



# AUC EXCHANGE aud STUDY-ABROAD

Diversify your education with an international experience!



## CAIRO: OUR CITY

- Cairo is ranked among the top 100 cities in the world for international students.
- The city blends the vibrant cultures of the Middle East, Africa and the Mediterranean and has long served as the cultural, political and social capital of the Arab region.
- Choosing to study in Cairo lets you immerse yourself in Egyptian culture while learning about the region's most pressing modern issues.
- The Greater Cairo area has a population of 20 million people, with the city sprawled along the longest river in the world, the Nile.
- Encompassing the Pyramids of Giza, magnificent mosques and churches and the largest museum in Egypt, the Arab world's most populous city is teeming with life.
- The city offers a thriving art and music scene, an exquisite opera house, trendy cafes and plays, as well as numerous off-the-beaten-path marvels.
- The dialect of Arabic spoken in Egypt is the most well-known and most understood in the Arab world, making Cairo a prime language-learning center in the Middle East.

## EGYPT: ///S/DE-OUTS/DE TRAVEL

- Egypt is home to some of the world's most beautiful beaches and must-see travel destinations.
- Visit Alexandria and walk the long shorefront Corniche to get a real feel for the era of cosmopolitan elegance that marked the ancient city in the late 19th century.
- Travel north for the summer, and sunbathe on the spread of sandy white beaches of the Mediterranean.
- Head east to the exquisite resorts of the Red Sea if you are into snorkeling, scuba diving and marine life.
- With world-class windsurfing, freediving, rock climbing, desert trekking and an overall laidback atmosphere, Dahab -- a small town on the southeast coast of the Sinai Peninsula -- is considered backpacker central and home to adventurous young travelers from around the world.
- Discover Egypt's ancient history and monuments by visiting the Nile-side town of Luxor in Upper Egypt and exploring the Valley of the Kings, Karnak Temple, the Memorial Temple of Hatshepsut and the magnificent tombs and temples of the west bank.
- Cairo International Airport is located in New Cairo, around 23 kilometers from campus.
- Easily travel to any of the surrounding destination cities without spending a great deal of time getting there. Paris, Berlin, Dubai, Jordan, Casablanca, Rome and Athens are all under a five-hour flight from Cairo.



## ABOUT AUC: EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

Every year, AUC welcomes study-abroad students from different parts of the world for a unique educational experience in the heart of the Middle East. Its rigorous academic environment and highly immersive nature of its programs are among the top reasons why AUC is favored by global partner universities as an approved overseas study site for their students. • Cairo is ranked among the top 100 cities in the world for international students.



- The Middle East and North Africa's (MENA) leading English-language, higher-education institution and the only University in Egypt to receive the Middle States Commission on Higher Education accreditation in the United States
- Located in the cultural and intellectual center of the Arab world
- 100+ years serving Egypt and the world
- Around 7,000 students from more than 60 countries
- 39 undergraduate programs
- 50 master's programs
- 2 PhD programs
- Five schools: Business, Global Affairs and Public Policy, Humanities and Social Sciences, Sciences and Engineering, Continuing Education
- 91% employment rate for AUC alumni within the first year of graduation
- 13 Research Centers
- 10:1 student-to-faculty ratio
- 48% faculty from Egypt; 52% from the United States and other counties
- Around 43,000 active alumni making their mark in over 130 countries around the world as part of NGOs, multinational corporations and foundations, and academic institutions
- 83 student organizations ranging from student government to special interest clubs and student-run publications — for AUCians to engage on campus and in their community
- $\cdot$  30+ sports teams and athletic programs 12
- Largest English-language academic library in Egypt
- Around 700 scholarship opportunities for AUC students

- 9 centennial labs dedicated to tackling everything from innovation and education to technology and architecture
- The only higher education institution outside of North America to be featured in The Princeton Review's Guide to Green Colleges as one of the most environmentally responsible universities for 6 years
- AUC welcomed its first female student, Eva Habib El Masri '31, more than 40 years before Princeton and other U.S. universities started admitting female students
- Has hosted internationally celebrated artists and renowned figures like Helen Keller, Noam Chomsky and Hillary Clinton
- Home to Egypt's first University Career Center providing comprehensive career services in the region
- The Greek Campus is home to Egypt's first Downtown technology and innovation hub
- First University in the region to implement a cocurricular transcript
- First University in the region to offer a blended degree, in partnership with MIT and Abdulla Al Ghurair Foundation for Education
- 200+ global partnerships with entities like Harvard University and King's College London
- 260-acre campus in New Cairo designed by an international team of architects and ranked as the top green campus in Africa
- First University in the region to produce a Carbon Footprint Report, serving as a model for other institutions across the Arab world
- University-based startup accelerator and incubator AUC Venture Lab has accelerated more than 200 startups and created more than 8,000 jobs
- Tahrir Cultural Center in AUC's iconic Tahrir Square campus

