UAE Nationals Only)
	Specialization in Psychology			
	Concentration in Behavioral Economics			
	Concentration in Political & Economic Systems			
	Concentration in Societal Transformation			
Bachelor of Science in Computational Systems	Concentration in Applied Data Science	EMSAT 900 or SAT Math 590 or ZU internal Math test ¹ (75% - 85% ²)	EMSAT 1250 or IELTS Academic 5.5 or TOEFL iBT 71	EMSAT 750 (UAE Nationals Only)
	Concentration in Machine Intelligence			
	Concentration in Digital Security			
Bachelor of Science in Sustainability	Concentration in Sustainable Enterprise	EMSAT 600 or SAT Math 475 or ZU internal Math test ¹ (65%)	EMSAT 1250 or IELTS Academic 5.5 or TOEFL iBT 71	EMSAT 750 (UAE Nationals Only)
	Concentration in Sustainable Policy			
	Concentration in Sustainable Environments			

Notes

- Candidates without the required EmSAT Math or the SAT score can take Zayed University's Internal mathematics test.
- Candidates scoring at the low end of this threshold will be required to attend a Math lab during their first semester

Zayed University EmSAT Requirements

College of Arts and Creative Enterprises

Program/Major	Math	English	Arabic	Other
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Animation Design	EMSAT 550 or SAT Math 475 or ZU internal Math test (60%) ¹	EMSAT 1250 or IELTS 5.5 or TOEFL iBT 71	EMSAT 750 (UAE Nationals Only)	Portfolio ²
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design				
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Interior Design				
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Visual Arts				
Bachelor of Science in Multimedia Design				

Notes:

1. Candidates without the required EmSAT Math or the SAT score can take Zayed University's Internal mathematics test.
2. All CACE candidates must submit a Portfolio as part of the application process.

College of Arts and Creative Enterprises: Portfolio and Video Requirements

To join the College of Arts and Creative Enterprises you are required to submit a portfolio that demonstrates your creativity, artistic potential, and willingness to learn and grow in the field of art and design.

The following are guidelines for creating a portfolio that showcases your talent and potential. Choose a variety of mediums:

Drawing **Painting**
Photography **Sculpture**
Digital art

(This will show your versatility and adaptability to different types of materials and techniques)

Show your process: work, such as:

Sketches and Drafts

(This will help demonstrate your creative thinking and problem-solving skills)

Focus on composition and design: Even if you don't have experience with art and design, you can still demonstrate an understanding of composition and design principles.

Submission

10 examples of art/design work.

This should be in the form of a PDF or PowerPoint with images of the artwork you have created.

Max file size 5MB

Video

A short 2-3min video introduction of yourself, explaining why you want to study art/design at Zayed University – use your favourite social media platform such as: YouTube video, TikTok, or Instagram etc.

Interview

You may be called for an interview.



Conditional Admission

ZU hopes that all students are able to meet our standard entry requirements.

If this is not the case, we do have some alternative options via our Conditional Admission process.

Conditional Admission Eligibility Criteria (Math, English and Arabic)

College of Interdisciplinary Studies

Curriculum	Subject Grade Requirements Math	English	Arabic
MOE General/Applied	95%	IELTS 6.0	EMSAT 750 (UAE Nationals Only)
MOE Elite / Advance	85%		
IB Diploma	Minimum 5 in Math		
British	Math Subject with 'B' at GCSE A level		
Other International excluding American High School Diploma	80% but where Math is not a mandatory subject in high school a minimum of 85% in Grade 10		

College of Arts and Creative Enterprises

Curriculum	Subject Grade Requirements Math	English	Arabic
MOE General / Applied	80%	IELTS 6.0	EMSAT 750 (UAE Nationals Only)
MOE Elite / Advance	70%		
IB Diploma	Minimum 3 in Math		
British	Math Subject with C Grade in A levels Or B in (I)GCSE Math		
Other International excluding American High School Diploma	70% Where Math is not a mandatory subject in high school a minimum of 70% in Grade 10		

Zayed University will also consider performance in cognate subjects for each program (e.g., GCSE 'A level' Psychology for BA Social Innovation and Business Studies and Economics for BA Business Transformation).

Eligibility for Conditional Admission Criteria (other cognate subjects)

College of Interdisciplinary Studies

Curriculum	Economics	Eligible for conditional entry to:	Computer Science (CS)	Eligible for conditional entry to:	Physics /Chemistry/Biology (1 of the subject)	Eligible for conditional entry to:	Psychology	Eligible for conditional entry to:
MOE General/Applied	95%	BS Business Transformation BS Social Innovation BS Sustainability	95%	BS Computational systems	95%	BS Sustainability	95%	BS Social Innovation
MOE Elite / Advance	85%		85%		85%		85%	
IB Diploma	Minimum 5 in Economics		Minimum 5 in Computer Science		Minimum 5 in Physics or Chemistry or Biology		Minimum 5 in Psychology	
British	Economics GCSE A level at grade B		Computer Science GCSE A level at grade B		Physics, Chemistry or Biology GCSE A level at grade B		Psychology GCSE A level at grade B	
Other International excluding American High School Diploma	80% but where Economics is not a mandatory subject in high school a minimum of 85% in Grade 10		80% but where is not a mandatory subject in high school a minimum of 85% in Grade 10		80% but where Physics, chemistry or Biology is not a mandatory subject in high school a minimum of 85% in Grade 10		80% but where is not a mandatory subject in high school a minimum of 85% in Grade 10	

All the students would be required to achieve an IELTS 6, TOEFL 71, or EmSAT English 1400 and complete the ZU internal application. All students accepted on conditional admission would be required to take the EmSAT Math or SAT Math or internal placement test (excluding the students admitted with Math-specific scores) along with maintaining good standing.

Zayed University Conditional Admission Criteria CIS and CACE

Zayed University will consider students for conditional admissions based on students meet the following criteria:

External Standardized Requirements:

1. High School Criteria
2. Meeting Math Subject score criteria or specific subject scores across majors (excluding American high school diploma/curriculum).
3. Standardized test requirements for English

Internal Assessments

1. Zayed University Internal Application
 2. Challenges involving written assessment, recorded video interview, Personal Statement, and Portfolio*
 3. *Portfolio is only required for CACE programs (College of Arts and Creative Enterprises).
- In order to qualify for admission into Zayed University, students need to meet both the External requirements, including the equivalency certificate, and the Zayed University internal application assessments.
 - UAE nationals must complete the NAPO application and ZU Application Assessment.
 - International students would be required to complete the ZU Application Assessment.