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American University of Sharjah

Undergraduate Prospectus 2024–2025

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AUS

The future matters to you, and it also matters to us.

That is why AUS is dedicated to giving you a diverse and unique education that will allow you to pursue whatever future you are aspiring to. It will also give you the skills, knowledge and confidence you need to make a difference and help ensure a positive tomorrow for your community, and possibly other communities across the world.

Today, AUS graduates are stretching the limits of architecture, art and design. They are making groundbreaking discoveries in science, and impacting environmental and social change for future generations. They are showing us new ways to see and understand the world through media and the arts. They are engineering the future of technology and construction in ways beyond our imagination. They are entrepreneurs, initiating new and innovative business solutions for a changing world.

Because tomorrow matters, AUS empowers its students to chase the future they are seeking and positions them to effect change for the greater good. We look forward to you joining us in this tradition.

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WELCOME

AUS is one of the most highly respected universities in the Middle East. For more than 25 years, we have inspired thousands of students to achieve academic excellence, engaging world-class faculty with outstanding credentials and setting in motion a tradition of excellence that has positioned AUS graduates among the most preferred candidates for employers in the region.

By choosing AUS for your education, you will become part of this tradition, sharing in the many advantages and experiences our campus and community have to offer.

Earning an undergraduate degree from AUS is an experience that will change your life. This experience can set you apart in a competitive work environment, help you carve out an exciting career path or allow you to pursue the highest academic attainments of your field.

If you are ready to step forward into a future with AUS, we can offer you a wide selection of undergraduate programs, fully accredited and widely recognized the world over. We look forward to welcoming you to our campus and being part of your future.

QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS

Top 50 under 50 years (2021)

Top 10 in Arab World for the past nine years (2024)

THE WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS

Top five universities with the highest percentage of international students (2022)

Top 250 universities in Asia (2023)

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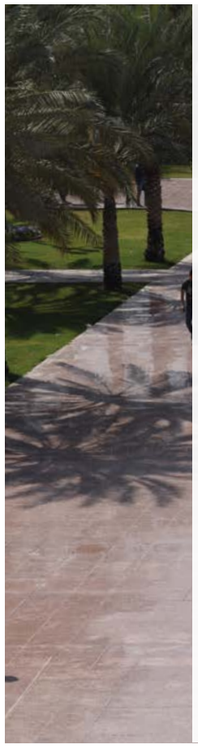
First university in the GCC to be rated for sustainability in the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education's Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System

The AUS Experience

Discover why AUS is the best choice for your future.



Prepare for an unparalleled student experience

Step onto our breathtaking campus and experience our vibrant and dynamic student life. Our campus is one of few in the region with a large community of students and faculty living on site. This means the on-campus cafes and plazas are always lively, and there are regular cultural and sports events.

We also offer a huge variety of student-led clubs and organizations in areas such as photography, science and music, along with community service programs, sports teams, fitness programs and much more. You will have opportunities to pursue leadership roles in our Student Council, Student Leadership Program, and our many clubs and organizations, as well as participate in a huge variety of community activities and cultural events.

This is your chance discover your hidden talents, take on new challenges and be part of a community that will shape your university experience.

Get a head start on graduate school

AUS offers its ambitious and high-achieving senior undergraduate students the opportunity to combine their undergraduate and graduate study through the Accelerated Master's Program (AMP). AUS undergraduate students accepted into the AMP are able to complete up to two master's courses (six credits) during their senior year. These courses contribute to both the student's bachelor's and master's degrees, reducing the time to degree completion and cost. To learn more, visit **w.aus.edu/amp**.

Be part of one of the world's most international student communities

AUS is a closely-knit community that embraces its diversity. We are among the top five universities with the highest percentage of international students, according to the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings.

With our students coming from approximately 90 countries all around the world, AUS takes its commitment to diversity seriously, and our campus is known for its tolerance, openness and inclusion.

Experience world-class facilities

The AUS campus, widely regarded for its beauty, architecture and exceptional facilities, includes the region's only fully equipped Interactive Trading Floor (ITF), along with state-of-the-art science and engineering laboratories, fully equipped multimedia and design studios, and a theatre for performing arts.

Our library is one of the finest in the region, providing access to the online catalog system to search for library materials from any location on or off campus. You can also access e-books, online databases, full-text journals and other digital resources. Our full-service campus features a large multi-use sports complex, a comprehensive health center, a wide range of food outlets, residential halls for on-campus living and many other amenities.

Learn from the experts

AUS faculty hail from the world's best universities and are dedicated to help you reach your full academic potential. Through our outstanding full-time faculty you will receive unrivalled support throughout your university experience.

Our faculty are active researchers who are uniquely positioned to deliver a rigorous university education in the GCC, as they combine a breadth of international knowledge with deep, regional understanding. Inspired by our exceptional faculty, many of our graduates have pursued further studies at some of the world's top universities.

Students and faculty members from approximately

90

countries and unlimited opportunities for international exchange

AUS
graduates are...

Confident
Capable
Well-educated
Inspired
Proud
Engaged
Challenged

Prepare for a competitive job market

AUS has far-reaching associations with the region's business and industry leaders. While we are committed to academic excellence, we also take very seriously the need to create graduates who will excel and progress in the workplace.

At AUS, you will have exciting opportunities to be part of industry-based research, professional internships and projects in partnership with industry professionals. These opportunities are at the heart of many of our undergraduate programs, making our more than 18,000 alumni among the most employable in region. We also offer you a range of workshops and events that help connect you with potential employers and prepare you for job interviews.

Top employers of our graduates include:

P&G, Petrofac, Mubadala, Unilever, etisalat, Dubai Municipality, Dubai Electricity & Water Authority, Baker Hughes, ADNOC, Deloitte & Touche, KPMG, Abu Dhabi Distribution Co., pwc, du, ADIB, EY Building a better working world, mbc Group, Standard Chartered, Emirates

Forget limitations

A university education is a significant investment for students and their families. AUS offers the opportunity for a university education to those who have the necessary talent and commitment, but perhaps not the finances. Two out of three students at AUS receive grants and scholarships each year. To find out if you are eligible, and how to apply, visit w.aus.edu/scholarship.

Have peace of mind with an accredited degree

Your AUS degree will be internationally recognized, allowing you to pursue further studies in any academic institution in the world.

AUS is licensed and its degree programs are accredited by the Commission for Academic Accreditation of the Ministry of Education's Higher Education Affairs Division in the United Arab Emirates. CAA accreditation involves rigorous and periodic self-study and evaluation by an external team.

AUS has been accredited in the United States of America by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (1007 North Orange Street, 4th Floor, MB #166, Wilmington, DE 19801 USA) since June 2004.

A safe place to live and learn

Living in the residential halls is a great way to become a part of our vibrant campus community. Our residential halls offer an engaging multicultural atmosphere with a balanced mix of social and academic activities. Here, you will find a place to live, make friends, exercise and study in comfort, with the academic buildings, the library and the Student Center just a short walk away. Through our living-learning communities, you can connect with other resident students around a common theme or academic interest, enhancing your life on campus.

Our Resident Assistants serve as student staff members in the halls and help support students' personal and academic growth. Further support is provided by full-time Residence Hall Coordinators on duty during the day, assisted by a full-time receptionist in each hall. Additionally, a Residential Life Resource Officer in each hall provides around-the-clock security.

