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WHY CHOOSE TO STUDY IN EGYPT?

Egypt is a unique and wondrous destination that has a lot to offer its visitors, no matter their ages and interests. While out and about, and in any place you look, you can enjoy the perfect blend of ancient and modern Egyptian history. It is a fantastic place for nomads, scholars and residents alike.

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, beautiful mosques and churches as well as numerous museums, the Arab world's most populous city is teeming with life. Explore the winding streets of Cairo, and you will find a budding art and music scene as well as numerous cafes and coffee houses, famous for their tea and backgammon.

The dialect of Arabic spoken in Egypt is the most well-known and most understood in the Arab world, making Egypt a prime language learning center in the Middle East. When you decide to study in Egypt, you open yourself to a new world filled with diverse cultures, histories, art and ideas.



WHY AUC: EGYPT'S GLOBAL UNIVERSITY



Founded in 1919, AUC is a leading English-language, American-accredited institution of higher education and a center of intellectual, social and cultural life of the Arab world. Chartered and accredited in the United States and Egypt, The American University in Cairo is an independent, not-for-profit, equal-opportunity institution. Its community of students, parents, faculty and staff, trustees, alumni and other generous sponsors represent more than 60 countries. The University stands as a crossroads for the world's cultures and a vibrant forum for reasoned argument, spirited debate and understanding across the diversity of languages, facilities and human experiences. The University offers 37 undergraduate, 44 master's and two PhD programs rooted in a liberal arts education that encourages students to think critically and find creative solutions to conflicts and challenges, facing both the region and the world. It also offers a globally-recognized professional community-based education in English to meet the needs of the dynamic Egyptian and broader regional economies.

The University's educational assets include the largest English-language academic library collection in Egypt, three modern theaters and 15 cross-disciplinary research centers. The University's modern, 260-acre New Cairo campus constitutes a visionary investment in the future of Cairo, Egypt and the region — a state-of-the-art facility for advanced research, innovative teaching, lifelong learning and civic engagement. For those committed to learning Arabic in a Middle Eastern country, the Department of Arabic Language Instruction invites students to immerse themselves in a culture and language by offering an intensive Arabic language program, combining both Modern Standard Arabic and the Egyptian dialect.

There is no better place than Cairo and AUC to develop yourself, your research and your studies on the MENA region. Through students' everyday lives, they will develop their regional knowledge, promote multiculturalism and help organize solutions to resolve local and global issues.

GETTING AROUND

Cairo is an enormous city with lots to discover. Besides the AUC bus service, incoming international students can take advantage of the relatively cheap transportation options.

Students wanting to travel to and from Egypt also have multiple options, including bus, trains and by plane. The Cairo International Airport is located in New Cairo, around 23 kilometers from the University. Both international and domestic flights fly out from one of the airport's three terminals. Egypt's metro system is a remarkably inexpensive and efficient way of getting around Cairo, with signage in both Arabic and English.

National railways also offer a relatively inexpensive way of seeing the country. The main train station is reachable by metro, and trains to all major cities including Alexandria, Luxor, Aswan, disembark from the Ramses Train Station. Students can also travel around the city of Cairo by taxi or by the taxi services, Uber and Careem.



SURVIVAL ARABIC

Incoming international students who have little or no knowledge of the Arabic language can enroll in the Survival Arabic course. The five-day, 20-hour course covers basic Egyptian colloquial phrases and vocabulary, helping students smoothly transition into life in Egypt.

STUDY ARABIC IN EGYPT

The Department of Arabic Language Instruction (ALI) has attracted thousands of students interested in learning Arabic and who want the added experience of learning in an Arabic-speaking country. The following programs are some of the opportunities offered to Arabic-language learners at AUC:

Arabic Language Classes: Students wishing to study Arabic for one or two semesters as part of a study-abroad program are enrolled as nondegree students, provided they adequately meet the admissions requirements outlined by AUC. Therefore, students who are seeking degrees at other universities, but have come to AUC for a semester or year abroad to augment their education with Arabic language classes can satisfy their requirements with Arabic Language Classes (ALNG).

