The Academic Program
Imagine yourself sitting in a classroom where the history professor is leading a lively discussion about the Cold War. Your classmates are from Ecuador, China, the UAE, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Russia, Rwanda, Bosnia, and the US. Some students are familiar with the Cold War from their high school studies, while others have experienced war firsthand. Some have been taught how the Cold War era affected their country’s economy or political circumstances; still others have heard stories from their parents of participating in atomic bomb drills in school. Each of these stories adds a new perspective and a deeper level of subtlety to your understanding.

Imagine an education designed to build similarly nuanced understanding in every classroom, across many fields of study, guided by faculty who are at once leading researchers in their disciplines and passionate teachers—energized by the opportunity to work closely with exceptional students and committed to transforming them into intellectual colleagues.

Imagine those intellectual explorations continuing into the hallways and the dining hall and, indeed, extending around the world, as you study at sites across NYU’s global educational network.

Shape, in that intellectual and personal context, your own view of the priorities most significant for institutions, societies, and the world, and develop, in that light, your own sense of what it is most significant to achieve. Expand, empowered by the environment of challenge and support, your own ability to engage conflicting values and to balance desired outcomes, so that your leadership, wherever you exercise it, responds humanely and effectively to complexities and reaches significant ends.

Immerse yourself in the breadth, the depth, the imaginative power, and the embrace of humanity essential to the best of liberal arts and science education.

Join us in demonstrating the capacity of higher education to lift perspective beyond parochial, national, and ideological concerns to help realize the enormous potential of a cooperating world.

This is what it means to be a student at NYU Abu Dhabi.

Al Bloom
Vice Chancellor, NYU Abu Dhabi
With the liberal arts and sciences at its core, NYU Abu Dhabi offers a comprehensive, four-year undergraduate curriculum in the arts, sciences, social sciences, humanities, and engineering, with a strong emphasis on undergraduate research. NYUAD has developed a visionary new model for higher education that transcends traditional disciplinary boundaries and encourages the creation of new knowledge. You will graduate with the academic and professional depth and the intellectual flexibility to become a global leader, no matter what path you choose.
In my first semester, I took calculus, statistics, and economics courses, which I had expected because of my interest in finance. What I didn’t expect was how much I was going to enjoy my core courses. I took an art history course called The Idea of the Portrait. Through analyzing painted portraits, we discussed new meanings of the self and how the self appears in artistic form through color, composition, and facial elements and expression. The professor really wanted us to think for ourselves, and he made sure we all spoke aloud even if we were hesitant to release our ideas. I think he believes that every one of us knows the answers already, and, like Socrates, he kept tickling our brains until the thoughts and answers were brought forth. The course was very enlightening and a lot of fun.

Then during the January term, I took a course called State and Fate of the Earth, and I had a great time researching, using what I learned in my statistics course to analyze the data set, the graphs, and scatter plots to make correlations and find relationships, if there were any. I realized I could use the analytical techniques I learned in statistics class along with the critical skills from the art history class in other contexts. And suddenly I understood why the liberal arts and sciences work together with any field of knowledge. Skills learned in the core courses and major courses feed each other.
A Community of Scholars
At NYU Abu Dhabi, you and your classmates will be among the most talented and diverse student body anywhere. When you arrive, you will join students who are citizens of more than 70 countries, speak dozens of languages, and represent cultures and ideas from all over the world. This truly global community of scholars and leaders both reflects and deepens Abu Dhabi’s diversity, a city whose population is already 84 percent international.

Professors and researchers choose to come to NYUAD for many of the same reasons the students do: to help build and sustain a new institution of higher learning that fosters an intensely intellectual, innovative, and creative climate. In small classes that typically have fewer than eight students, you’ll have unparalleled access to your professors, who are prominent scientists, influential authors, cutting-edge mathematicians, respected business leaders, renowned legal scholars, prize-winning filmmakers, talented musicians, and innovative engineers. These experts have joined NYUAD’s faculty because of their passion for teaching undergraduates and collaborating with them on their advanced research. The relationships you form with these great teachers will be some of the most important of your life, helping to shape the professional you will become and how you will collaborate with others to have an impact on the world.