We have separate campus residential halls for men and women, and accommodation options range from private rooms to double rooms.

For more information about living on campus, please visit **w.aus.edu/residential-halls.**

Sharjah–the ideal place to pursue undergraduate study

There are many reasons why Sharjah has become a leading destination for university study, at both an undergraduate and graduate level. The third largest city in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and part of the Dubai-Sharjah-Ajman metropolitan area, Sharjah is a dynamic, international and exciting place for students of all ages and backgrounds.

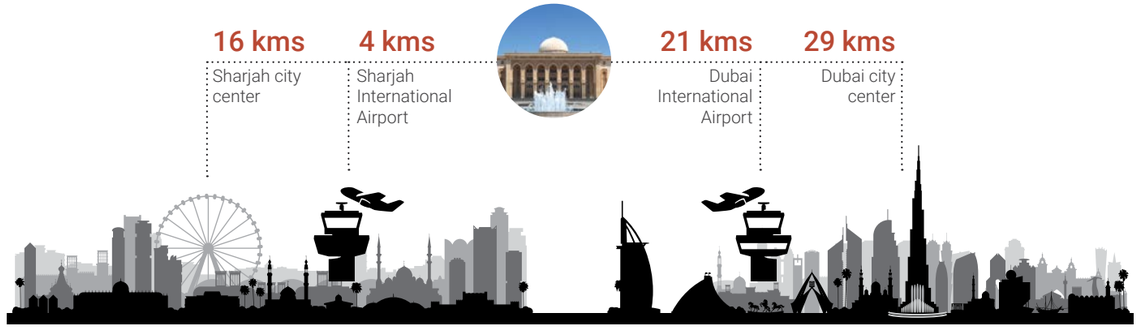
Sharjah is widely regarded as the cultural capital of the UAE, hosting a number of world-class museums and exhibitions. It is also known for its natural beauty, located on the sparkling Arabian Gulf and Gulf of Oman, and in easy driving distance to the sand dunes of the Arabian desert.

AUS is located just minutes from the heart of Dubai and the Dubai International Airport, providing students with easy access to the world-famous attractions of the neighboring emirate.

Sharjah has an active student community, providing a culturally diverse environment from students from all around the globe to meet, explore, develop and innovate. With a mix of languages, cuisines and cultural pursuits, Sharjah is rapidly establishing itself as a world-class student city.

SHARJAH

World Book Capital (2019)
Ranked in the Top 60 Best Student Cities (QS, 2024)
Located in the World's Second Safest Country (Global Finance, 2023)



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College of Architecture, Art and Design

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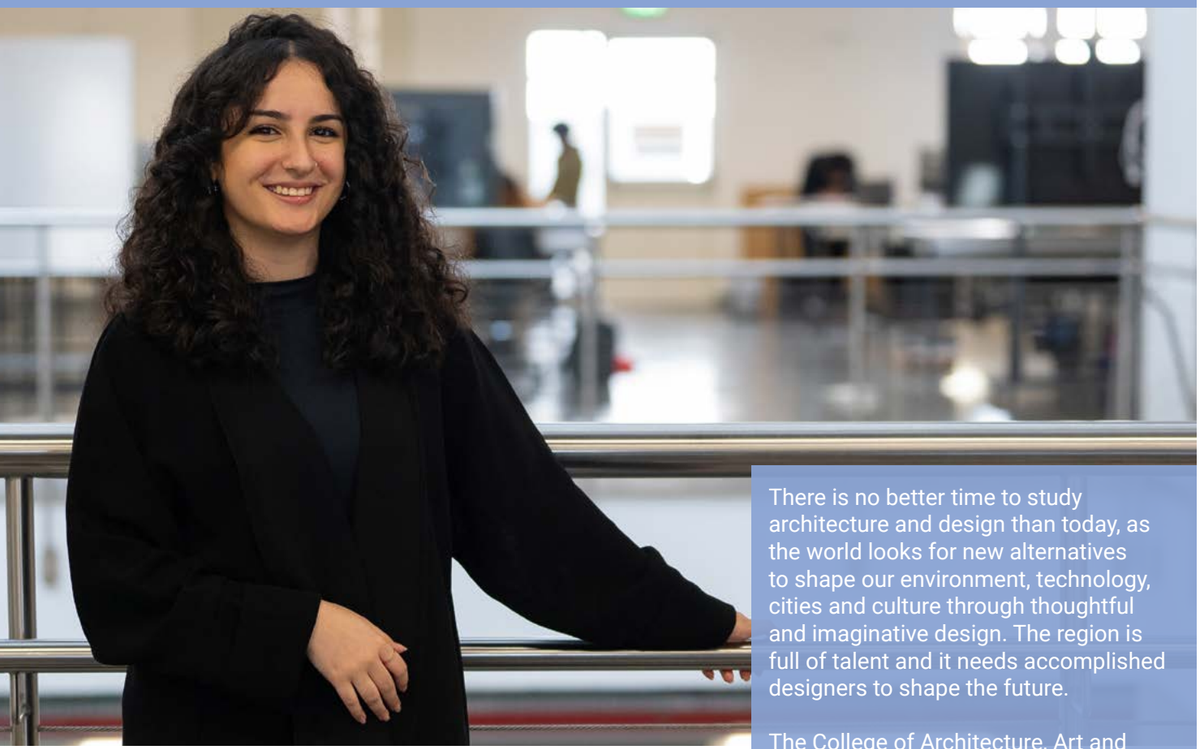


There is no better time to study architecture and design than today, as the world looks for new alternatives to shape our environment, technology, cities and culture through thoughtful and imaginative design. The region is full of talent and it needs accomplished designers to shape the future.

The College of Architecture, Art and Design (CAAD) brings together the most creative and forward thinkers in the region. At CAAD, you will be inspired to join the next generation of designers and architects and make your mark on an exciting and ever-changing creative landscape, while achieving a solid academic foundation.

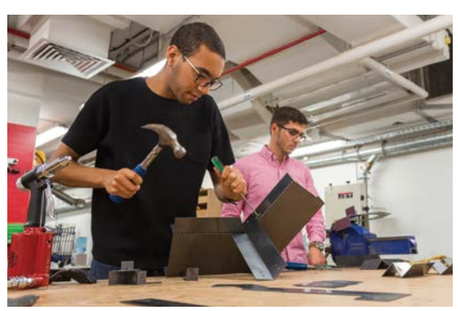
The College of Architecture, Art and Design is the heart of the UAE's design community.

> The generous support from faculty and the solid design foundation we were equipped with at AUS prepared us to be global designers who are ready to work for the world's leading design practices. The confidence and determination I developed while studying at AUS helped me to get closer to my aspirations and led me to run my own architectural practice. Although I graduated a number of years ago, I know this will not be the last of my association with this outstanding school.
>
> **Naji Mahmoud**
> **Bachelor of Architecture**

Accreditation

All CAAD degree programs are accredited by the Commission for Academic Accreditation of the UAE Ministry of Education's Higher Education Affairs Division.

The Bachelor of Architecture program is accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) of the United States. This is the first program outside of North America to receive this prestigious accreditation. NAAB is the only organization authorized to accredit professional degree programs in architecture in the United States.