Arabic Language Intensive Program: The intensive program seeks to accommodate students from all language learning levels, and designs the course to address the specific needs of the student. Courses are skill-based and focused on reading, writing, listening, and is also content-based using media, political texts, literature, as well as other tools. This program also offers field trips in Cairo and the surrounding areas, to bolster language-learning and expose students to Egyptian music, foods, art, history and culture.

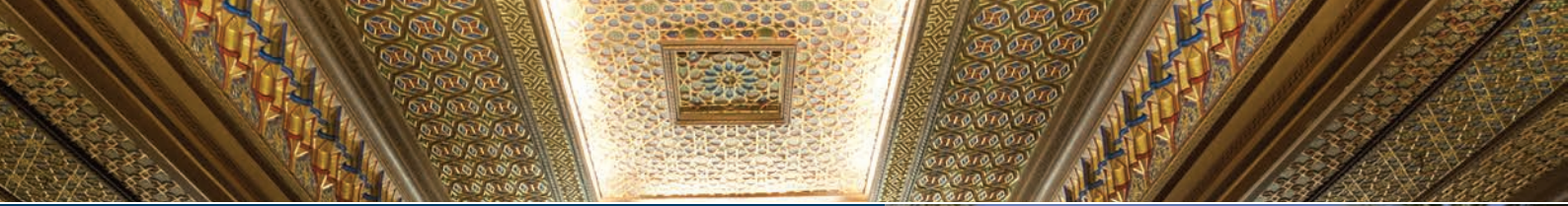


Center for Arabic Study Abroad (CASA): Established in 1967, CASA offers intensive Arabic- language classes to students from the United States, and has the longest tradition of teaching Arabic in the Middle East of any program of its kind. It is also the only program in the world to offer a high quality master's in teaching Arabic as a foreign language.

Arabic Language Intensive Program for Professionals and Diplomats: This program is geared to professionals and diplomats who come to the Middle East to learn Arabic. Small-sized classes means students can take advantage of a tailored curriculum in Modern Standard Arabic (MSA) with courses in reading, writing, translation and interpretation, Quranic studies, literature, economics and history. Likewise, students will also take courses in spoken MSA and the colloquial Egyptian dialect.

Center for Advanced Arabic Study in Cairo (CAASIC): CAASIC is the host of the program CASA, and offers a more advanced and tailored CASA program for international students. This program is unique in that it gives students the chance to study immersive, advanced Arabic for one year at a reduced tuition fee. The program is dedicated to teaching both MSA and the Egyptian colloquial dialect.

For more information on the opportunities for Arabic-language study at AUC visit schools.aucegypt.edu/academics/ALI



THE NEW CAIRO CAMPUS

AUC's New Cairo campus is designed to accommodate 5,500 full-time students and 1,500 faculty and staff members. Offering state-of-the-art resources to students and faculty from around the world, the campus weaves Egyptian urban and architectural traditions into a modern campus and is designed to be accessible to persons with disabilities. It is equipped with modern classrooms, laboratories, lecture halls and other essential facilities to support current and future teaching methods, curricula and educational technologies.



THE TAHRIR SQUARE CAMPUS

The historic AUC Tahrir Square campus is a landmark and cultural oasis in the heart of Cairo. A gathering place for lovers of literature, theatre and all forms of arts and culture. Inside the Historic Palace building is Oriental Hall and Ewart Memorial Hall. Ewart has a long history of distinguished guests including Om Kolthoum, who performed in 1937, prominent Egyptian intellectual Taha Hussein and top dignitaries, ambassadors and intellectuals from around the world. Today, Ewart and Oriental halls continue to serve as the prime downtown destination for a range of conferences, lectures, seminars and public events held by the University.



INCOMING STUDY-ABROAD STUDENTS

Each year, AUC welcomes study-abroad students from different parts of the globe who come to the University to get a taste of a unique educational experience in Cairo and the Middle East.

AUC is recognized by many U.S. colleges as an approved overseas study site for their students and has formal agreements with many institutions.

