Introduction and Mission

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS) is comprised of three Departments—the Department of Social Sciences, the Department of Arabic Language, and the Department of Islamic World Studies. In addition to contributing to the University’s general education program and spearheading the integration of Arabic across the curriculum, the College offers two undergraduate programs in International Studies and Emirati Studies, three minors (Literature; Middle East/GCC Studies; and Arabic for Media), and three graduate programs including an MA in Diplomacy and International Affairs, an MA in Judicial Studies and an Executive Masters in Public Administration. CHSS prides itself on fostering the skills—including critical thinking, communication, research, and global awareness—that empower graduates to succeed as future leaders, professionals and citizens.
At the heart of its mission, the College promotes the study of history, politics, law, culture and society at the national, regional and international levels. CHSS is of the firm belief that in order to contribute to the economic and social development of the UAE, graduates must understand the complex issues confronting not only the nation, but the region and the world around them. A broader, more holistic perspective allows students to engage positively with individuals of different cultural backgrounds and encourages flexibility and innovative thinking in the workplace and in their daily lives. To achieve this mission, faculty employ teaching methodologies in the classroom that encourage active learning, critical analysis of texts, and hands-on experience in the field—be it as interns, junior excavators in an archaeology field school, or presenters at an academic conference or event. In fact, as part of their educational experience, CHSS students engage in various co-curricular and extra-curricular activities including humanitarian work, study abroad experiences, participation in international, regional and national conferences and events, and student-faculty research collaboration.
ADMISSION TO ZAYED UNIVERSITY

UAE National Applicants
To be considered for admission, all National applicants must possess a valid UAE passport, valid UAE National Identity Certificate and UAE ID.

Applicants from a high school following the UAE curriculum must have 12 years of school and an attested General School Leaving Certificate, a minimum 70% average in academic subjects, a minimum CEPA English score of 150, and a CEPA Mathematics score (no minimum score is currently required).

Applicants from a high school following an International curriculum must have 12 years of school: GCSE/IGCSE must complete five subjects at the ordinary level and two subjects at the GCE Advanced Subsidiary or Advanced level, with a passing grade in each subject. International Baccalaureate must successfully complete five subjects.

If you are currently in high school, or have completed high school this year: Submit a completed application form with all documentation attached and Zayed University selected as your primary choice of institution to the National Admissions and Placement Office (NAPO). Applications are submitted online at http://www.napo.ae

International Applicants
Zayed University also welcomes applications from International students. For more details about admission requirements and application forms for International students, please visit: http://www.zu.ac.ae/main/en/enroll/international.aspx

The Academic Bridge Program (ABP): Success at Zayed University requires proficiency in both Arabic and English languages. Students admitted to the University are initially placed either directly into the baccalaureate program or into the Academic Bridge Program. This placement depends primarily upon each student’s proficiency in English as measured by the Common Educational Proficiency Assessment (CEPA) exam administered by the National Admissions and Placement Office (NAPO) in the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research. Students initially placed into
the ABP progress into University College and the baccalaureate program only once they successfully complete the Academic Bridge Program exit requirements and achieve the required level of English proficiency (overall band score of 5.0 or greater) as measured by the International English Language Testing Service (IELTS) exams.

**University College (UC):** University College is responsible for delivering Zayed University’s general education program, organized as the Colloquy on Integrated Learning. The Colloquy Program initiates the baccalaureate careers of all Zayed University students. University College offers the high quality foundational education, the Colloquy on Integrated Learning, to all Zayed University students. It prepares them for their future majors and eventual employment. The experience instills in them a desire for lifelong learning, fosters intellectual curiosity, and engenders critical thinking.

**Zayed University Undergraduate Program Model:**
ADMISSION TO THE MAJOR

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS) requires that the applicant fulfil the following requirements for acceptance:

- Satisfactory completion of 42 semester credit hours or more;
- Attainment of a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher;
- Achievement of grades of C- or better in COL 140, COL 145, and COL 240;
- Achievement of grades of C- or better in two of the three Global Awareness courses, COL 150, COL 155, COL 255, and a passing grade in the third; and
- Achievement of passing grades in COL 105, COL 110, COL 111, COL 120, COL 130, COL 135, COL 165, COL 230, COL 260, and COL 270.

(COL 260 and COL 270 may be scheduled for semester three, four, or five.)
INTERNERSHIP

Internships for academic credit add a significant experience in the workplace to a student’s education. They provide the opportunity to develop a student’s professional attitude, behavior, skills, and confidence. Internships also introduce students to a broad range of career possibilities that would be available to them upon graduation.