Degree Programs

- Bachelor of Architecture
- Bachelor of Interior Design
- Bachelor of Science in Design Management
- Bachelor of Science in Multimedia Design
- Bachelor of Science in Visual Communication

Minors in CAAD
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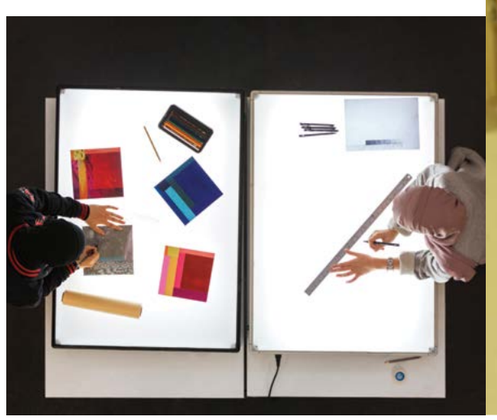
Why choose CAAD?

- CAAD offers you an environment in which to discover and grow as a designer, while establishing you with a world-class liberal arts foundation.
- Our talented and accomplished faculty will take you through an intensely practical and collaborative process of learning as you create new content and develop your design skills through a variety of mediums and techniques.
- An undergraduate degree from CAAD will establish you at the cutting edge of architecture and design and provide you with exciting career opportunities in variety of fields.



Material Fabrication Labs

- Materials Library
- Finishing Lab
- Ceramics Lab
- Metal Shop
- Wood Shop

Digital Fabrication Labs

- CNC Routers
- Laser Cutters
- 3D Printers
- CNC Foam Cutter
- Industrial Robotic Arms

Multimedia Labs

- Media Production Lab
- Post-Production Lab
- Photo Studio
- Dark Room
- Printmaking Lab
- Physical Computing Lab
- Design Center

AUS is number one in the UAE and among the top 200 universities globally for the subject areas of architecture and the built environment, and art and design (QS, 2023).

Scan here to learn more and download our brochure.

College of Arts and Sciences

w.aus.edu/cas

The College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) leads the way for liberal arts education in the region. Promoting excellence in diversity through world-class programs in the arts, humanities, and the social and natural sciences, we provide an interdisciplinary, multidimensional approach to knowledge and learning.

At CAS, you will receive a robust, well-rounded learning experience as well as the skills to excel in your career path and establish yourself as a productive member of local and global society.

Accreditation

All CAS degree programs are accredited by the Commission for Academic Accreditation of the UAE Ministry of Education's Higher Education Affairs Division.

I chose to study at AUS because it stood out above the rest. I liked the hands-on approach of the mass communication program. I learned to apply my knowledge through experiences like giving presentations, working in teams and active involvement in programs. Graduating with a degree in mass communication made me better prepared to get into the workforce. The classes and connections I have made through AUS have strengthened my passion for advertising. Being surrounded by intelligent individuals in discussion-based classes has shown me how powerful young minds can be, and I feel inspired by my peers every day.

Zain Al Masri
Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication

Degree Programs

- Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Literature
- Bachelor of Arts in International Studies
- Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication with concentrations in:
  - integrated marketing communications
  - journalism
- Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
- Bachelor of Science in Biology
- Bachelor of Science in Chemistry
- Bachelor of Science in Environmental Sciences with concentrations in:
  - environmental biology and ecosystems
  - environmental chemistry and analysis
- Bachelor of Science in Mathematics
- Bachelor of Science in Physics

Minors in CAS
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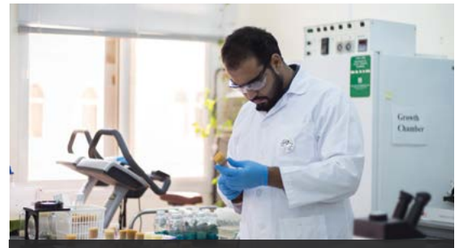


Why choose CAS?

- We aim to inspire the intellectual and creative potential of our students by offering the most contemporary liberal arts curriculum in the region.
- CAS faculty are accomplished experts in the disciplines of natural sciences, mathematical sciences, the humanities and social sciences. They are actively engaged in a wide range of research, advancing their fields with exciting and cutting-edge knowledge that is both relevant and recognized on a local and global scale.
- Our interdisciplinary programs provide the opportunity to explore a wide range of subject areas that are relevant for today's workplace and society.
- CAS graduates consistently find employment in some of the biggest corporate names in the region, and in governmental and non-governmental international agencies, while others have pursued further education at some of the most prestigious academic institutions in North America and Europe.

The College of Arts and Sciences offers you the chance to rediscover the world through social and natural sciences, humanities and performing arts.

Facilities

- Interpreting Laboratory
- Arabic Resource Center
- Chemistry and Environmental Science Laboratories
- Mass Communication Audio-Visual Studio
- Macintosh Labs
- Theater and Stage Areas
- Advanced Physics Laboratories
- Introductory Physics Laboratories
- AUS Writing Center
- Writing Fellows Program

Scan here to learn more and download our brochure.

College of Engineering

w.aus.edu/cen

Graduates of the College of Engineering (CEN) are among the top engineering and computing talent in the region.

Our high-quality undergraduate degree programs are targeted to regional market needs. Our class sizes are small, and we maintain an appropriate student to faculty ratio that facilitates teaching and learning. The quality of our programs and facilities allows us to attract world-class faculty who remain at the forefront of knowledge.

At CEN, you will experience hands-on learning through our well-equipped and extensive laboratory facilities, and receive foundational instruction in the most-up-to-date innovations to make you workforce ready.

Our QS World University Rankings (2023):

- civil and structural engineering: first in the UAE (tied) and among the top 200 globally
- electrical and electronic engineering: among the top three (tied) in the UAE and top 300 globally
- mechanical, aeronautical and manufacturing engineering: among the top two (tied) in the UAE and top 350 globally
- chemical engineering: among the top three (tied) in the UAE and top 400 globally
- computer science and information systems: among the top four in the UAE and top 450 globally

> Studying chemical engineering at AUS has been a thoroughly challenging and rewarding experience. Gaining a solid foundation in the study of chemical processes from the molecular scale to the chemical plant level is a hallmark of the undergraduate program. At AUS, I learned how to develop a strong personal work ethic, and simultaneously work in diverse student teams. I like the fact that the curriculum is strongly grounded in chemistry and math, but also that it provides me an outlet to pursue further interests in fields including biomedical engineering, catalysis and material science.
>
> **Adnan Kapadia**
> **College of Engineering**

Degree Programs

- Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering
- Bachelor of Science in Chemical and Biological Engineering
- Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering
- Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering
- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
- Bachelor of Science in Digital Construction Engineering and Management
- Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering
- Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering
- Bachelor of Science in Intelligent Systems and Mechatronics Engineering
- Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