## AUC ACADEMICS: A WORLD OF CHOICE

Through four of its schools, AUC offers 39 undergraduate and over 50 graduate programs across diverse fields, equipping students with the knowledge and skills to compete in a rapidly changing world. Ranging from entrepreneurship, sustainability and global public health to Egyptology, gender and women's studies and Middle East studies, the courses available to study-abroad students cover a range of fascinating topics. And because AUC is globally accredited, your course credits transfer back to your studies at home and an official AUC transcript will be issued to you.

#### School of Sciences and Engineering

- 22 undergraduate majors and minors
- / 29 graduate programs, including 2 PhD programs in applied sciences and engineering
- 200 state-of-the-art labs
- AUC's hub of innovation and discovery, boasting a distinctive multidisciplinary and experiential approach
- •ABET-accredited programs: computer science, actuarial science, biology, construction engineering, computer engineering, electronics and communications engineering, mechanical engineering and petroleum and energy engineering
- · Research centers in fields such as engineering and nanoelectronics
- A Center for Applied Research on the Environment and Sustainability dedicated to promoting sustainability across a diversity of environments in Egypt and the MENA region
- Egypt's first-of-its-kind data science program
- New artificial intelligence program in the works
- One of only two university-based institutes of global health and human ecology in Egypt and the only school to accept nonmedical students to this major
- Houses the first university FabLab a laboratory space equipped with tools and machines for digital fabrication in the region to be launched by students
- Faculty members among top 2% of impactful scientists globally, producing patented inventions in fields such as biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, diagnostics and computer science
- Platforms for students to engage in original research or creative work, including the Undergraduate Research Journal (URJe), specialized workshops and online resources and the Newsletter for Undergraduate Research

#### School of Business

- Among 1% worldwide, as well as the first in the Middle East and third in Africa, to achieve the prestigious triple-crown accreditation from AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS
- 70+ years of innovation and change-making
- 11 undergraduate programs and 7 graduate programs
- Executive Education programs rank among the Financial Times (FT)'s top 75 openenrollment
- Executive education programs worldwide
- •Top business school and best business master's institution in Africa
- Top business graduate programs in Africa
- Promoting diversity and intercultural learning
- 6 centers in a variety of business fields offering top-of-the-line tools and facilities for advanced research contributions to regional and global business ecosystems
- School awarded 5 Palmes of Excellence by Eduniversal
- University-based startup accelerator and incubator AUC Venture Lab accelerated over 200 startups and created over 8,000 jobs
- First economics department to be founded in Egypt and has graduated high-caliber alumni who pursued careers in international institutions such as the United Nations, the World Bank and the IMF
- 11,000+ alumni around the world
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- Home to J-PAL MENA, a school initiative to spearhead poverty-alleviating research in Egypt and influence policymaking

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#### School of Humanities and Social Sciences

- The University's hub for the core disciplines in the humanities, social sciences and arts
- 43 undergraduate programs, 14 master's programs and 10 graduate diplomas
- 10 departments: Applied Linguistics, Arab and Islamic Civilizations, Arts, English and Comparative Literature, History, Educational Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology and Sociology, Egyptology and Anthropology
- Scholar's leading critical research in fields such as anthropology, Egyptology, community psychology and political science
- Teaches fundamental skills required in every field of work, from arts to business and politics, including creative thinking, observation, reasoning and analytical skills, persuasive writing and articulate communication
- Home to the Psychological Counseling Services and Training Center the only university-based counseling psychology training clinic in the region
- Offers a variety of interdisciplinary and comparative programs, including English and Comparative Literature, Arab and Islamic Civilizations and Comparative Politics, helping students harness the unique ability to draw connections across linguistic, historical, geographic, cultural and disciplinary boundaries
- Various community-based learning classes, where students learn through on-ground experiences serving University partners in the larger community
- A thriving Center for the Arts that promotes student expression through original exhibitions at campus galleries as well as plays and musical performances hosted at AUC's theaters
- Community psychology program the first degree of its kind in the region explores the most up-to-date global trends in the field of community psychology, while providing students with expert guidance on ethical and culturally appropriate practices for application in Egypt and the region
- Countless doorways to Egypt's rich intellectual, social and cultural life through collaborative research initiatives, experiential learning platforms, artistic programs, on- and off-campus events and festivals, and extracurricular activities