A Network of Advisement
NYUAD offers an environment that provides students with a network of mentors, tutors, and other resources to support learning and academic performance. Each student is assigned a faculty mentor, who serves as a general guide and resource for academic planning, and additional advising and learning support is provided by the associate dean for academic affairs, the associate dean for student learning resources, the registrar, and other members of the dean of students’ staff.

Personal attention and support are also provided by writing instructors and a team of student academic coaches who provide writing assistance, tutor students in a wide variety of subjects, and lead study groups and review sessions before exams. They work one-on-one with students to refine study skills, improve time management strategies, and develop other significant contributors to academic success.

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During a typical school year, you will take nine courses: four per semester and one during the January term.

The bachelor’s degree in any of the majors requires 36 courses, with the exception of the engineering major, which requires 37 courses. Double majors are permitted if the requirements for both can be accommodated within your four years at NYUAD.

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In these small classes, you will have sustained faculty contact while you study significant works and ideas from cross-cultural perspectives. Because you and your classmates hail from so many different nations and cultures, the breadth and depth of these discussion-based seminars will be greatly enhanced by the diverse array of backgrounds, experiences, ideas, and stories you bring.

Pathways of World Literature

Pathways of World Literature introduces you to great works of literature in different cultural traditions and involves close reading and discussion of primary texts. Courses focus on recurring themes and aspects of the human condition and on evolving forms of literary expression. A defining feature of Pathways of World Literature is the emphasis on encounters and exchanges between cultural spheres and the exploration of tradition, transmission, and translation within and across these spheres. The approach is comparative: courses examine topics and genres across space and time, consider the historical depth and geographical spread of literature, and explore conversations between classical and modern literature.

Structures of Thought and Society

In this core area, you will select courses that investigate ideas, values, and beliefs across different societies and cultural traditions and key themes, such as justice, individuality, divinity, truth, and the state. You may read major texts from Plato, Confucius, Ibn Khaldun, Karl Marx, and Sigmund Freud.

Art, Technology, and Invention

These core courses draw material from different cultural traditions as well as a wide range of artistic genres and media, including architecture, painting, sculpture, photography, theater, music, cinema, and television. Art is a mode of knowledge that arises from transforming raw materials, such as sounds, objects, images, and the human body, into representational and expressive forms through the passionate and disciplined exercise of the imagination. It offers an understanding of self and the world that embraces ambiguity, complexity, innovation, and change. As such, it also opens a unique conceptual space for engaging with the rapid development of science, technology, and communication that is transforming society and culture. Through these courses, you will learn to incorporate creative methods and habits of reflection into work in your chosen field.

Ideas and Methods of Science

You will select courses from one of two science tracks. The Experimental Discovery in the Natural World track provides you with an introduction to the physical world and to fundamental scientific concepts and phenomena. You will study science as a process in the laboratory, including hypothesis development, testing and experimentation, data collection, and drawing conclusions. In the Science, Society, and History track, you will study the impact of science on society and historical reactions to scientific discoveries, including pressing issues in the current world.

Writing Intensive

Because all NYUAD courses are taught in English, all first-year students take a course that begins with a writing assessment and enables them to develop their ability to write at the highest levels of academic standards. This 14-week course includes a weekly writing workshop in addition to two regular class meetings. Writing, reading, and thinking are inextricably linked; you will be challenged to take risks and to reason and question rather than merely report on assigned texts.