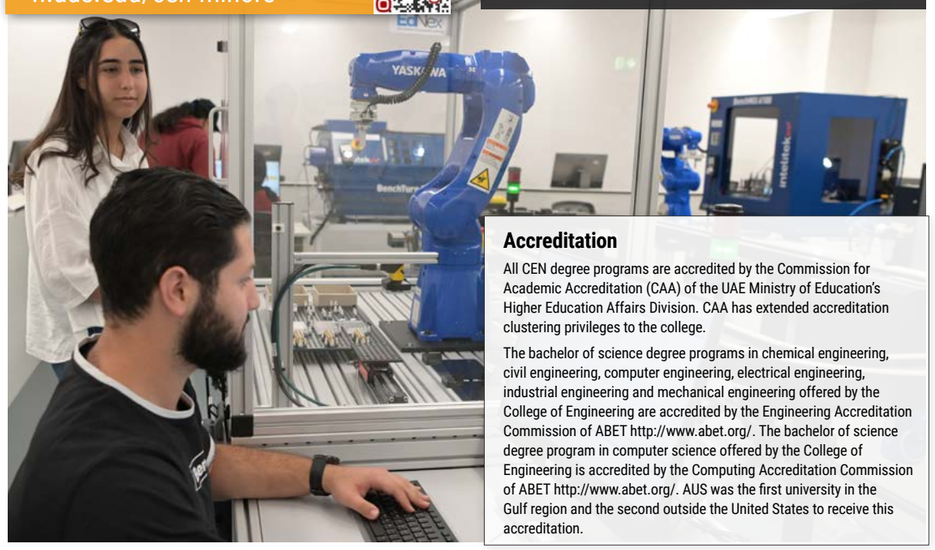
Minors in CEN
w.aus.edu/cen-minors

Facilities

With close to 50 laboratories equipped with some of the most up-to-date equipment and technology, the College of Engineering offers students unparalleled opportunities for research, innovation and hands-on learning. For a full list of each engineering department's laboratories, visit w.aus.edu/cen.

Why choose CEN?

- CEN will prepare you for a dynamic career in engineering, giving you both the technical and professional skills required to excel in your field.
- Our project-based learning approach offers pathways to innovation, research and development for our students.
- Our curriculum provides an up-to-date, global and regional outlook on advancements across a broad spectrum of engineering disciplines.
- CEN's strong ties with industry enable excellent internship and career placement opportunities for CEN students.
- Our globally renowned faculty maintain many productive international partnerships in cutting-edge engineering education and research.
- With women making up 35 percent of our engineering students, CEN represents the diversity of the UAE and pushes the limits of gender equality in the industry as a whole.



Accreditation

All CEN degree programs are accredited by the Commission for Academic Accreditation (CAA) of the UAE Ministry of Education's Higher Education Affairs Division. CAA has extended accreditation clustering privileges to the college.

The bachelor of science degree programs in chemical engineering, civil engineering, computer engineering, electrical engineering, industrial engineering and mechanical engineering offered by the College of Engineering are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET http://www.abet.org/. The bachelor of science degree program in computer science offered by the College of Engineering is accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET http://www.abet.org/. AUS was the first university in the Gulf region and the second outside the United States to receive this accreditation.

At the College of Engineering, you will experience hands-on learning through our well-equipped and extensive laboratory facilities.

Scan here to learn more and download our brochure.

School of Business Administration

w.aus.edu/sba

The AUS School of Business Administration (SBA) is one of the most respected business schools in the region. As we prepare tomorrow's global business leaders, our highly qualified faculty work to promote our core values of excellence, leadership, inclusiveness, teamwork and ethics.

SBA will give you both the local and global perspective required to establish yourself in the business world. Our programs focus on critical thinking, effective communication and competence in a variety of disciplines including management, marketing, accounting, finance, economics and management information systems. This will give you a working understanding evolving business, economic and governmental trends.

Our partnerships and interaction with major businesses and leaders in the region will provide you with the opportunity to establish your own professional network and provide you with practical industry experience throughout your academic career.

Accreditation

All SBA degree programs are accredited by the Commission for Academic Accreditation of the UAE Ministry of Education's Higher Education Affairs Division.

SBA is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), www.aacsb.edu, a prestigious distinction held by fewer than 5 percent of the world's business schools.

"SBA provides many opportunities for both academic and personal growth. It is important that the skills we learn in different business courses can be later on applied to professional life, and not just in academia. With the help of various student organizations within SBA, we, as students, can take part in extracurricular activities, conferences and seminars, as well as find support and advice when needed. Moreover, the internship and placement office provides excellent internship and career opportunities that can help students navigate the job market and become successful members of the business community.

Anna Terekhova
School of Business Administration"

Degree Programs

- Bachelor of Arts in Economics
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
  - Major in Accounting
  - Major in Economics
  - Major in Finance
  - Major in Information Systems and Business Analytics
  - Major in Management
  - Major in Marketing
  - Major in Supply Chain Management

Minors in SBA
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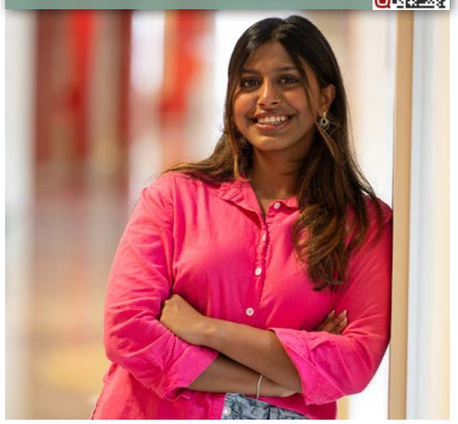


Why choose SBA?

- SBA is the first business school in the region to be recognized as a Bloomberg Experiential Learning Partner (ELP).
- SBA graduates are highly employable with many working for some of the biggest multinational corporate names in the world.
- Our highly qualified faculty members provide you with access to the most cutting-edge business research and curriculum.
- Our curriculum is in sync with the constantly evolving trends and modes of the marketplace, and provides you with the best and most up-to-date methods of instruction.
- We provide access to some of the top business leaders in the region through lectures and seminars specifically targeted at SBA students.

AUS is number one in the UAE and among the top 200 universities globally for accounting and finance, and business and management studies (QS, 2023).

Facilities

- Interactive Trading Floor, providing students with real-time access to global financial information through 23 terminals
- 18 smart classrooms, seating 42 students each
- State-of-the-art computer labs
- Study carrels for break-out meetings

Scan here to learn more and download our brochure.

Still deciding your major?
See what you can do with a degree in your areas of interest.

Applying to AUS

Start

1
Fall 2024 applications

Early applications
Must be received between
October 2, 2023–June 13, 2024

Regular applications
Must be received between
June 17, 2024–July 25, 2024

Spring 2025 applications

Regular applications
Must be received between
October 2, 2024–December 24, 2024

Apply now
w.aus.edu/apply

2
Choose your application type

1. New Applicant (first-time university student)
2. Transfer
3. Returning

3
Prepare scans of your documents

Color scan of:
- your passport
- your transcripts and high school grades
- your score from one of the following: TOEFL, IELTS Academic or EmSAT Achieve-English
- SAT or EmSAT Achieve Math (as applicable)

University transcripts and syllabi (for transfer students)

w.aus.edu/required-documents

4
Apply before the admissions deadline:

w.aus.edu/deadlines

After you have completed the online application:

5
Upload the required documents to:

apply.aus.edu

6
Find your application status:

- By logging in to **apply.aus.edu** and by email
- Complete your application file by submitting the required documents listed in your Admission Letter

7
Take the placement tests required for your major

www.aus.edu/aus-placement-tests

8
Present your original official attested documents during File Completion session:

Including high school grades, graduation certificate, Certificate of Equivalency and others required

w.aus.edu/attestations

w.aus.edu/ug-uae-ce

9
Attend orientation week
Check the website for dates

Welcome sessions for new students and parents
File completion
Course registration

You're ready to experience your new life as an
AUS student!

Finish

For more information, contact the Office of Enrollment Management - Undergraduate Admissions: **infodesk.aus.edu** | +971 6 515 1000.