The maximum duration for a study-abroad program is two semesters and a summer session. Study-abroad students are not limited to set list of courses, but can choose from the general lists of courses. Because AUC is accredited in the United States as well as in Egypt, American students are usually able to transfer AUC credits to their home institutions. For a general list of courses, please visit:

catalog.aucegypt.edu

ADMISSION INSTRUCTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL AND STUDY-ABROAD STUDENTS

International students need to apply online through **<https://www.applyweb.com/auc/index.ftl>**.

Students need to make sure that their application is complete and to submit their required documents by the mentioned deadline. To view the deadlines for application submission, visit **<http://catalog.aucegypt.edu/index.php>**

For more information on the admissions process, contact the Office of Enrollment and Student Services at **enrolauc@aucegypt.edu**.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL AND STUDY-ABROAD STUDENTS

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

AUC offers non-Egyptian degree-seeking students merit and need-based scholarships for study. To learn more about these scholarships and how to apply, visit aucegypt.edu/admissions/scholarships/non-egyptian-students

STUDY-ABROAD STUDENTS

There are two scholarships available for international nondegree students:

- ***The Simpson Scholarship in Egyptology:*** Available to two to four undergraduate juniors or seniors enrolled in a year-abroad program in AUC's Egyptology program.
- ***Herman Eilts Scholarship:*** Covers the expenses of undergraduates enrolled at AUC who are pursuing Middle East studies, political science or history at AUC for either a semester for a year.

For more information on the eligibility requirements and how to apply to either of these two scholarships, please visit aucegypt.edu/admissions/scholarships/international-non-degree

SUMMER SESSIONS

Students from more than 30 countries usually attend AUC's summer sessions to pursue a wide variety of subjects. Although most students are full-time students at AUC, many nondegree students also take classes also take courses during one or both of the summer sessions offered at AUC.





GET TO KNOW THE CAMPUS

The International Student Orientation is scheduled the week before classes begin. It includes a series of lectures and sessions to prepare new students for AUC and life in Cairo. During orientation, you may perform tasks such as obtaining your student ID card, taking placement tests and completing late registration. You may also elect to take a campus tour and meet new and returning students. Upon arrival, you will receive a welcome pack including the orientation handbook. International peer leaders (IPLs) will be present to welcome you and guide you around campus.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OFFICE

The International Programs Office (IPO) at The American University in Cairo is responsible for academic advising and course registration for all incoming nondegree, study-abroad undergraduate and graduate international students. The IPO will act as an academic guide, aiding students during the add-drop period and throughout the semester or academic year. For any inquiries regarding class registration or academic life at the University, please contact the IPO office directly by emailing ipoadvisors@aucegypt.edu.

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENT LIFE

International students, faculty and staff are what make The American University a unique crossroads for exchange of dialogue and ideas. The Office of International Student Life's purpose is to aid incoming international students with the transition from their home countries to life in Egypt. ISL is responsible for all nonacademic services, programs and events to international students, and plays a crucial role in the internationalization of AUC. To contact the Office of International Student Life, email international@aucegypt.edu.

CAREER CENTER

We understand that finding the right job can be tough. If you don't know where to begin, AUC Career Center will point you in the right direction and keep you on track. We offer students and alumni career planning services, résumé help, interview preparation, and a connection to our network of employers and business professionals. We also facilitate internships and recruitment efforts for employers.

WRITING CENTER

Our students are great writers, but they know there is always room to improve. AUC's Mohamed Taymour Writing Center helps graduate and undergraduate students refine their writing techniques and learn new strategies for critical thinking and thoughtful writing. Our two locations provide individual tutoring to help students in all disciplines, as well as weekly peer-review workshops tailored to core classes in rhetoric and focused workshops on grammar, writing with technology, oral presentations, in-class writing and essay exams. You can also receive online tutoring through our Online Writing Lab.

SPORTS

AUC has a state-of-the-art sports center with facilities for everything from karate to basketball to yoga. AUC also has 22 athletic programs and sports teams that compete against other universities throughout Egypt and the region.