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Majors

Through NYUAD’s innovative curriculum, you will begin to sample courses that will lead you toward choosing a specific area of study by the end of your second year. No matter which of the 17 majors in the arts, humanities, sciences, engineering, and mathematics you ultimately choose, you will gain the NYU skill set for professional leadership and success and take the first steps to becoming an expert in your field. Additionally, in each area of inquiry, courses are enriched by NYUAD’s location and enable students to deepen their understanding of Middle Eastern history and culture. The courses also reinforce an awareness of the global interconnectedness of human values and the need for intercultural communication and respect.

Arts and Humanities
Arts and Humanities at NYUAD encompasses fields of central importance to human culture and creativity. Students explore fundamental questions of human thought, cultural values, and modes of expression, and they develop their own creative capacities as scholars, writers, and artists in a variety of media.

Film and New Media, Music, Theater, and Visual Arts majors undertake both artistic practice and academic study. You will establish a balance between practice and reflection, craft and critical study that suits you best. In each of these areas, you will have the opportunity to create original works in a variety of media. If your primary interest is academic study, you may focus on the history, theory, and criticism of a wide range of media, including art, architecture, film and new media, music, and theater.

History majors select from a broad spectrum of courses, which are diversified according to geographic area, historical period, and thematic concentration. The curriculum adopts a global perspective, concentrating on four broad regions, each with its own unique geographical, cultural, and historical identity: the Indian Ocean, Asia-Pacific, the Atlantic, and the Mediterranean worlds.

Literature majors focus on world literature, written in English or in English translation. You will study literary texts as they migrate from one culture to another, the theory and practice of translation, and creative writing in its various artistic and scholarly forms.

Philosophy encompasses three main areas of inquiry: practical philosophy, focusing on fundamental issues in morality, politics, and values; theoretical philosophy, focusing on fundamental questions in epistemology, metaphysics, mind, language, and science; and the global history of philosophy from ancient to modern times.

Social Sciences
In the social sciences, you will study people—their individual and collective behaviors and the societies they create. These majors deepen your understanding of how people behave in a wide variety of contexts and teach you to assess the consequences of individual, group, and societal decisions. As you are exposed to the theories and controversies of the field, their historical roots, and the current debates, you will develop analytical skills and learn to use empirical methods to test your ideas with data.

Political Science majors study the conceptual, empirical, and policy-oriented decisions within political systems. You will take many courses that are cross-listed with economics, psychology, and philosophy.

Economics majors study human decision-making and how the aggregated effects of these decisions impact production, distribution, trade, and the consumption of goods and services across local regions, countries, and the world.

Social Research and Public Policy majors are concerned with significant social problems, such as poverty, racism, sexism, and religious and economic fundamentalism. This major offers rigorous training in quantitative and qualitative methods and draws on courses in anthropology, sociology, economics, and political science.

Film and New Media History Literature Music Philosophy Theater Visual Arts Economics Political Science Social Research and Public Policy
I’ve been very focused on math and computer science, and I knew that if I went to college in India, that would have become entirely my life. Here at NYUAD, I’ve chosen a different type of education, one where I can also take courses outside of that technical focus. For my freshman year, I chose some literature and writing courses, an area I had always wanted to explore. One of my writing intensives was called Becoming Human. In the course, we read texts that discussed nonhuman encounters, like The Life of Pi and The Rime of the Ancient Mariner. I’m very interested in computer gaming, artificial intelligence, and machine learning, and this theme gave me a chance to write a paper about the borderline between beings and humanistic robots, about what defines and differentiates a person from a machine. It makes me think about how smart you could make a machine—would it have its own personality? Could you get a robot to play the violin and learn new music? So these thoughts that came out of my literature classes made me want to try to build such a robot, and that takes technical knowledge. And I learned something very important about myself: the literature class was fascinating, the abstract thinking was intense, but I’d rather study how people do things rather than why they do them.