Admissions: What You Need to Know

For more information about undergraduate admissions, contact the Office of Enrollment Management at +971 6 515 1000 or infodesk.aus.edu.

Types of Admission

Early

Applicants in their final year of secondary school are encouraged to apply for early admission by submitting official grade reports from at least the last two years (i.e., Grades 10 and 11) previous to the final year of secondary school.

Early applicants must complete the online application and provide:

- official grades from at least two previous years of secondary school study
- SAT Mathematics or EmSAT Mathematics (as applicable)
- your score from one of the following: TOEFL, IELTS Academic or EmSAT Achieve-English (if available at the time of applying)

Important:

- Admission to CAAD and CEN is highly competitive. Students applying to programs offered by these colleges must apply early to reserve a seat.
- Applicants with the highest grades who have the required English proficiency testing scores (and SAT Mathematics score or EmSAT Mathematics score as applicable) will be given priority consideration.
- Early admission is only offered to highly qualified students and not considered final until students submit the following documents before they may register for classes:
  - A recognized and officially certified secondary school certificate or equivalent showing successful completion of secondary education.
  - All other items requested in the letter of admission

Early applications for Fall Semester 2024 open **October 1, 2023 and close on June 13, 2024.**

Regular

Applying after you have completed your final year of secondary school

Regular admission applicants must follow the regular application process and submit the following documents:

- a recognized and officially certified secondary school certificate or equivalent with the grades from the last three years of secondary schooling showing your grade average
- officially certified documentation of national secondary school final exam results (if taken)
- SAT Mathematics or EmSAT Mathematics (as applicable)
- your score from one of the following: TOEFL, IELTS Academic or EmSAT Achieve-English (if available at the time of applying)

Regular applications for Fall Semester 2024 open on **June 17, 2024 and close on July 25, 2024.**

Transfer

Applying after you have been enrolled in another university

Transfer applicants must submit the following documents:

- a copy of up-to-date university transcripts or screenshots of your registered courses (if this is your first semester at the university/college and you are unable to get a university transcript)
- course descriptions (syllabi) or the official link to the course descriptions for the courses passed
- a recognized and officially certified secondary school certificate or equivalent with the grades from the last three years of secondary schooling showing your grade average
- your score from one of the following: TOEFL, IELTS Academic or EmSAT Achieve-English (if available at the time of applying)

Transfer applications for Fall Semester 2024 open **October 1, 2023, and close on June 20, 2024**.

Your admission to AUS will be on a competitive basis, depending on a variety of factors, including:

- your secondary education certificate or school average
- SAT or EmSAT Achieve Math (as applicable and required for all American curriculum students)
- the number of qualified applicants
- the number of available seats
- your Internet-Based TOEFL (iBT) or AUS Institutional Paper-based TOEFL (ITP) or IELTS (Academic Version) or EmSAT Achieve-English score

Students who score below the minimum required English language proficiency score but who otherwise meet AUS admission standards may be admitted to the Achievement Academy Bridge Program at AUS. For more information, please visit **w.aus.edu/aa**.

Application Type

New

If you are applying to AUS as a fresh high school graduate, you must:

- meet the minimum admission requirements depending on the applicant's type of secondary education program and certificate.

Visit w.aus.edu/ug-apr for the full list of requirements for new applicants.

Transfer

If you are applying to transfer from another university to AUS, you must:

- be in good academic standing (i.e., not dismissed or on probation from the institution from which you are transferring).
- be transferring from a recognized and accredited institution of higher learning offering learning experiences equivalent to those offered at AUS, and have successfully completed one or more semesters at that institution.

  Note: The College of Engineering will only accept transfer credit for programs recognized by ABET (**www.abet.org**). The School of Business Administration will only accept transfer credit for programs recognized by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) (**www.aacsb.edu**).
- have met the minimum requirements for admission to AUS prior to your admission to the institution from which you are transferring.
- submit official transcripts of high school and university/college records along with the syllabi and descriptions of the courses you wish to transfer.
- have achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) as required by AUS for that type of institution.
- meet the English language proficiency requirements of AUS.
- CAAD Applicants: Transfer applicants applying to the College of Architecture, Art and Design (CAAD) are requested to submit work samples (portfolio or CD), and those who seek transfer of credit hours for studio courses are advised to provide a portfolio of completed course work in photographic, digital or original format to the Office of Enrollment Management/Undergraduate Admissions.

Important:

- *Courses taken more than five years prior to matriculation as an AUS student are not transferrable.*
- *A maximum of 50 percent of the credits completed in residence at another institution can be considered for transfer.*
- *Decisions regarding the awarding of transfer credits are made solely by the appropriate division dean/department head at AUS.*

Returning

Students who leave AUS for two or more consecutive semesters, inclusive of a semester of complete course withdrawal, and wish to resume studies must complete the online Returning Applicant application. Readmission of returning students is subject to AUS academic rules and regulations on readmitting students. All admission requirements in place at the time of applying for readmission must be met.

Admission Requirements

As a university with one of the world's most international student communities (*Times Higher Education*), we understand that every applicant is different.

Depending on where you completed your secondary school studies, you'll need to meet specific admission requirements.

Admission to the university is competitive and the actual required minimum average for consideration and to guarantee a seat will depend on a number of factors, including your average secondary education scores, SAT or EmSAT scores (as applicable), the number of qualified applicants, the number of available seats and your English proficiency testing scores.

The minimum required average for accepting an application for consideration is the equivalent of 80 percent or more in the final year of secondary school (depending on the education system), or 80 percent or more in the best two out of the last three years. Higher averages may be applicable for certain colleges and/or majors. Other program-specific requirements may also apply.

Sample Secondary Certificates	Minimum Requirements
General Secondary School Certificate (Thanawiyah Ammah)	Minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) equivalent to 80% (90% for General Track applicants from UAE schools). Completion of mathematics and physics subjects is also required for engineering and science majors.
American-Style High School Diploma	Minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) equivalent to 80% (90% for General Track applicants from UAE schools). Completion of mathematics and physics subjects is also required for engineering and science majors.
International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma	Attain the full IB diploma with six subjects (excluding Islamic Education) with at least three at the higher level. Applicants with only the IB certificate can apply and will be assessed based on their credentials.
Indian Board(s)	Complete 12th Standard and typically obtain a minimum of 60% or more in the Senior Secondary School Certificate (12th Standard), or 60% or more in the best two years.
British System IGCSE, GCSE, GCE	At least five IGCSE/GCSE (O-Level) subjects, and either two AS-Level subjects or one A-level subject, and obtain a minimum overall weighted average of B, as calculated by AUS of all subjects and levels combined (Arabic Language and Islamic Education are not counted as part of the above number of subjects). BTECs are accepted under certain requirements and conditions. Applicants must complete Year 13 of schooling (equivalent to American Grade 12) and submit a sequencing certificate (certificate of school registration history) that confirms Year 13 as the last year of schooling.
French Baccalaureate or equivalent	Obtaining the baccalaureate with an average equivalent to 80 percent.

Note: Students who graduated from school and joined the workforce or took a minimum of a one-year gap should submit a Post High School Declaration Form.

For the complete list of requirements based on your secondary school background, visit w.aus.edu/ug-acr.

All admitted applicants are required to sit for the AUS Admission/Placement tests in English, mathematics and physics as required by their intended major.

