

NYU Abu Dhabi Backgrounder: Saadiyat Campus

Timeline

Masterplan: May 2008 – June 2009

Design: May 2010 – December 2013

Construction: October 2010 – May 2014

Occupancy: August 2014

Project Affiliates

Master Plan, Architecture, Interior Design: Rafael Viñoly Architects

Contractor: Al-Futtaim Carillion

Landscape Architect: Al Khatib Cracknell Ltd LLC

Site

North Site: 4 hectares

South Site: 11.3 hectares

Space Plan

The campus was sized for a student population of 2600

Building Area: 425,000 gross square meters

The campus includes:

- Teaching and Research: Classrooms for 15 to 100 students, wet, dry, and computational laboratories, vivarium, faculty and administrative offices, graduate workstations, meeting rooms
- Arts: 700-seat Main Theater, 150-seat Recital Hall, black box theatre, art gallery, film screening room, digital media labs, visual arts studios, recording studio, music rooms, costume shop, scene workshop
- Student and Campus Life: Library, Academic Resource Center, Health and Wellness Center, multi-faith room, male and female prayer rooms, multi-purpose rooms, student club rooms, game zone
- Athletics: 50m Indoor pool, gymnasium (basketball, badminton, volleyball), 200m indoor and 400m outdoor track, squash and racquetball courts, fitness centre, dance/yoga studios, women's only gym, training & hydrotherapy rooms, locker rooms, outdoor tennis and multi-purpose courts, outdoor natural grass pitches, stadium seating
- NYUAD Institute Conference Center: 300-seat lecture hall, 180-seat lecture hall, multi-purpose function suite and 5 meeting rooms
- Housing: Undergraduate, graduate, and faculty residential buildings and residential amenities, guest suites
- Dining: East and West Dining Halls, Faculty Club, Marketplace, Library Café, Experimental Research Building Café
- Outdoor: Pedestrian street network, Main Street and Colonnades, Central, East, and West Plazas, High Line, Amphitheatre, Library Terraces, east and west expansion parcels
- Other: Bookstore, daycare, retail shops, data center, underground parking