Science, Engineering, and Mathematics
These NYUAD programs emphasize the integration of life, physical, mathematical, and computer sciences with business and the liberal arts and are designed to produce future leaders with global awareness, cultural sensitivity, and ethical integrity. In most of these majors, you begin with an innovative three-semester sequence called Foundations of Science that covers the material in traditional introductory courses as an integrated whole, with units in biology, chemistry, and physics reinforcing and building on one another. Mathematics and computer science are used as languages and modeling tools and are also integrated. Biology majors learn to use the contemporary tools and approaches that are available to solve problems in areas of the life sciences. Intermediate and advanced courses provide a broad and intensive background in modern biology for those interested in careers in research, health-related fields, biotechnology, and education, among others. Students interested in studying brain and cognitive science can specialize in this area. Chemistry majors take courses that interface the life sciences with physics and mathematics. Students in this major have the option to specialize in biochemistry. The chemistry program prepares you for graduate work and rewarding careers in all phases of scientific life, from basic research to commercial product development. Computer Science majors learn the fundamental principles of computer science and information technology. These students specialize in areas such as computer graphics and computer vision, artificial intelligence and machine learning, networking, databases, and software development. Engineering majors can specialize in information, computation, and electronic systems; urban systems; or biomedical and health systems. You will acquire skills in technological innovation and gain a firm grounding across various science and engineering fields that draws upon courses across the curriculum. You and your classmates will work in multidisciplinary teams, incorporating cultural, political, economic, environmental, and public safety considerations. Mathematics majors acquire solid foundations in differential and integral calculus as well as basic concepts of algebra and modern geometry through classical subjects such as complex and real analysis, abstract algebra, number theory, and topology. You may also study applications to social and physical sciences through courses in numerical methods, theoretical mechanics, probability, dynamical systems, and differential equations. Physics is a hands-on discipline. You will gain laboratory-based expertise that ranges from writing realistic computer games to the modeling of financial activities as well as to the more traditional activities of physicists. Psychology majors gain the ability to think scientifically, creatively, and critically about human behavior and mental processes and to acquire the basic skills for conducting research. Topics of inquiry include cognition, sensation and perception, language and memory, child development, personality and individual differences, social interaction and group dynamics, intergroup relations, and the connection between the individual and society.
Professional Preparation and Academic Concentrations

Pre-professional tracks and multidisciplinary concentrations bring depth to your academic program, enabling you to explore professional options and collaborate beyond your major course of study.

Pre-professional Tracks
Expert faculty of NYU’s professional schools participate in the pre-professional programs, connecting you with NYU’s internationally ranked graduate and professional schools, such as Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences; Leonard N. Stern School of Business; School of Law; Polytechnic Institute of NYU; Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service; Silver School of Social Work; Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development; and Tisch School of the Arts. These tracks also tap into local organizations and businesses, providing you with access to professional resources and experiential learning opportunities.

Business and Organizational Studies is a track designed to expose you to the principles of building effective organizations, with a particular focus on the for-profit sector. Organizations can be conceptualized in many ways—as a group of groups, a vehicle for creating economic value and sustainable competitive advantage, or a community of people pursuing a common mission. Each framework adds unique insights into the challenges and rewards of building an integrated network of people, systems, and financial resources that create economic and social capital.

Education track courses ask questions that run to the core of understanding cultures and societies: What is the purpose of education, and how do societies educate their people through both formal institutions (most typically schools) and other types of socialization? What are the interrelationships between schools and other cultural institutions? How does education both mirror and shape the societies that create it? How do schools engage with issues of equity, social justice, educational rights, and civic responsibilities? Why do schools so often sit at the center of cultural controversies?

Journalism track courses emphasize the significance of journalism’s role in society across political, economic, social, and historical platforms. You will think critically about the complex forms, practices, and meanings of journalism and gain practical skills necessary to the profession. NYUAD facilitates internships for qualified students with news organizations in Abu Dhabi and at other NYU locations.

Law course work exposes you to important concepts in US and international law and to fundamental issues in the relationship between law and society. The law track draws upon the extensive programs of the NYU School of Law, including international law, environmental law, and US constitutional law.