Applicants who have completed A-level, AP, IB-higher level, French Baccalaureate, EmSAT or equivalents and achieved minimum listed grades will be considered for exemption from the relevant AUS Admission/Placement test(s).

For more information on tests, visit www.aus.edu/testing-center/academic-exams.

English Proficiency Minimum Requirement			
Students must meet the minimum required score on one of the tests below.			
TOEFL (iTP)*	**TOEFL (iBT)**	**IELTS Academic Version**	**EmSAT (English)**
550	80	6.5	1550

*Taken at the AUS Testing Center and Amideast offices only.

Share your results with AUS

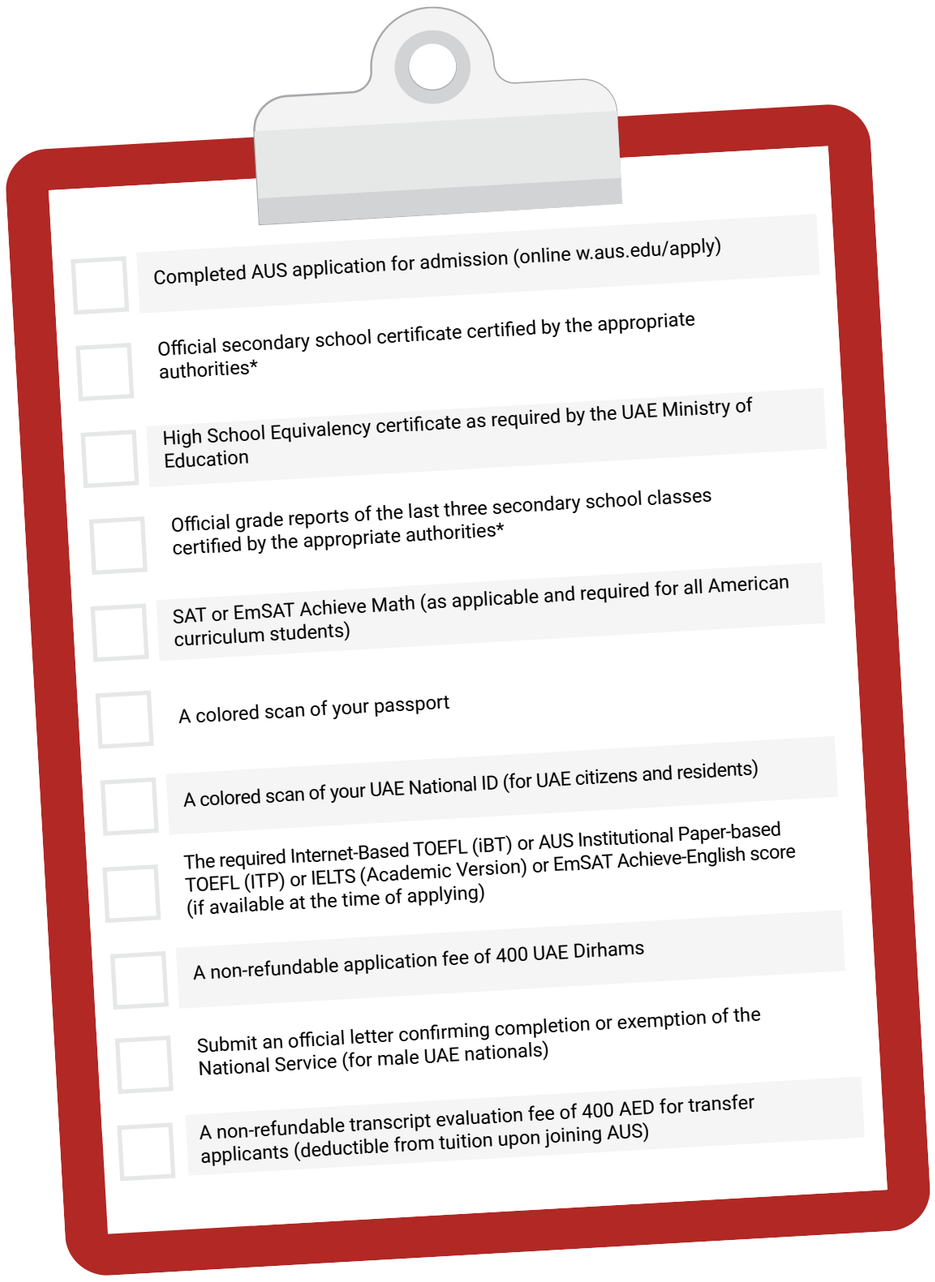
SAT code 5543 | iBT TOEFL code 0526 | AP code 5543 | EmSAT code AUS

Are you eligible for advanced standing?

If you have achieved a minimum grade equivalent to B (3.0) in the IB Higher Level, GCE A-Level, the Lebanese Baccalaureate, the French Baccalaureate, Spanish Baccalaureate, the German Abitur or the American Advanced Placement Tests, you may be awarded course credits for some courses. For more information, see our Advanced Standing Credit Transfer Policy on **w.aus.edu/registrar**. To submit your AP results directly to AUS, use the AP Designated Institution (DI) code 5543.

Preparing Your Documents

To complete your application for admission, you will need to provide specific documents. Use the checklist below to make sure you provide us with everything we need to process your application.



*From country of origin: certification by the authorized educational authority, the country's ministry of foreign affairs and the UAE Embassy. From UAE: certification by the **UAE Ministry of Education**.

Admission to AUS: The Next Steps

1. **Confirm your admission:** You can check the status of your application by logging in to **apply.aus.edu**. Admission Letters are sent by email as well.
2. **Pay your deposit to secure your place:** To guarantee a seat reservation, you will be required to pay a 5,000 UAE Dirhams deposit, along with a 500 UAE Dirhams residential hall room deposit if you choose to live on campus. Both deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable under any circumstances and must be paid before the deadline indicated in your Admission Letter.
3. **Take the first-year placement tests:** All first-year students are required to take placement tests, based on their selected major as shown below:

Major	Required Admission/Placement Tests				
	Engineering Math	Business Math	Architecture Math	Physics	English*
Architecture/Interior Design	No	No	Yes	No	Yes
Biology/Chemistry/Environmental Sciences/Physics	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Business Administration (all majors)	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Computer Science	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Design Management	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Engineering majors	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
English Language and Literature	No	No	No	No	Yes
International Studies	No	No	No	No	Yes
Mass Communication	No	No	No	No	Yes
Psychology	No	No	No	No	Yes
Mathematics	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Multimedia Design/Visual Communications	No	No	No	No	Yes
Undeclared Major	**	**	**	**	Yes

*Applicants missing the required English Language Proficiency score (TOEFL, IELTS or EmSAT Achieve-English) cannot book for English placement tests until the required score reports are submitted. However, applicants can book for the math and physics placement tests as required by their majors.
**Applicants with Undeclared majors should complete the placement tests required for their intended majors.

Placement Test Exemptions

If you have taken the TOEFL (ITP or iBT), IELTS or EmSAT Achieve-English and achieved the score shown in table below, you will be exempted from taking the English placement test.

Test Name	Minimum Score	Exempted From
TOEFL (ITP)	610	English Admission/Placement Test
TOEFL (iBT)	102	
IELTS	7.5	
EmSAT	1800	

Student who meet the following EmSAT math and physics scores may be exempted as follows.

