

Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Literature

Foster your creative and analytical potential





Majoring in English is by far the best life decision I have ever made. The courses the English program at AUS offers continue to teach me how to be a creative, articulate and vigorous member in our socially networked world. ”

Nahla al-Subeihi, language major, Class of 2016



Contrary to popular belief, English is anything but a narrow major. No other program at AUS studies life in the way English does. Literature offers an understanding of life that teaches us how to critically analyze the human condition. Majoring in English will not only teach you to think outside the box, it will shatter it. ”

Salma Elgerby, literature concentration, Class of 2020

What is the Bachelor of Arts in English and Literature?

The Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Literature (BAELL) at American University of Sharjah (AUS) is designed for creative individuals with a passion for the written and spoken word. The program provides students with broad knowledge of the ways in which literature explores the human experience, and how the English language conveys meaning.

Students can select from two concentrations: English language and English literature. Each allows students to develop both their creative and critical abilities, applying their knowledge across a variety of applications.

What will you be able to do on completion of the program?

- Understand the linguistic structure of English and its literary use.
- Understand English within its historical, theoretical and cultural context.
- Have insight into the complexity of human thought, emotion and interaction.
- Understand the research tools, critical processes and analytical skills necessary for advanced study and employment.

Where will the program take me?

Graduates of the program develop skills in analysis, communication, writing and research, allowing them to work across a number of fields, in the corporate, government, education, non-profit and creative sectors.

Careers pursued by graduates of the program include:

creative writing

speech

artificial intelligence

corporate communications

forensic linguistics

marketing

language assessment

teaching

information services

academic advising

foreign service

show business

public relations

speech pathology and language therapy

journalism

consulting

motivational speaking

editing

media planning

publishing

advertising



Program courses include:

- Cultures in Contact
- Language and Gender
- English and Globalization
- Development of the English Language
- Psychology of Language
- Stylistics
- Discourse Analysis
- Contemporary Literature
- Literary Theory
- Shakespeare
- American Literature
- Literature and Film
- Postcolonial Literature
- Creative Writing





College of Arts and Sciences

The BAELL degree is offered through the university's College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), widely respected as being one of the region's leading providers of liberal arts education. Studying at CAS gives students a well-rounded university education, with the opportunity to select from a large range of electives covering a breadth of subjects.



In the AUS College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), we aim to inspire the intellectual and creative potential of our students. It is our goal to create an environment where students gain a comprehensive education in the liberal arts tradition to become critical thinkers and creative problem solvers and to prepare them for lifelong success and rewarding careers.



Mahmoud Anabtawi, PhD
Dean



Being an English major has helped shape my identity and beliefs as an individual. The skills I picked up in this major go beyond writing essays and my understanding of text, they extend to a new understanding of the world. I was introduced to many theories and concepts that reshaped my thinking, which when applied to other fields put me at an advantage. On a more practical level, all this development has allowed me to cultivate a firm grasp on language use.



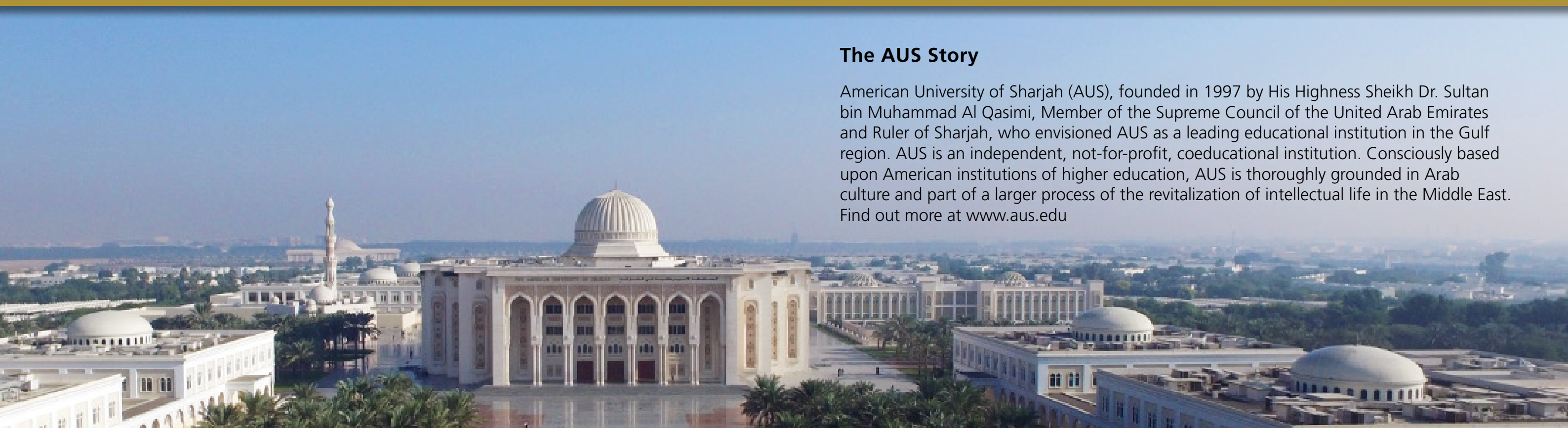
Aisha Al Ali, language concentration, Class of 2019



Studying English literature does not confirm the stereotype that all we do is "read books and write papers." Literary texts have taught me to deconstruct the assumed rigidity of ideas and to appreciate the value of existence. It has also provided me with a space that allows me to define myself. I am grateful for my supportive colleagues and professors. We established a wonderful family—one that will not be forgotten once we walk down the stage onto the path of a new life.



Dana Jaber, literature concentration, Class of 2019



The AUS Story

American University of Sharjah (AUS), founded in 1997 by His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi, Member of the Supreme Council of the United Arab Emirates and Ruler of Sharjah, who envisioned AUS as a leading educational institution in the Gulf region. AUS is an independent, not-for-profit, coeducational institution. Consciously based upon American institutions of higher education, AUS is thoroughly grounded in Arab culture and part of a larger process of the revitalization of intellectual life in the Middle East. Find out more at www.aus.edu

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