Leadership and Social Entrepreneurship track courses enable you to study the dynamics of social innovation, organizational change, and transformative leadership—with a particular focus on the nonprofit and government sectors. You’ll learn how entrepreneurs, analysts, policymakers, and social architects play an influential role and gain insight into the challenges and rewards of mobilizing people, resources, and popular sentiment to address and overcome pressing social issues.

Museum and Cultural Heritage Studies provides you with two course tracks: one focuses on museums as laboratories of cultural heritage production; the other, on strategies of and issues in cultural policy management. You will also gain hands-on experience in all aspects of museum work through internships in Abu Dhabi’s Zayed National Museum, the Louvre Abu Dhabi, the Guggenheim Abu Dhabi, and at NYU’s global academic centers.

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Linda Mills, Senior Vice Provost

Premedical and Health Studies is a track that fully prepares you to apply to medical school and other professional programs in the health field, including dentistry and physical therapy as well as nonclinical careers such as health education and research.

Pathway to the Professions
NYU’s highly selective graduate and professional schools in New York will offer special consideration to NYUAD students who apply to these schools for graduate education. This special consideration recognizes the distinctiveness of an NYUAD 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 a select number of qualifying NYUAD graduates. An admissions officer from each of the schools will be available to counsel you on the school’s admissions process.

The participating NYU graduate and professional schools currently include the following. Additional opportunities are in development.

- School of Law
- School of Medicine
- College of Dentistry
- Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development
- 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

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Problem solving requires students to harness a wide range of methods and bodies of knowledge. Through these five multidisciplinary concentrations, you study across disciplines and think about complex subjects from multiple perspectives. The multidisciplinary concentrations have both global dimensions and local relevance in Abu Dhabi. The Emirati’s location and major initiatives in the realms of the environment, technology, and urbanization afford students unusual opportunities for research, fieldwork, and firsthand experiences.

The Concentration for Nonmajors
In lieu of offering minors in the disciplines, you can select a concentration outside of your major, giving you an opportunity to take courses in a specific discipline to round out your academic program according to your interests. Areas include applied mathematics, computer science, creative writing, documentary film, economics, engineering, history, literature, new media, philosophy, political science, science, social research and public policy, and theater.

Languages
Students are strongly encouraged to study a language other than English while at NYUAD. Languages open windows into other cultures and ways of conceiving the world, thereby better positioning students to realize their potential as 21st-century global citizens.

Languages offered at NYUAD through regular course work are Arabic and Chinese. Students are encouraged to study Arabic, which is the official language of Abu Dhabi. Classroom learning will be enhanced by opportunities to apply language skills in the community and to travel to other Arabic-speaking countries in the region. Students who choose to study Chinese are strongly encouraged to spend at least a semester at NYU’s program in Shanghai and to attend NYU’s summer Chinese language program in Beijing.

If you wish to advance your proficiency in another language, instruction is offered at NYU’s global sites in Accra, Berlin, Buenos Aires, Florence, Madrid, Paris, Prague, Shanghai, and Tel Aviv. You also may study other languages in New York.

Multidisciplinary Concentrations
Problem solving requires students to harness a wide range of methods and bodies of knowledge. Through these five multidisciplinary concentrations, you study across disciplines and think about complex subjects from multiple perspectives. The multidisciplinary concentrations have both global dimensions and local relevance in Abu Dhabi. The Emirati’s location and major initiatives in the realms of the environment, technology, and urbanization afford students unusual opportunities for research, fieldwork, and firsthand experiences.

The Ancient World concentration focuses on the shared and overlapping periods in the development of cultures and civilizations around the Mediterranean basin, in the Near East, and across central Asia to the Pacific Ocean. Abu Dhabi’s location at the center of this geographical expanse makes it an ideal site for exploring the intellectual and material riches of the ancient world. In addition to regular course work, you may also have the opportunity to participate in an archaeological excavation.