AUC's Office of Athletics offers quality athletic activities and learning opportunities to all students. Its programs promote a healthy lifestyle, discipline, teamwork and leadership development, as well as high standards of ethical conduct and sportsmanship. The sports program emphasizes health and enjoyment through recreation, fitness, competitions and sound physical habits.

The following sports facilities are available to students:

- Khalaf Ahmed Al Habtoor Football and Track Stadium
- Paul B. Hannon Swimming Pool
- ARTOC Sports Court
- Mohamed Rashidi Gym (Basketball and Volleyball)
- Ahmed H. Said Gym (Weight Room)
- J. Dinsmore Adams Jr. Squash Courts
- J. Dinsmore Adams Jr. Tennis Complex
- Martial Arts Room
- Table Tennis Hall
- Rugby Field
- Billiards Hall
- Tartan Courts (Basketball and 5Aside Soccer)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS, CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Whatever sparks your interest, you'll find like-minded people in one of AUC's 60 student organizations. The many extracurricular activities available at AUC reflect the diverse backgrounds and interests of the student body.

Joining a club lets you develop your personal skills and get involved in areas of community service, student government, culture and special interests, academics or student conferences. The University also has several student-run publications, including newspapers The Insider, Caravan, The Independent, and the monthly magazine, AUC Times. For a full directory of student clubs and organizations, please visit

www.aucegypt.edu/students/campus-life





HEALTH AND SAFETY

AUC considers the health and safety of its students of the utmost importance. There is a campus safety office and a Security Office on the premises. The safety office safeguards all AUC facilities against fire and other safety hazards. The Security Office has jurisdiction over those incidents that occur on campus only. They can advise and advocate for students in the local police system, as necessary. All international students are given an emergency contact card during their participation in the mandatory orientation program. This card contains the 24/7 contact phone numbers of key people who are located on campus in the following offices and departments: the clinic, counseling center, international student life office, residential life and several others. Students are encouraged to contact the appropriate administrator any time during the day or at night if they are in need of assistance.

HEALTHCARE AND INSURANCE

AUC requires that all international students and Egyptians with dual nationalities, who are not permanent residents in Egypt, have a comprehensive accident and sickness insurance plan, including emergency medical evacuation and repatriation of remains. AUC holds a group insurance policy with CMI Insurance that is issued with the policy number GLMN 01173662 by the American Insurance Company.



MENTORING AND COUNSELING

For many students, the college years represent unique challenges. AUC's counseling and mentoring services are 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 skills and emotional intelligence. These services are available to all enrolled students free of charge.

Disability Services

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

Services for Students with Learning Disabilities

Students with learning disabilities are entitled to special academic accommodation depending on each student's special needs. Some of the students are identified through the counseling and mentoring processes. Others seek the support of disability services on their own accord, or under the recommendation of parents or faculty. Students, whose learning disabilities have previously been identified and professionally diagnosed are required to submit valid documentation to ensure that they are given the necessary accommodation entitled to them by disability laws such the Americans with Disabilities Act. If official documentation is lacking, students are referred to specialized organizations for relevant assessment, diagnosis and academic accommodation. Finally, the student's requests for academic accommodation are communicated to the students' professors as well as the Office of the Provost.



LIBRARY

AUC's Main Library boasts more than 500,000 print volumes, 134 electronic journal subscriptions, 340 PCs 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 help. Expert research librarians are always available to assist you in hunting down information, whether in a book, online, or in a document in another library across the world.

Tahrir Square Library:

AUC's Tahrir Square library gives you all of the resources of AUC's libraries, without leaving downtown Cairo.

Rare Books and Special Collections Library:

The Rare Books and Special Collections Library 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 drawing, memorabilia and artifacts, and audio-visual media. The library also houses the University archives.

BOOKSTORE

Textbook, cookbook, picture book; whatever book you're looking for, you'll find it at the AUC Bookstore. At our five bookstore locations, you can browse more than 20,000 titles covering both English language academic texts and general interest books, as well as Arabic literature in translation. At the AUC New Cairo bookstore, you can also find AUC gear, sportswear, and gifts. The AUC Bookstores are owned and operated by the AUC Press, the leading English-language publishing house in the Middle East. Contact the bookstore at bookstore@aucegypt.edu

MEDICAL SERVICES AND CLINIC

The AUC clinic offers comprehensive health care services to ensure the well-being of the entire 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 in Cairo and coordinates referrals to labs, specialists or other medical facilities.