ADVISING SERVICES

Advising in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences has an innovative approach which emphasizes student involvement throughout the process. The College’s Advising Center provides necessary resources and support to students. The provided advising services help students achieve their academic goals including career path, internship, study abroad programs, graduate studies and course-specific field trips and other extracurricular activities.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A student must complete a minimum of 120 credit hours to graduate. Normally, a degree program may not require a student to complete more than 132 credit hours for graduation. The student should consult with a College advisor on program and course requirements for graduation.
UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

A) Bachelor of Arts (B.A) in International Studies

Specialization in Culture and Society: is designed for students interested in professional careers in cultural institutions, research centers, and social services in the private and public sectors.

Specialization in International Affairs: is designed for students interested in professional careers in government agencies dealing with international affairs and in international institutions operating in the UAE.

B) Bachelor of Arts (B.A) in Emirati Studies (joint with the College of Communication and Media Sciences): This degree focuses on two fundamental areas of Emirati cultural resources: archaeological and historical knowledge, and heritage and cultural production. This degree also prepares students for professional careers in exhibition design and curatorship, and cultural tourism, all sectors that are expanding within the UAE.

MINOR IN LITERATURE: is designed to help students improve as readers, speakers, and writers of English. It also enables them to sharpen their ability to think critically, exercise their imaginations and expand their facility for research.

MINOR IN MIDDLE EAST/GCC STUDIES: provides students with an overview of the historical, political, economic, cultural and social aspects of the origins, evolution and diversity of the region and its future prospects. Students gain a solid humanistic and social science foundation on which to form informed opinions, explain socio-political issues and better understand how to navigate the complex societal and institutional realities that impact their lives on a daily basis.
MINOR IN ARABIC FOR MEDIA: The Minor in Arabic for Media is designed for students who wish to develop their speaking, reading and writing Arabic Language skills in the fields of: media, journalism, broadcasting, new media, public relations, advertising, and marketing. Students will develop writing for multi-platform Media in Arabic, such as writing for journalism, new media, writing for business communication, writing for television, radio, online media, public relations and promotional writing, as well as an understanding of the fundamentals of public speaking and persuasion. In addition, students will strengthen their research skills, in topics related to media, and acquire important skills such as use of technological resources in conducting their media assignments. Upon completion of this minor, students should have gathered a wide knowledge of fundamentals of media writings: online and conventional, deepened their language competency, and refined their critical thinking skills. They should also be able to use the skills they gained in the workplace.
GRADUATE PROGRAMS

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS) currently offers three Masters degrees:

A) Executive Masters in Public Administration (EMPA): is designed to prepare senior public administrators to become leaders in the field of public policy and administration at both local and international levels.

B) Master of Arts (M.A.) in Diplomacy and International Affairs: is designed to prepare professionals ready to contribute with innovative ideas to the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century in the public and private sectors.

C) Master of Arts (M.A.) in Judicial Studies: is designed to provide participants with the latest developments in the field of law and judicial administration to improve their skills and to equip them with the knowledge and competencies necessary for successful handling and dealing with judicial administration in public and private law.
OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS) participates in an extensive array of outreach and engagement activities, some coordinated by the Institute for Community Engagement.

RESEARCH

Consistent with its size and diversity, the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS) engages in research and creative activity across a multitude of disciplines and disseminates the outcomes through publications, conferences and exhibitions across the world.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

INTRODUCTION AND MISSION

The Department of Social Sciences (HSS) offers an interdisciplinary B.A. in International Studies, with specializations in Culture and Society and International Affairs, a B.A. in Emirati Studies, two Master’s programs- one in Diplomacy and International Affairs and the other in Judicial Studies, and two minors, including Literature and Middle East/GCC Studies.

The Department’s disciplines are integrated for the study of the nature of culture and society, international affairs, the impacts of globalization, and issues of social and political development. The Department includes the disciplines of anthropology, comparative literature, history, international relations, political science, and sociology. The Department also supports majors in other colleges through elective course offerings in the Humanities and Social Sciences.
Specifically, the mission of the Department of Social Sciences is to:

- Provide undergraduate and graduate degree programs for students who are interested in understanding and analyzing and eventually leading the UAE in its social, economic, and cultural development; and