The Arab Crossroads takes advantage of Abu Dhabi’s geographical location at the intersection of five great cultural regions, representing a natural setting for studying the complex cultural, political, and economic dynamics of the Arab world, South and Central Asia, Europe, and Africa, historically as well as in modern times. You will study from the perspectives of economics, history, political science, literature, and philosophy and will travel to some of the countries in the region to observe firsthand some of the issues raised in the classroom.

The Environment concentration makes connections between fundamental scientific and engineering concepts, economic and sociological forces, and literary and artistic endeavors. This subject is especially relevant in Abu Dhabi, which has made a major commitment to environmental sustainability. The concentration is designed to integrate the fundamental sciences with economics and the arts to provide an understanding of the Earth’s system and the current and future challenges imposed on it as the human population grows. The concentration takes advantage of the local Abu Dhabi environment as a natural laboratory and studio for field trips.

The Interactive Media and Technology concentration exposes you to the possibilities and capabilities of new digital and interactive tools, whether hardware or software, and teaches you how to understand and create new experiences with those tools, drawing on a range of disciplines, from engineering and computer science to the social sciences and the arts. You will work in the interactive lab, where scientists and artists come together with curious students and faculty to imagine new forms of media and technology.

The Urbanization concentration takes advantage of the rapidly growing city of Abu Dhabi, which is drawing international attention as a model of advanced urban planning. Through course work, internships, and research projects, this concentration will give students firsthand exposure to the complex issues associated with the social, economic, political, and physical dimensions of urbanization.

Concentrations for Nonmajors
In lieu of offering minors in the disciplines, you can select a concentration outside of your major, giving you an opportunity to take courses in a specific discipline to round out your academic program according to your interests. Areas include applied mathematics, computer science, creative writing, documentary film, economics, engineering, history, literature, new media, philosophy, political science, science, social research and public policy, and theater.

Languages
Students are strongly encouraged to study a language other than English while at NYUAD. Languages open windows into other cultures and ways of conceiving the world, thereby better positioning students to realize their potential as 21st-century global citizens.

Languages offered at NYUAD through regular course work are Arabic and Chinese. Students are encouraged to study Arabic, which is the official language of Abu Dhabi. Classroom learning will be enhanced by opportunities to apply language skills in the community and to travel to other Arabic-speaking countries in the region. Students who choose to study Chinese are strongly encouraged to spend at least a semester at NYU’s program in Shanghai and to attend NYU’s summer Chinese language program in Beijing.

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Research

Undergraduate research opportunities are woven through the curriculum. One of the main goals of NYUAD’s curriculum is not just to transmit knowledge but to teach you how to learn throughout your life as well. You will begin to develop your research abilities as early as your first semester through class assignments, direct involvement with advanced faculty research endeavors, and independent projects of your own making, all closely monitored by a faculty mentor.

Senior Capstone
Your research experience culminates with a yearlong capstone project of significant and original work—a historical narrative, musical composition, performance, invention, documented experiment, scholarly thesis, or other form appropriate to your academic goals. The fundamental challenge is to enter unmapped terrain, to extend yourself, and to generate original work. You can choose to work on an individual or a group project that can be University-wide, drawing students from different fields together to focus on a multifaceted problem or creative endeavor. All senior capstone students attend a seminar course together, creating a forum to discuss the research process, present work in progress, share ideas, and provide both critique and suggestions for revision. Through collaborative effort across fields, your research team will formally present its completed project at an NYUAD-wide conference.

Abu Dhabi-Based Faculty Research Initiatives
The NYU Abu Dhabi Institute awards faculty research grants for locally based projects that encompass a range of cross-disciplinary subjects, including mathematics, science, engineering, public policy, and information technology. Each of these faculty-run projects includes opportunities for undergraduate participation. More projects will be initiated every year.