#### School of Global Affairs and Public Policy

- Globally recognized degrees. The MPP is the first of its kind in the region and the MGA is the first offered in Egypt
- 4 undergraduate degree programs, 10 graduate degree programs, 8 graduate diplomas, 1 professional diploma, 5 minors and 2 dual degree programs
- Prepares graduates to shape the future of their nations and the world at large through innovative approaches to policymaking
- 14 partnerships with universities around the world
- Ranked among the top 10 in Africa and the top 200 worldwide
- 4 master's programs ranked among the top global programs by Eduniversal
- 50+ nationalities represented among alumni
- The Department of Public Policy and Administration is the first in the world to receive triplecrown accreditation in public affairs education, the first department in Africa and the Middle East and the third globally outside the United States to be accredited by NASPAA, as well as the first program of its kind outside of Europe to receive the European Association for Public Administration Accreditation
- Top recognition by Eduniversal, including No. 1 Master of Global Affairs in Africa, No. 2 Master of Laws in International and Comparative Law in Africa, No. 2 Master of Public Administration in Africa, No. 3 Master of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communication in Africa
- Offers students the chance to network with governmental agencies, nongovernmental organizations and influential think tanks in the region through guest lectures, capstone projects and participation in local and international events such as the Arab Science Journalism Forum and the annual African Journalists Workshop
- Introduces students to influential international actors to gain a glimpse into the real-world profession of policymaking and global affairs
- A Center for Migration and Refugee Studies dedicated to investigating both historical and emerging issues related to migration movements and experiences across the MENA region
- •The school's Tahrir Dialogue initiative builds awareness of global political developments and conversations
- A center dedicated to Middle East Studies offering students the distinctive opportunity to explore the region's history and current affairs from a very distinct perspective shaped by the geopolitical location of AUC

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•An academic research institute and graduate teaching center for scholars, researchers and graduate students interested in gender issues in the Middle East, Africa and South Asia

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## GET FAMILIAR WITH THE LANGUAGE

#### **Survival Arabic**

The Survival Arabic course at AUC is designed to help incoming international students with limited or no knowledge of the Arabic language get by during their stay in Cairo. The five-day, 20-hour course covers basic Egyptian colloquial phrases and vocabulary, assisting students to smoothly transition into life in Egypt.

#### Study Arabic in Cairo

Over the years, the Department of Arabic Language Instruction at AUC has attracted thousands of students who want the added experience of learning the language in an Arabic-speaking country. Here is a look at some of the Arabic-language programs offered at AUC:

#### **Arabic Language Classes**

Students who wish to study Arabic for one or two semesters, as part of a studyabroad program, are enrolled as nondegree students, provided they adequately meet the admissions requirements outlined by AUC.

#### **Arabic Language Intensive Program**

The intensive program accommodates students from all learning levels. Courses are skill-based focusing on reading, writing and listening, as well as content-based using media, political texts, literature as well as other tools. Out-of-class activities and field trips around Cairo are integrated into the program to bolster language-learning and expose students to Egyptian art, music, food, history and culture.

#### Center for Arabic Study Abroad (CASA)

For over half a century, the CASA program has been helping students take their Arabic-language skills to the point of near-native fluency. It has the longest tradition of teaching Arabic in the Middle East of any program of its kind and is the only program in the world to offer a high-quality master's degree in teaching Arabic as a foreign language.

## For more information on the full range of Arabic-language programs offered at AUC visit

www.aucegypt.edu/academics/studying-arabic.





## THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

#### About the Office

The International Programs and Services Office (IPSO) is responsible for all academically-related partnerships with which AUC engages. In particular, the office promotes and supports initiatives that encourage academic outreach and service, influence curricular internationalization and strengthen the global reputation of the University.

The IPSO aims to intertwine the global dimension into AUC and seeks to provide students with a unique opportunity to study in a foreign country for academic credit. The goal is to provide students with an international educational experience valuable for both personal growth and career prospects. It also allows students to better shape their academic careers and to differentiate their qualifications.

The IPSO's internationalization strategy and philosophy aim at introducing new scopes and focuses on targeting new geographical areas. The IPSO's objective is to increase student and faculty international exposure and experience through different tools and strategies.

#### **Principal Point of Contact**

AUC's Office of International Programs and Services (IPSO) is your principal point of contact (PPOC), from the beginning of your admissions process till you arrive on campus and throughout your time at AUC. IPSO is also responsible for academic advising and course registration for all incoming nondegree, study-abroad undergraduate and graduate international students. The IPSO will act as an academic guide, aiding you during the add-drop period and throughout the semester or academic year. For any inquiries regarding the University, please contact the IPSO directly by emailing ipso@aucegypt.edu.

#### **International Partnerships and Collaborations**

AUC is proud to have partnership agreements with more than 200 universities around the globe. These agreements allow student exchange between AUC and their partners for one semester to up to one year at a time.

### STUDENT SERVICES

#### **Career Center**

The Career Center at AUC offers students professional development services in the form of career planning services, assistance with resume writing, interview preparation, job shadowing and internship opportunities with our network of renowned local and multinational employers. The Career Center's Work Study Program prepares students for the working world and helps them gain more clarity on their career goals and aspirations.

#### **Disability Services**

AUC provides all the necessary facilities and resources that guarantee a smooth education process for students with physical or learning disabilities.

#### **Learning Disability Services**

Students with learning disabilities are entitled to special academic accommodation depending on each student's special needs. Many disabilities are identified through the counseling and mentoring processes. Often students will seek the support of disability services on their own accord, or under the recommendation of a parent or faculty member.

#### **Library Services**

Both on-site and virtually, the AUC Library is an essential resource for students, as well as a space to broaden their horizons. The library boasts more than 500,000 print volumes, 134 electronic journal subscriptions, 340 personal computers and laptops, and the view of our garden isn't bad either. Home to the largest English language collection in Egypt, the AUC New Cairo library is the hub of study, research and investigation on campus. The library is home to the Learning Commons, your go-to spot for research and technology assistance. Expert research librarians are always available to assist you in hunting down information, whether in a book, online or even in a document in another library across the world. The Rare Books and Special Collections Library on the third floor has a remarkable archive of documents from the arts, culture, and society of Egypt and the Middle East. You can explore not just books and periodicals, but also manuscripts, photographs and slides, maps, architectural drawings, memorabilia and artifacts and various audio-visual media. The library also houses the University archives.

#### **Health Insurance**

Generally, travel abroad requires the appropriate insurance protection. For your welfare, AUC requires that all international students as well as Egyptians with dual nationalities, who are not permanent residents in Egypt, have a comprehensive accident and sickness insurance plan.

#### **Medical Services and Clinic**

The AUC clinic offers comprehensive health care services to ensure the well-being of the AUC community. Everyone can benefit from medical advice, treatment, vaccines, pharmacy services and recommendations for outside care. The AUC clinic also has provider relationships with the best hospitals and healthcare facilities in Cairo and coordinates referrals to labs, specialists or other medical facilities.



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#### Mentoring and Counseling

For many students, time at college or in a foreign country may represent some challenges. AUC's counseling and mentoring services are there for your well-being and available to lend a hand, or an ear, whenever you are feeling overwhelmed. The Student Counseling Center (SCC) offers group and individual counseling, as well as personal wellness programs and workshops. The student mentoring unit provides advice, guidance and support for students who face academic challenges. Peer mentoring and workshops teach students life-long academic and emotional intelligence skills. These services are available to all enrolled students free of charge.

#### **University Residences**

AUC provides outstanding student housing with first-class accommodation alternatives. Live within walking distance of your lecture halls at the University Residences and make connections with like-minded students in your community and friendships that will last for life. The residence is composed of 12 units, divided into cottages. Each cottage has 22 single and 20 double beds, a lounge, study room, courtyard and terrace. Rooms are equipped with heating and air conditioning and high-speed wireless internet. Units share a kitchenette complete with all equipment necessary for on-campus living. Residents can watch TV, dine, socialize or study in the common areas. In the common area, there are several study rooms and a computer lab open 24/7. The residence is equipped to assist students with special needs.

#### Safety and Security

AUC's technologically advanced and environmentally sensitive campus is located in one of the most secure, residential suburbs in Cairo. The gated campus requires individual identification to access the entrances and is covered by 24-hour video camera surveillance, throughout the premises and outside the campus fences. Pushing a button on the surveillance camera allows you to speak with a member of the security team who will provide you with immediate assistance if needed. The Office of Safety and Security holds primary responsibility to secure access to the AUC campuses 24/7, and highly trained security personnel patrolling the grounds ensure the safety and security of our community.

#### Student Organizations, Clubs and Activities

Choose from over 80 student-led clubs and social societies across a range of interests from food to art, music, theater, sports, debating, history, literature, biology, women's rights and more. Whatever sparks your interest, you'll find likeminded people in one of AUC's student organizations. The many extracurricular activities available at AUC reflect the diverse backgrounds and interests of the student body. For a full directory of student clubs and organizations, visit www.aucegypt.edu/students/organizations.

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