- Build partnerships with key organizations to support basic and applied research projects, policy development, and meaningful internships and other academic and career opportunities for students.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>COURSES OFFERED</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>HSS 200: Social and Economic Trends in the Gulf</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HSS 200AL: Arabic Lab</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HSS 201: History of the United Arab Emirates</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HSS 202: Archaeology: Knowledge and Methods</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HSS 210: Introduction to International Relations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HSS 211: Windows on American Society</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HSS 251: World History</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HSS 252: Comparative Intellectual Traditions</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HSS 261: Introduction to Culture and Society</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HSS 301: Geography: People, Places, and Power</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HSS 302: Cities, Cultures, Space, Sustainability</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HSS 311: Comparative Social Policy</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HSS 314: Peoples of the World</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HSS 321: Heritage of the Gulf</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HSS 322: Creative Writing: Experiments in Genre</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HSS 324: Contemporary World Issues and Problems</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HSS 325: Comparative Political Systems</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HSS 327: Introduction to Political Science</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
HSS 381: Legacy of Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al Nahyan
HSS 382: Archaeology of the Emirates
HSS 383: Archaeology Field School
HSS 384: Anthropology of Tourism and Heritage
HSS 385: Bedouin Society
HSS 391: Research Methods
HSS 391AL: Arabic Lab
HSS 395: Independent Study
HSS 397: Special Topics
HSS 401: Political History in the U.A.E.
HSS 421: Policy Case Study I
HSS 422: Policy Case Study II
HSS 423: Issues in National Development
HSS 453: Women, Society, and Politics
HSS 455: People and Cultures of the Middle East
HSS 458: World Regions: Societies and Cultures
HSS 461: Classical Literature
HSS 466: Applied Research Methods
HSS 490: Internship
HSS 495: Honors Thesis I
HSS 496: Honors Thesis II
HSS 497 Senior Seminar: Modernity and Morality

DEPARTMENT OF ISLAMIC WORLD STUDIES
INTRODUCTION AND MISSION

Through teaching, research and community outreach, the Department of Islamic World Studies (IWS) promotes the study of the culture and society of the region and the broader Muslim world in the context of global issues and transformations.

IWS contributes to the University’s general education program through courses aimed at enhancing students’ understanding of Islamic civilization and improving their research skills in Arabic.
The Department is committed to administering an Islamic studies’ program which contributes to the education and training of researchers, professionals and community leaders from the UAE and abroad.

**COURSES OFFERED**
- COL 135: Islamic Civilization I
- COL 230: Islamic Civilization II
- COL 255: Emirates studies
- ISL 209: Contemporary Islamic World
- ISL 210: Islamic Political Thought
- ISL 495: Independent Study

**DEPARTMENT OF ARABIC LANGUAGE**

**INTRODUCTION AND MISSION**

The Department of Arabic Language is committed to preparing graduates across all majors to be competent communicators in professional Modern Standard Arabic through courses designed to promote solid linguistic skills, knowledge of Arabic heritage, academic, professional and creative writing, oral presentation skills, and critical thinking. The Department offers external support to the educational community through teacher training, assessment instruments, and curriculum design.

Department faculty are comprised of experts in Arabic language and literature, education, and communication and media studies. The department offers a minor in Arabic for Media.
COURSES OFFERED

COL 030B: Arabic Preparedness Level 2
COL 130: Arabic Concepts
COL 130HT: Arabic for Heritage - Beginners
COL 130NL: Arabic Concepts for Non-Native Speakers
ARA 211: Masterpieces of Arabic Lit.
ARA 222: Muslim Travelogue Literature
ARA 235: Principles of Translation
ARA 240: Media Storytelling in Arabic I
ARA 315: Advanced Arabic Professional Writing
ARA 375: Public Speaking & Prof Presentation in Arabic
ARA 380: Modern Arabic Syntax
ARA 340: Media Storytelling in Arabic II
ARA 395: Workshop in media translation
CIT 301: Technical Writing (Arabic)
CIT 306: IT in Global&Local Cultures (A)
PSY 212AL: Arabic Lab I
BUS 207AL: Arabic Lab I
BUS 407AL: Arabic Lab II
ENV 470AL: Arabic Lab II (Menu VI)
EDC 350AL: EDU Studies1 Arabic Lab
EDC 368: Communicative Competencies in Arabic
HSC 267AL: Arabic Lab I
HSC 367AL: Arabic Lab II
ART 223AL: Arabic Lab I
ART 405AL: Arabic Lab II
“There is no glory without the glory of the country and its citizens. We have to be proud of our forefathers, who were able to face the harshness of life with a strong will and dedication to shape a better collective future.”

Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan