Discover New York University Abu Dhabi

The World’s Honors College
We’re ready for you
... are you ready to make history?

NYU ABU DHABI
Where tomorrow’s global leaders learn
Bring your pioneering spirit. Get where the world is going.

**NEW YORK UNIVERSITY** has designed a visionary new model for higher education at the crossroads of the world—NYU Abu Dhabi—combining the best of a research university education with the advantages of a liberal arts, sciences, and engineering curriculum. Are you interested in becoming part of the next generation of leaders dedicated to the creation of new knowledge? Do you have a global citizen’s outlook, a leader’s purposefulness, and an understanding that the future is for the bold, not the conventional?

NYU Abu Dhabi has an unblinking commitment to select the most accomplished and promising students around the globe to be part of this unprecedented endeavor in higher education.

NYU Abu Dhabi and NYU’s Washington Square campus in New York City form the backbone of a fully interconnected Global Network University. As one of its two major portal campuses, NYU Abu Dhabi establishes a powerful environment for faculty and students to access the NYU global network and contributes to the ambitious trajectory of Abu Dhabi as an entrepreneurial capital of ideas and talents.
NYU Abu Dhabi is deeply rooted in the history of NYU . . . and it is also writing the University’s next chapter.

NYU Abu Dhabi is only the newest addition to one of the foremost research and teaching universities in the United States. Since New York University’s founding in 1831, its academic excellence has been rooted in and strengthened by the energy and diversity of New York City, and so it continues across the globe. Through both portal campuses and its network of global academic centers, NYU offers its undergraduates an exceptional liberal arts curriculum; dynamic learning and mentoring experiences with a renowned, award-winning faculty; fellowship with a diverse and enthusiastic student body; and ongoing interaction with the intellectual and cultural life of our local communities.

NYU Abu Dhabi is the logical next step in NYU’s long-term endeavor to expand opportunities for its students worldwide, but it is the University’s tradition of excellence that lent its leaders the courage to develop a new paradigm: The university as a dynamic global network.
THE COSMOPOLITAN CITY
A city of 1.2 million, Abu Dhabi is located in the heart of the Middle East on the southern coast of the Arabian Gulf. It’s the capital of both the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and the United Arab Emirates. International residents from 120 countries make up 80 percent of the population and join the Emirati citizens who trace their history back to the settling of Abu Dhabi in 1760. You’ll hear English, Hindi, Malayalam, Urdu, Farsi, Tagalog, and French spoken as often as Arabic in this global crossroads.

where it’s happening: ABU DHABI

Your new home will be in downtown Abu Dhabi, a remarkable city on the rise in the heart of today’s changing world.

Abu Dhabi is at the forefront of building one of the world’s next great idea capitals. The city has developed a progressive agenda in health care, the arts, economic and environmental sustainability, educational and human development, and the advancement of women—with impressive resources supporting the vital talent and infrastructure required to both achieve and leverage these advances. Together, this strategic location and forward-looking commitment create a dazzling array of opportunities for learning, research, and innovation. Guided by your NYU Abu Dhabi curriculum and community explorations, you’ll be in and of Abu Dhabi as well as in and of the world through extensive regional travel and study away in the NYU Global Network University.
The Campus
The Downtown Campus is located just off the Corniche, the city’s prestigious boulevard that faces the waterfront and features parks, jogging and bike paths, restaurants, a boardwalk, and a public beach. The Downtown Campus facilities are tailored to meet the unique requirements of NYU Abu Dhabi programs; the classrooms and library have the newest technology and wireless Internet access throughout.

The Downtown Campus is complemented by the Center for Science and Engineering (CSE), NYU Abu Dhabi’s experimental and instructional lab facility, including multipurpose wet and dry labs, organic chemistry labs, engineering labs, and a digital media lab. Some of your classes will be held here, and your professors will be accessible with offices located in the CSE.

Your Professors
In small classes that typically have eight to 12 students, you’ll have unparalleled access to your professors, who are not only inspiring teachers but also renowned scholars and caring academic mentors. They’ll challenge you to think swiftly on your feet, strengthen your thought processes, formulate profound questions, and write with unfailing persuasion. They’ll enable you to be a producer of new knowledge, not just a receiver of existing knowledge. These scholars have joined NYU Abu Dhabi specifically because they believe undergraduates are capable of collaborating with them on cutting-edge research—and because they simply love to teach. The relationships you form with your professors will be some of the most important of your life, helping to shape who you are and how you will shape the world.
NYU Abu Dhabi offers a comprehensive undergraduate program in the arts, sciences, social sciences, humanities, and engineering. But why is NYU Abu Dhabi so intent on preparing you with a liberal arts and science-based curriculum? How is this kind of education different from the more traditional professional schools?

Sheikh Mohamed Scholar Noura Ahmed Sultan Saed Al Dhaheri explains, “Studying the liberal arts . . . cultivates a general intellectual ability beyond technical skills without the obligation of following a single voice or being bound to one opinion.”

With a liberal arts education, you will learn to ask the right questions, develop strategies for answering them, think critically, interpret data coherently, and communicate effectively both orally and in writing. NYU Abu Dhabi will expand your worldview, both inside the classroom and out. By learning about a wide range of fields, you will be better equipped to become an expert in your field.

NYU Abu Dhabi freshman Usama Hameed Sami says, “I thought I was destined to do mathematics in college, but now, looking at the range of different courses that NYUAD has to offer, it is too tempting not to touch the other disciplines! So, I aim to have a thorough taste of as many disciplines as I can before I decide what my major will be.”

Isn’t it appropriate that at NYU, a campus without borders, you will receive an education without limits?

NYU Abu Dhabi’s Students

At NYU Abu Dhabi, you will join a student body that is astoundingly diverse—an unparalleled, broadly international, incredibly sharp, inventive, fun, and adventure-some group of peers. The Class of 2014 is NYU Abu Dhabi’s first class of students. These 149 students represent 39 countries of origin and speak a total of 41 languages. Academically, they come from the top of their classes, but they bring with them a remarkable range of achievements from far beyond the classroom. As athletes, they play basketball, cricket, field hockey, rugby, table tennis, and squash. They ride horses, bike BMX, race dragon boats, and practice yoga. They’re singers, dancers, harpists, cellists, pianists, and more. NYU Abu Dhabi’s student body brings traditions and customs from all over the world to form a truly global community. As an NYU Abu Dhabi student, you will have the opportunity to share your own talents with this extraordinary group.

NYU Abu Dhabi Vice Chancellor Al Bloom describes the inaugural class as “the most talented in the world . . . They bring a remarkable array of interests and experience to a uniquely diverse and exciting undergraduate experience. They are students who engage the examination and shaping of thought with passion and rigor.”

NYU Abu Dhabi’s Students
A low student-to-faculty ratio and small classes mean your professors will get to know you well—and vice versa!

Curricular Choices

The NYU Abu Dhabi curriculum includes 19 majors, five multidisciplinary concentrations, seven preprofessional tracks, and a senior capstone project—a demanding, yearlong endeavor that results in a significant, original piece of work, such as a historical narrative, musical composition, performance, invention, or documented experiment. Depending on the discipline, you’ll take between eight and 18 courses toward your major. Though you may begin taking courses in your major in your first year, you’ll wait to declare your major until the end of the second year, which will allow you to explore the breadth of the liberal arts and sciences curriculum before focusing on a particular area.

No matter which major you choose, as an NYU Abu Dhabi graduate, you’ll have taken the first steps to becoming both an expert in your field as well as a big-picture thinker. You’ll possess the NYU skill set for professional leadership and success, and you’ll be a global citizen, intellectually equipped to embrace the rapidly changing environment of the 21st century.

The Nuts and Bolts of Your Schedule

NYU Abu Dhabi awards the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) and the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degrees. English is the language of instruction. Your bachelor’s degree will require a minimum of 36 courses—nine per year for four years. A typical course schedule includes four courses per semester during the fall and spring, and one intensive three-week course during a January term (J-Term). Semester courses are flexibly structured to be 14, seven, or three weeks in duration. Fourteen-week courses allow for extended contact with your professors and meet approximately 2.5 hours per week, either once, twice, or three times a week. Seven-week courses are fast paced and intense, meeting five hours per week. The three-week intensive J-Term course is an immersive experience, involving team projects, a research clinic, a writers’ workshop, a film shoot, an archaeological dig, service learning, a seminar in another country, or other forms of community-based learning. These intensive experiences are led by NYU Abu Dhabi faculty, visiting writers, artists, journalists, and other professionals.

Advising and Mentoring

Various types of advising are available through the Office of Advising and Fellowships and the Office of Career Services and Internships as well as directly with faculty.

Upperclass students will mentor you in your first year and live in Sama Tower. Our deans will provide you with information about University policies, general requirements, study away options, and selecting a major. Faculty in the core curriculum will serve as academic advisers before you select a major. Once you have decided on a major, a faculty member in your chosen field will become your primary academic adviser. You’ll also select a faculty mentor, other than your academic adviser, who will help you reflect on and make decisions about your overall intellectual and personal growth.

