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A Global Education for the Leaders of Tomorrow
NYU ABU DHABI

Are you ready to make history?
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY has designed a visionary new model for higher education: the Global Network University. Together, NYU Abu Dhabi and NYU’s Washington Square campus in New York City form the backbone of a fully interconnected global network. As one of its major portal campuses, NYU Abu Dhabi establishes a powerful environment for faculty and students to access NYU’s resources around the world and contributes to the ambitious trajectory of Abu Dhabi as an entrepreneurial capital of ideas and talents.

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 determination, and an understanding that the future is for the bold, not the conventional?

Located at the crossroads of the world, NYU Abu Dhabi combines the best of a research university education with the advantages of a liberal arts, science, and engineering curriculum.
NYU Abu Dhabi is deeply rooted in the history of NYU and is also writing the University’s next chapter.

NYU Abu Dhabi expands one of the foremost research and teaching universities in the United States. Since New York University’s founding in 1831, its academic excellence has contributed to and strengthened the energy and diversity of New York City, and so it continues across the globe. Through its portal campuses—in New York, Abu Dhabi, and Shanghai (opening in 2013)—and its network of global academic centers, NYU offers its undergraduates an exceptional liberal arts, science, and engineering curriculum; dynamic learning and mentoring experiences with a world-renowned, award-winning faculty; a diverse and enthusiastic student community; and ongoing interaction with the intellectual and cultural life of our local communities.

NYU Abu Dhabi expands opportunities for its students worldwide, but it is the University’s tradition of excellence that inspired its leaders 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 on the southern coast of the Arabian Gulf. It is the capital city of the United Arab Emirates and a center of commerce and culture throughout the region. 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 becoming 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 achieve these advances. Together, the city’s strategic location and forward-looking commitment create a dazzling array of opportunities for learning, research, and innovation.

Through course work that will take you out into the city and extensive opportunities for community exploration, you will be a student in and of Abu Dhabi—and with study away semesters and short-term, regional travel, supported by NYU’s global network, you will be in and of the world as well.
The Campus
The Downtown Campus is located just blocks from the Corniche, the city’s prestigious waterfront boulevard that 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 for ease of research, communication, and connecting with classmates abroad.

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. Whether your classes are held at the Downtown Campus or at the CSE, your professors are often available for further discussion after class and also will schedule office appointments for more individual attention.

Your Professors
In small classes—typically fewer than eight 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 ideas, not just a receiver of existing knowledge. These scholars have joined NYU Abu Dhabi with the belief that 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 change the world.
NYU Abu Dhabi’s Students
At NYU Abu Dhabi, you will join a community that is astonishingly diverse—an unparalleled, broadly international, incredibly sharp, inventive, fun, and adventurous group of peers. The growing student body comprises citizens of more than 70 countries who speak dozens of 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.

Vice Chancellor Al Bloom describes NYU Abu Dhabi students 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.”

Studying the Liberal Arts and Sciences
NYU Abu Dhabi offers a comprehensive undergraduate program in the arts, sciences, social sciences, humanities, and engineering. But why is NYU Abu Dhabi intent on preparing you with a liberal arts and science-based curriculum? How is this kind of education different from traditional professional schools?

Current student Erin Meekhof explains, “When I truly learn, my brain expands by a foundation for intellectual and professional achievement. Diagramming in physics helps me study Russian vocabulary; grasping Spanish verb conjugations deepens my understanding of English.” Through the broad-based, interdisciplinary approach to learning that NYU Abu Dhabi offers, students develop thinking skills that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

With a liberal arts and science 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 outlook—inside the classroom and beyond. By learning about a wide range of fields, you will be better equipped to become an expert in your field—whatever it may be!

NYU Abu Dhabi student 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 a university without borders, you will receive an education without limits?
A low student-to-faculty ratio and small classes mean your professors will get to know you well—and vice versa!
NYU ABU DHABI: TYPICAL STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Sample Plan for Economics Majors

An economics student with a concentration in finance can combine course work with multiple internships and experiences within NYU’s Global Network University.