Test Name	Minimum Score	Exempted From
EmSAT Physics	1100 or more	Physics Admission/Placement Test
EmSAT Math	Science and Engineering of 1500 or more	Math Admission/Placement Test
EmSAT Math	Business and Architecture of 1300 or more	Math Admission/Placement Test

4. **Complete the requirements to enroll successfully at AUS:** Visit **www.aus.edu/admissions/new-student-guide** for a list of requirements to complete.
5. **Join a file completion session:** To be able to register for courses, you must book a file completion session when you receive the invitation email. Early file completion for undergraduate and Bridge Program students starting AUS in Fall 2024 will begin on July 1, 2024. For more information, visit **www.aus.edu/admissions/file-completion**.
6. **Begin class registration:** You will receive instructions on how to register for classes. For the full list of courses available, see the *AUS Undergraduate Catalog* at **www.aus.edu/aus-catalogs**.

Financial Grants and Scholarships

Each year, approximately two-thirds of all enrolled AUS students benefit from merit scholarships and/or need-based financial grants.

These designated funds are available for highly qualified undergraduate students with limited financial resources. Once you have received your official Admission Letter, you may apply online for a grant or scholarship. Admitted students may apply for a financial grant, regardless of their race, color, gender, religion or national origin.

Chancellor's Scholarship
(75%–100% of tuition, lab/technology and housing fees)
Eligibility Criteria:

- Minimum average of 95% or equivalent
- Outstanding personal and leadership qualities
- Special contributions to the community
- Special honors or awards
- Community service and school extracurricular activities

Sharakah School Scholarship
Schools that are part of our Sharakah program can select/nominate one of their exceptional AUS applicants to receive a Sharakah School Scholarship. This scholarship covers 45 percent remission on tuition, lab fees and on-campus housing (sharing room for women and men). A partner school committee will name/ nominate annually one qualified applicant for the award. Eligibility Criteria:

- Minimum average of 90% or equivalent
- Outstanding personal and leadership qualities
- Special contributions to the community
- Special honors or awards
- Community service and school extracurricular activities

Merit Scholarships
(ranging from 10 to 30 percent of tuition and lab fees)

A range of merit scholarships are available to students who achieve school cumulative averages equivalent to 90% and above. Application is not required.

Financial Grants
(Up to 50% of tuition and housing fees)
Eligibility Criteria:
Limited financial resources

Family Tuition Grant
(25% of tuition and lab/technology fees)
Eligibility Criteria:

- For families with more than one daughter/ son enrolled simultaneously at AUS as full-time undergraduates in a degree program
- A tuition and lab/technology fees discount of 25% is awarded to each sibling after the first

For more information about scholarships and financial grants at AUS, contact:

w.aus.edu/scholarship

scholarship@aus.edu

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Want to know more?

Visit our admissions and enrollment website for more information on:

- AUS Testing Center
- placement tests
- file completion information, including documentation requirements
- changing your major
- deferring your application

and more!

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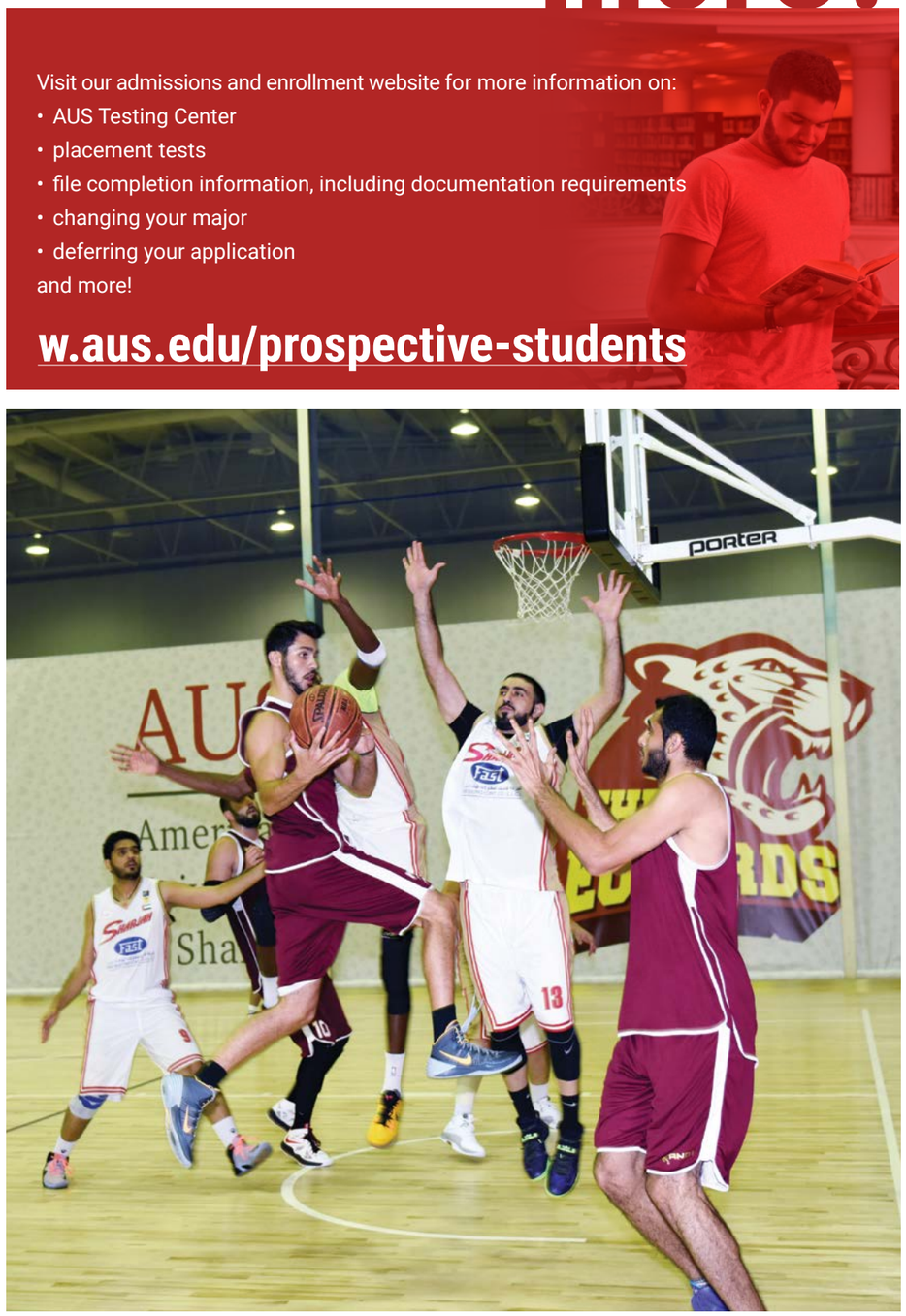

Tuition and Fees

Tuition Fees for Academic Year 2024-2025* (All fees are in UAE Dirhams)	
Tuition for all majors (12 to 16 credits)	52,510 per semester (AED 105,020 per year)**
Achievement Academy Bridge Program	34,110 per semester
Student Activities Fee	400+5% VAT per semester
Lab Technology fee type A	1,470 per course
Lab Technology fee type B	1,610 per course
Health insurance is required of all students. The insurance fee is AED 300 or AED 600 (plus 5% VAT) per semester, depending on the type of insurance plan applicable for each student.	