For specific information about the NYUAD curriculum and courses, please visit our Website at www.nyuad.nyu.edu.
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### Global Experience

Will you study beyond Abu Dhabi? Yes, several times. Your curriculum includes the opportunity to spend two semesters studying through the Global Network University in Accra, Berlin, Buenos Aires, Florence, London, Madrid, New York, Paris, Prague, Shanghai, and Tel Aviv. You may also take two 1-Term courses at our global academic centers, or you can choose courses in Abu Dhabi that may involve traveling with faculty to do site-specific research or projects abroad.

This important dimension of your education will allow you to pursue core course work in many different cultural settings, learn other languages, conduct longitudinal research projects across two or more cultures, build expertise in a new area of academic specialization, participate in community-based internships while abroad, or prepare for your senior capstone project with a strong, comparative international dimension.

These opportunities are not just exciting travel experiences; they are an essential and valued part of our global network curriculum that guides your intercultural learning and trains you in the skills of being an engaged, responsible citizen in any community you choose to join.

No matter where you are studying, you’ll regularly interact with NYU students (in person or virtually) in New York and at the in NYU academic centers around the world through course work, research, community-based learning, internships, or laboratory projects. This collaboration will be supported by advanced videoconferencing and other interactive, Web-based learning environments.

### Regional Study Trips

The same way that New York University believes in being in and of New York City, NYU Abu Dhabi creates an experience that is in and of Abu Dhabi and the historic, influential region where it is located. You’ll have the opportunity to experience the diverse places and people of the wider Middle East through 10-day regional study trips at the middle of the semester and through shorter weekend trips. These trips will deepen your knowledge of the Gulf region and enable you to create strong bonds with your classmates.

Regional trips will be led by faculty and local experts with deep research knowledge of the sites. Some trips will be related to your course work, providing on-site exploration and fieldwork. You’ll also have other scheduled trips available that enrich the core curriculum and signature programs. The program in the Ancient World may offer trips to study the temples of the Nile, Petra, or Syria. The Arab Crossroads program may take you to study the birth of Islamic architecture in Cairo and its variations across the Arab world. In the program in Urbanization, you may travel with a professor to Cairo, Amman, or Beirut to study urban infrastructure and other issues in situ. The Environment multidisciplinary concentration may take you to Kenya to explore wildlife management.

Local weekend excursions may bring you to Muscat and the villages of Oman; Doha, with its outstanding new museum of Islamic art; and the varied cities and dramatic desert-, sea-, and mountainscapes of the UAE. Imagine visiting the red sand dunes, Hili tombs, and date plantations of Al-Ain; the rugged Hajar mountains in Ras Al Khaimah; the fossil valley and natural pools of Hatta; and the 166 species of animals and beautiful beaches of Sir Bani Yas Island.
OUTSIDE OF CLASS

LIVING IN THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN ABU DHABI!

Your new home will be a warmly supportive residential community, where students help each other feel comfortable socially and succeed academically, where you’ll form friendships and professional relationships that will last a lifetime.

Housing
You and your NYU Abu Dhabi resident assistants (RAs—upperclass students at NYU in New York who are spending the semester or year at NYU Abu Dhabi) will live in the beautiful, newly built Sama Tower, which is located within walking distance of the Downtown Campus. Sama Tower is also home to the faculty and administrators, who live on other floors of the building. Just off the waterfront, with incredible views of Abu Dhabi’s strikingly modern skyline, Sama Tower has facilities for dining, sports, study, recreation, community engagement, performance, art, and hanging out with friends, faculty, and staff. You’ll live with roommates on student-only floors, in studio and two-bedroom apartments with lounges and bathrooms. All student accommodations are single gender by floor.

Meal Plans
The Sama Tower dining hall and cafes on campus serve the needs of our diverse student body, making sure meal schedules and a wide range of international food choices give everyone a sense of comfort and home. You’ll have a full meal plan on campus as well as the opportunity to enjoy the food shops and restaurants nearby.

Student Services
You’ll have access to the NYU Abu Dhabi safety net of services that adhere to NYU’s exemplary standard of attention to the well-being of its students. Since a large percentage of each freshman class will come to NYU Abu Dhabi from other countries, you’ll find immigration support through the Office for International Students and Scholars. Advisers will guide you through the necessary processes for foreign nationals residing in the UAE. Health and wellness services are comprehensive and include on-site medical services—for everything from primary and mental health care to referrals to specialists for chronic care, injury, or illness. NYU Abu Dhabi security and transportation services will provide you with the highest standards of safety and convenient ways to get around the city. Wherever you are from, you will feel confidently and comfortably at home.
Internships, class excursions, weekend trips—and of course you’ll have fun!

**Activity for a Well-Rounded Life**

Studying at NYU Abu Dhabi will open many doors for you, including some that will take you out into the professional world of this capital city—and beyond.

Without question, you’ll find yourself making use of the city and building a full life of work, travel, and play.

**Clubs and Sports**

**Clubs**

As NYU Abu Dhabi’s student body grows, not only will you be able to join existing clubs but you’ll also play an important role in creating new ones. Students have already created clubs focused on film and new media, astronomy, theatre arts, debate, dance, math, horseback riding, and poetry and creative writing. The Abu Dha-beats are bringing a capella to campus, while the Arts and Humanities Journal will provide material for discussions over lunch. You can join Dardashah to explore Arabic language and literature or the chess club to test your skills against an opponent from across the globe. If you can dream it up, we’ll help you with funds, meeting spaces, and transportation to get your ideas off the ground.

**Sports**

Students have many opportunities to compete and stay in shape through athletic teams, club sports, intramurals, physical education classes, and individual workouts. Our intercollegiate teams compete in national and regional sports tournaments. Club sports and intramurals offer fun and fitness opportunities with games such as flag football and inner-tube water polo. The gymnasium and fitness center at Sama Tower have a weight-training facility and a large exercise area for aerobics, dance, yoga, and martial arts. Swimming, basketball, squash, bowling, and other activities are available through a local athletic club.
Your time at NYU Abu Dhabi will open many doors for you. Without question, you’ll find yourself making use of the experiences, opportunities, and connections that are woven into this dynamic, global crossroads city. Staff members in the Career Development Center and other offices will advise, assist, and guide you in those efforts.

During your four years at NYU Abu Dhabi, you will build a professional portfolio leading to global career opportunities through individualized career counseling, a series of work experiences and internships, and ongoing self-assessment.

Career Development Counseling, Resources, and Services
At NYU Abu Dhabi, you will be individually assisted with your career exploration, graduate school selection, and applications to prestigious postgraduate fellowships. We will also work with you in preparing job search tools, such as your CV/résumé and cover letters, and perfecting your interviewing technique.

NYU’s vast, international job network facilitates connections through mentors, recruitment fairs, and high-profile employers. Through our online database, you will have access to information on thousands of jobs and a worldwide community of more than 360,000 NYU alumni, including 17,000 alumni who live outside the U.S.

Work Experience
As students, you will begin developing and honing professional skills in your first year through on-campus employment and a variety of community-based volunteer positions, all of which will add to your competitiveness for internships, employment, fellowships, and graduate study opportunities. As sophomores and juniors, you will gain exposure to dream careers through short-term externships during J-Term as well as through summer internships in the UAE or abroad. You’ll also have an abundance of choices of preprofessional internships associated with select NYU Abu Dhabi courses during the academic year and through the Global Network University.

We offer an endless range of opportunities. Just in NYU Abu Dhabi’s backyard, you could assist during the Abu Dhabi Film Festival, participate in an engineering project on Saadiyat Island, work with an environmental institute on energy policy, volunteer at the annual F1 Grand Prix on the Yas Marina circuit, provide health education at a local medical clinic, gain firsthand experience with Islamic banking, or teach English in a local school.

Athletics and Physical Education
Physical fitness is an important aspect of overall student development at NYU Abu Dhabi. Guided by the principle that a healthy body supports a strong mind in achieving one’s full potential, the Physical Education program provides opportunities for competitive and recreational athletic participation, fitness through exercise classes such as aerobics and Pilates, and lifelong skills in sports such as golf and tennis.

The Athletic Department is headed by a seasoned director and staff. They promote and enhance a healthy lifestyle by providing qualified coaches and instructors, coordinating the use of athletic facilities, overseeing the intramural program, arranging for recreational opportunities, and providing exercise classes. Students at NYU Abu Dhabi can participate in a wide range of indoor and outdoor fitness activities, including popular team sports such as football, volleyball, and tennis; individual competitions such as road races and triathlons; a choice of water sports such as kayaking and sail boarding; and athletic leisure activities, such as cycling, hiking, and equestrian events.

NYU Abu Dhabi’s athletic facilities are located in both Sama Tower and at the UAE Officers’ Club in Abu Dhabi. Sama Tower has the student gymnasium, exercise rooms, and the health center. The Officers’ Club is an expansive complex that has indoor and outdoor athletic fields and courts with a swimming pool suitable for competitive events. On nearby Saadiyat Island, there is a newly opened, Gary Player-designed golf course. For those interested in equestrian activities, there is a riding club in the city. The Athletic Department staff supports the fitness interests of students by making the most of the sea, sun, sand, and fields of Abu Dhabi.