Sample Plan for Economics Majors

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| 4    | General Elective in Abu Dhabi | Major Course | Pre-professional Track: Law  
      Multidisciplinary Concentration: Urbanization  
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Sample Plan for Chemistry Majors

Here’s what it might look like for a student in chemistry to study within NYU’s Global Network University.

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      Multidisciplinary Concentration: The Environment  
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      Capstone Project |

Academic Mentoring

Mentoring is an important part of the NYU Abu Dhabi experience. Our deans will provide you with guidance on University policies, general requirements, study away options, and selecting a major. A faculty member in the Core Curriculum will be assigned to you as a mentor before you select a major. Once you have decided on a major, you will be able to select a faculty member in your field of study who will help you reflect on and make decisions about your overall intellectual and personal growth. Rest assured that you will have plenty of resources to help you navigate through your requirements and graduate in four years.

Global Experience

The NYU Abu Dhabi curriculum includes the opportunity to spend up to two semesters studying through the Global Network University in Accra, Berlin, Buenos Aires, Florence, London, Madrid, New York, Paris, Prague, Shanghai, Sydney, Tel Aviv, and Washington, D.C. Each global academic center has its own character, offering unique academic, professional, and cultural opportunities that draw on local resources. You may also take January term courses at our global academic centers or choose courses in Abu Dhabi that involve working with faculty on site-specific research.

As an important dimension of your education, study away opportunities will allow you to pursue 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 interest, 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.

Regional Study Trips

In 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 regional study trips and shorter weekend trips. Faculty and local experts with deep research knowledge of the sites will lead trips throughout the region. 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 curriculum. Your course work may take you to Amman or Beirut to study urban infrastructure or to Kenya to explore wildlife management. In Dubai, you may visit its outstanding museum of Islamic art, and you may experience 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 160 species of animals and beautiful beaches of Sir Bani Yas Island—all just a car ride away.

“for me, the term ‘global network university’ means the opportunity to study and work with people from different backgrounds”

James Lloyd, ’14
what will your life BE LIKE?

OUTSIDE OF CLASS

LIVING IN THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN ABU DHABI!

Your new home will be a warm residential community, where students support each other both academically and personally, 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 who act as resources and who are part of the support system within the residence hall) will live in the beautiful 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 separate floors of the building. 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 common spaces and bathrooms. All student accommodations are single gender by floor.

Meal Plans
The Sama Tower dining hall and cafés 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. Your meal plan will be accepted both at Sama Tower and on campus. And, of course, you’ll have the opportunity to venture outside the dining halls to enjoy food shops and nearby restaurants.

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, the Office for International Students and Scholars will provide immigration support. 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 local specialists for chronic care, injury, or illness. NYU Abu Dhabi security and transportation services will provide you with the highest standards of safety as you move 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. Whether you join the debate team or the adventure club, audition to sing a cappella with the Abu Dhabi-beats, learn Arabic with the Daradasha group, or edit submissions for the arts and humanities journal Electra Street, you’re sure to find an activity that suits you. And with a growing student body and an infinite range of interests, you can start just about any other club you can imagine. If you can dream it up, we’ll help you 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—from winning the top prize in the University category at the Dubai International Dragon Boat Festival, to competing against other students in the region in a football/soccer tournament in Qatar. Teams have traveled to Jordan to run in the annual Dead Red Relay Race from the Dead Sea to the Red Sea. For the less competitive, NYU Abu Dhabi offers a wide range of club sports and intramurals with games such as flag football, inner-tube water polo, volleyball, and tennis. With NYU Abu Dhabi sports, whether you play to win or just for the camaraderie of being part of a team is your call.

NYU Abu Dhabi’s athletic facilities, both on and off campus, are available through connections to local athletic organizations and easily accommodate a wide range of athletic interests. The fitness center at Sama Tower has 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 NYUAD’s partnership with a local athletic club. Water sports, such as kayaking and sailboarding, and outdoor activities, such as cycling and hiking, are available throughout the city. On nearby Saadiyat Island—home to the future permanent campus of NYUAD—there is a newly opened, Gary Player-designed golf course. For those interested in horseback riding, there is a riding club in the city. The Athletic Department staff ensures that students can make the most of the sea, sun, sand, and fields of Abu Dhabi to help them find balance, stress relief, fun, class cohesion, and leadership opportunities outside the classroom.
Self-Assessment and Reflection
As part of regular meetings with your career counselor and adviser, 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.

Career Development Center: Building Your Professional Portfolio
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 for postgraduate fellowships. We will also work with you in preparing job search tools, such as your CV/resume 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 nearly 400,000 NYU alumni, including over 17,000 alumni who live outside the US.

Work Experience
As students, you will begin developing and honing professional skills in your first year through on-campus internships and a variety of community-based volunteer positions, all of which will add to your competitiveness for internships, employment, fellowships, and graduate study opportunities. In your second and third years, you will gain professional experience toward your intended career through short-term externships during January terms as well as through summer internships in the UAE or abroad.

We offer a wide range of opportunities. Just in Abu Dhabi itself, 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, or teach English in a local school.

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what I think, what I say, what I do: everything accumulates to build my future: there is no such thing as destiny, only action. And that depends only on me
Darina Gancheva, ’14

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Community-based Learning

You’ll develop skills for community engagement, civic responsibility, and public leadership through NYU Abu Dhabi’s community-based learning (CBL) opportunities in government, schools, museums, businesses, and other organizations throughout the UAE and abroad. Volunteer experiences are available during the semester, January 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 may award scholarships covering full tuition for their studies to select NYU Abu Dhabi graduates.

Participating Graduate and Professional Schools and Programs*

School of Law
School of Medicine
College of Dentistry
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
Leonard N. Stern School of Business
Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences
Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service
College of Nursing
Silver School of Social Work
Polytechnic Institute of NYU

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 websites for specific information about admissions requirements, which vary by program.

* Preadmission may be granted to these programs in exceptional cases.

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.

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 walk to the Madinat Zayed Shopping Centre and Gold Centre to enjoy some of the 400 outlet stores (including Daiso, where most items are an unbelievable 5 dirhams (US $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.
You will be one of the first classes of this history-making institution. NYU Abu Dhabi will be growing right along with you, eventually to a school of 2,000 undergraduate students. It will expand from the Downtown Campus, Sama Tower, and the Center for Science and Engineering to a new campus home, designed by the internationally renowned architect Rafael Viñoly, on Saadiyat Island, 500 meters off the coast of Abu Dhabi. The island is being planned for a population of 150,000 residents with a cultural district featuring several museums, including the Zayed National Museum, the Guggenheim Abu Dhabi, and the Louvre Abu Dhabi.

During your four years at NYU Abu Dhabi, you will have a role in putting NYUAD prominently on the map of higher education. You will be equipping yourself with the skills and perspective you need to create solutions for some of the world’s most complex problems. By the time you graduate from NYU Abu Dhabi, you will have the knowledge, global experience, boldness of thinking, ethical intelligence, and confident decisiveness to be a highly effective agent of change in the 21st century.
NYU Abu Dhabi

- A liberal arts, science, and engineering curriculum that is part of a major American research university: NYU
- Outstanding faculty in research and teaching
- A low student-to-faculty ratio
- Individual faculty mentors for students
- Multiple study/research experiences around the world in the Global Network University
- An undergraduate research emphasis
- One of the world’s most internationally diverse student bodies
- Located at a strategic crossroads of the world: Abu Dhabi and the Arabian Gulf

If the idea of NYU Abu Dhabi speaks to you, if it releases your imagination as it has those of the founding faculty, administrators, students, and visionaries of NYU Abu Dhabi, then we invite you to learn more by visiting our website at nyuad.nyu.edu. If you have any questions, we eagerly welcome you—as well as your parents, counselors, and teachers—to talk with us. Get ready to make a difference in the world as a student at NYU Abu Dhabi.