FOOD SERVICES

Eating on campus is an essential part of your day, but also an integral part of campus life. AUC offers a variety of healthy, affordable and delicious food choices at 13 locations all across campus. Refuel, or catch up with friends at any of two food courts, bakeries and coffee shops. We also have several vending machines and convenience stores on campus which are opened for extended hours.

BUS SERVICE AT AUC

Don't want to bother with the stress and cost of driving? AUC offers a bus service servicing 13 routes all throughout Cairo. One-way bus tickets are LE 25 per person, but for students who use the bus every day to get to and from New Cairo, the University offers a bus service subscription for all students. Buses run on set schedules throughout the day, seven days a week. Our comfortable coach buses have reclining seats, window curtains and free wi-fi on board. The subscription can be paid for annually or by semester. For more information on AUC's bus service and fees, visit: <http://in.aucegypt.edu/services/bus>

HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Looking for a place to live? The American University in Cairo invites you to live alongside a lively, diverse group of other students at the University Residences.

The residence is composed of 12 units, divided into five male and seven female cottages. Each cottage has 22 single and 20 double beds, a lounge, study room, courtyard and terrace. Each room is furnished with beds, desks, chairs, closets and bookshelves. The rooms are also equipped with heating and air conditioning, and high speed wireless internet. Units share a kitchenette with a hot plate, kettle, fridge, and microwave. 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 on-campus residence allows visitors during certain hours and can accommodate overnight visitors based on room availability. The residence is also equipped to assist students with special needs.

WHAT ELSE WILL YOU HAVE ACCESS TO ON CAMPUS?

- *Front desk staff available 24/7*
- *Housekeeping and cleaning services*
- *Maintenance services*
- *Laundry outlet and services*
- *Sport complex next door with 24/7 outdoor soccer and basketball courts*
- *Food outlets and a supermarket nearby*
- *On-campus clinic with medical personnel available 24/7*

RESOURCES

Real learning doesn't only happen in the classroom. At AUC, we have a wide-range of services to support your success and connect you with peers and professors. Our experts in the writing center, job-savvy advisors in the career center, and opportunities for study abroad are all available for you to take your education to the next level of learning.

GRADING AND EXAMINATIONS

Student work in each course is evaluated throughout the semester. Examinations, quizzes, reports, discussions or other means of evaluation help students know how they stand in a course.

Final examinations review the entire semester's work but are not heavily emphasized. Each examination lasts no longer than two hours and counts for no more than one-third of the final course grade. Except in 400-level courses and higher where extensive writing assignments and projects pertain, no other element in the final course grade will count for more than one-third. Final examinations are held during the official examination period, which is listed in the academic calendar of the University.

At the close of the semester students receive a final grade in each course. The grade is the professor's official estimate of the student's achievement as reflected in examinations, assignments, and class participation. The final grades are recorded on the student's permanent record at the Office of the Registrar. The grade may not be changed on the student record.

**The following grading system is used
at The American University in Cairo:**

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Description</i>
A	4.0	Excellent
A-	3.7	
B+	3.3	Very good
B	3.0	
B-	2.7	Good
C+	2.3	
C	2.0	Passing
C-	1.7	
D+	1.3	Conditionally passing
D	1.0	
F	0.0	Failing



GO GREEN AT AUC

AUC's Office of Sustainability works to integrate environmental and social sustainability into the culture and structure of the University. The office is dedicated to decreasing the University's carbon footprint, promoting environmental research, implementing recycling programs and raising awareness about sustainable causes. Besides the Office of Sustainability, the University has also established the Research Institute for a Sustainable Environment (RISE) and the Center for Sustainable Development (CSD). AUC was ranked as the number one green campus in North Africa by GreenMetric World University Ranking.





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