We hope that every student at NYU Abu Dhabi embraces physical fitness and becomes physically active according to his or her abilities in competitive sports, recreational athletics, and/or lifetime sports. Athletic participation and an emphasis on fitness provide balance, stress relief, fun, class cohesion, and leadership opportunities for those involved.

For the latest information about NYU Abu Dhabi or to join our mailing list, please visit our Web site at www.nyuad.nyu.edu/admissions.
Self-Assessment and Reflection
As part of regular meetings with your career counselor and adviser, you will develop a “life transcript” through the University’s e-portfolio system. You will be guided through five required self-assessments, which constitute an intellectual biography and trace the evolution of your interests, goals, leadership, and personal development throughout your undergraduate education. This reflection process will enable you to become more aware of your unique selling points, allowing you to distinguish yourself effectively when presenting yourself to an employer or selection committee.

Community-based Learning
You’ll develop civic responsibility and skills for community engagement and public leadership through NYU Abu Dhabi’s community-based learning (CBL) opportunities in government, schools, museums, businesses, and other organizations in Abu Dhabi, the other emirates, and other countries. Volunteer experiences are available during the semester, on I-Terms, and while studying away. They provide an important way for you to explore, better understand, and contribute to the communities of which you become a part—wherever you are in the world. CBL experiences complement the NYU Abu Dhabi curriculum, bringing a human face to the issues explored in class and challenging you to create meaningful change in the real world across its multitude of cultural, political, economic, and social differences.

Graduate Opportunities
NYU’s selective graduate and professional schools in New York will offer special consideration to NYU Abu Dhabi students who apply to these schools for graduate education. This special consideration recognizes the distinctiveness of an NYU Abu Dhabi education and the exceptional talent of the students who enroll at NYU Abu Dhabi. Participating schools will award scholarships covering full tuition for their studies to a select number of qualifying NYU Abu Dhabi graduates.

Participating Graduate and Professional Schools and Programs*
School of Law
Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service
Silver School of Social Work
School of Medicine
College of Nursing
College of Dentistry
Leonard N. Stern School of Business
Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development:
- Community Public Health
- Education and Social Policy
- Educational Leadership
- Media, Culture, and Communication
- Mental Health Counseling
- Teacher Education
- Polytechnic Institute of NYU
- Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences

To better facilitate this special admissions consideration, a designee from the Office of the Dean and a designated admissions officer from each of the schools will be available throughout an NYU Abu Dhabi student’s undergraduate years to counsel him or her on that school’s admissions process. Both the Office of the Dean and the admissions officers will be available to interested NYU Abu Dhabi students through e-mail, one-on-one counseling in Abu Dhabi and New York, and scheduled information sessions.

* Please consult school Web sites for specific information about admissions requirements, which vary by program.

In and of Abu Dhabi: What’s There to Do?

It’s Thursday afternoon and the start of the weekend, which is Friday and Saturday in Abu Dhabi. You are eager to go exploring with your friends. Where to? The street markets to stock up on snacks? Bicycling or walking along the boardwalk of the Corniche as the sun sets over the aquamarine Gulf? Or how about a falafel sandwich at the Lebanese Flower Restaurant before heading back to Sama Tower to listen to live local music at the Campus Center while uploading photos to Facebook from your mangrove kayaking trip?

On Friday, the environmental studies class prepares to camp overnight at Liwa Oasis, while the football (soccer) team is heading to Dubai to play in a tournament with other local universities. The jazz band is rehearsing for an outdoor performance at the Downtown Campus. Student volunteers are off to a local hospital or nearby English language training program. Members of the newly formed NYUAD Dhow and Dive Club are consulting with seasoned skippers on routes among the Gulf islands.

Before heading out for the day, you stop at the NYU Abu Dhabi Welcome Center to pick up tickets for you and your friends to watch the Dubai Masters Golf Tournament, Formula One Racing, a performance of the New York Philharmonic, or Coldplay. You and a friend grab a taxi to the Modintaz Zayed Shopping Centre and Gold Centre to enjoy some of the 400 outlet stores (including Daiso, where most items are an unbelievable 5 dirhams [U.S. $1.36]) and lunch at one of the international food shops that serve everything from burgers and fries to yakisoba noodles and spicy curries.

On Saturday, you and some friends venture out for a day trip to the magnificent museums in the Emirate of Sharjah (just under two hours away by car), then back to Sama Tower to call home before gathering with friends to watch a movie and relax.

And it’s back to class on Sunday morning.
Beyond your first year

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