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**In addition, technology fees may apply based on the courses registered for in a given semester: Lab/Technology Fee Type A (1,410 per course) | Lab/Technology Fee Type B (1,550 per course)

In order to make full use of the learning environment, in-class collaboration and work in groups on multidisciplinary projects, all entering undergraduate students must own a laptop or an Internet-capable device, meeting minimum specifications recommended by the university. These specifications are available on the IT FAQ site here: **https://itfaq.aus.edu/faq/584**.

Payments

To secure your place at AUS, you will need to make all relevant fee payments online before the deadline.

For finance-related inquiries, including instructions on how to pay, please contact Student Accounts at +971 6 515 2233 or +971 6 515 2039 or +971 6 515 2282 or send email to **studentaccounts@aus.edu**.

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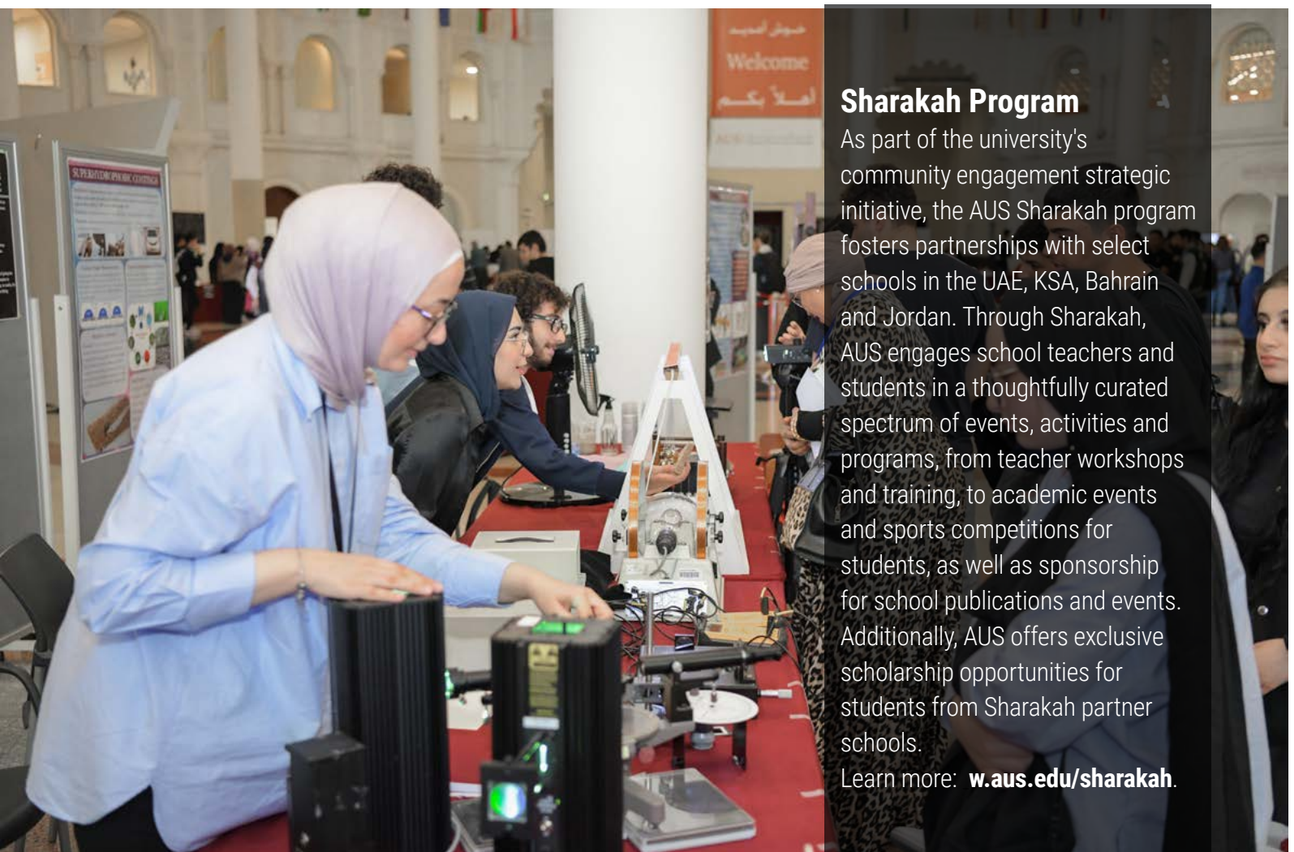
of students receive grants and scholarships Find out more: **w.aus.edu/scholarship**.

AUS students can work on campus in jobs that help them develop key workplace skills. Find out more: **w.aus.edu/campus-student-employment**



Sharakah Program

As part of the university's community engagement strategic initiative, the AUS Sharakah program fosters partnerships with select schools in the UAE, KSA, Bahrain and Jordan. Through Sharakah, AUS engages school teachers and students in a thoughtfully curated spectrum of events, activities and programs, from teacher workshops and training, to academic events and sports competitions for students, as well as sponsorship for school publications and events. Additionally, AUS offers exclusive scholarship opportunities for students from Sharakah partner schools.

Learn more: **w.aus.edu/sharakah**.

Living on campus is optional and only available for full-time fee-paying undergraduate AUS students.

Residential Halls

Students in our residential halls enjoy convenient access to everything our campus offers. Residence on campus is optional and only available for full-time students who have paid or arranged for the payment of their room, tuition and other university fees. (Other student categories may be considered depending on the availability of rooms.)

There are separate campus residential halls for men and women. All residential halls are equipped with Internet access, computer labs, gyms, TV and entertainment rooms, vending machines and laundry rooms.

Residential Hall Fees for Academic Year 2024–2025* (All fees are in UAE Dirhams)		
Type of Room	Fall/Spring Semester	Summer Term
Private room: Single occupancy with private bath and kitchenette (men's and women's halls)	15,000**	6,890**
Semi-private room: Single occupancy with a shared bath and kitchenette (men's and women's halls)	11,000**	4,880**
Shared room: Double occupancy with a shared bath and kitchenette (men's and women's halls)	7,000**	3,710**
Utilities service fee	290 (plus 5% VAT)	
Room Reservation Fee (required for new applicants)	1,000	
Residential halls maintenance deposit (refunded at final departure from the residential halls)	1,000	

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New first-time students joining from Fall 2024 as well as first time students to AUS dormitories will receive the following discounts for any room type based on the academic year of intake. **Year 1: 25 percent | **Year 2**: 20 percent | **Year 3**: 15 percent | **Year 4 and beyond**: 10 percent.

Student Visas

AUS welcomes students from all over the world. We assist accepted students in applying for a UAE student visa, if needed, as per UAE government rules and regulations. Questions? Please contact **VES@aus.edu**.

The AUS Story

AUS was founded in 1997 by His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, Member of the Supreme Council of the United Arab Emirates and Ruler of Sharjah. Sheikh Sultan articulated his vision of a distinctive institution against the backdrop of Islamic history and in the context of the aspirations and needs of contemporary society in the UAE and the Gulf region.

Firmly grounded in principles of meritocracy and with a strong reputation for academic excellence, AUS has come to represent the very best in teaching and research, accredited internationally and recognized by employers the world over for creating graduates equipped with the knowledge, skills and drive to lead.

AUS values learners not driven only by academic success, but by those that embrace our dynamic campus life and embody our ideals of openness, tolerance and respect. This combination of academic excellence and community spirit ensures AUS is filled with world-class faculty and students, poised to become the innovators, thinkers, contributors and leaders of tomorrow.

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