The Library of Arabic Literature is translating the classic works of Arabic Islamic literature and culture in parallel-text Arabic and English editions—the first of their kind. The Neuroscience of Language Laboratory is exploring how the ability to use natural language is implemented in the brain. The lab’s location in Abu Dhabi provides researchers with access to speakers of Arabic, Bengali, English, Tagalog, and other languages.

The Center for Technology and Economic Development creates, studies, and applies technological tools to spur economic development in poor and rural communities. Its initial projects focus on innovative mobile phone applications, wireless technologies, and developing lower-cost electricity sources for rural regions.

The Center for Prototype Climate Modeling is developing innovative approaches to climate forecasting to bridge the divide between academic theory and climate change modeling.

The Center for Interdisciplinary Studies in Security and Privacy in Abu Dhabi is establishing multidisciplinary research in computer security and privacy for both academic investigation and practical applications.

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Located in some of the world’s greatest cities, NYU’s global network is anchored by portal campuses in Abu Dhabi, New York, and Shanghai, which will open in the fall of 2013.

Through NYU Abu Dhabi, you will experience a truly global university, where semesters spent at other NYU locations will prepare you to become a leader. No matter where you are studying, you will regularly interact with NYU students (in person or virtually) in New York, Shanghai, and at the many other global network centers through course work, research, community-based learning opportunities, internships, or laboratory projects.

**Semesters Abroad**
You will be encouraged to spend two semesters over the four years of your program studying abroad at academic centers in the NYU global network. Each center offers a rich curriculum, including courses in the local language, history, and culture as well as major courses and many electives.

NYU Global Network Locations

- Abu Dhabi, UAE
- Accra, Ghana
- Berlin, Germany
- Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Florence, Italy
- London, UK
- New York, US
- Madrid, Spain
- Paris, France
- Prague, Czech Republic
- Shanghai, China
- Sydney, Australia (2013)
- Tel Aviv, Israel
Recently, I completed a course in translation for which half of the class was in New York, connected via video conference call. Just a year ago I would not have imagined a college experience in which I could not always see my classmates clearly enough to recognize their faces or during which my partners for group projects would be located oceans away. However, that experience might be an analogy for the state we live in, on a bridge between worlds. The NYU Abu Dhabi experience is neither simply that of an American-style liberal arts education nor that of living in the Middle East. It is a place that brings those two notions together, and it’s my home.

January Term Intensives
Each January, you will have the opportunity to take an intensive course either in Abu Dhabi or at another site in the NYU global network. These three-week courses are designed as an immersive experience with course work closely linked to the local resources of the city you select. For example, you may study the culture and politics of urban life in Buenos Aires, immigration in New York, politics in modern Europe in London, or the environment in Shanghai. You will be encouraged to spend at least two of your four January terms abroad.

Regional Study Trips
Throughout the year, you will travel locally on planned excursions, where you will experience the influential places and people of Abu Dhabi and the wider Middle East. Courses in the Ancient World concentration may offer trips to study the temples of the Nile, Petra, and Syria, while the Environment concentration may take you to Kenya to explore wildlife management.

Weekend trips and regional study trips—some related to course work, while others are meant to enrich the curriculum—enable you to make the most of your years in an extraordinary part of the world, gain firsthand experience, and conduct fieldwork and research.

“through the global network, faculty and students move to where their research lies”
John Sexton, NYU President
On Campus

In the heart of downtown Abu Dhabi, you will join an unparalleled, broadly international, incredibly sharp, inventive, adventurous group of peers. Your new home will be a warmly supportive residential community, where students help each other feel comfortable socially and succeed academically, where you will form friendships and professional relationships that will last a lifetime. Wherever you are from, you will feel confidently at home and will experience the same independence and responsibilities as do students at the New York campus and at our global academic centers around the world.

The Downtown 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. NYUAD’s campus includes two three-story buildings connected by an enclosed bridge and garden. Open lounges, wide corridors, and interconnecting stairs promote collegiality and interaction between students and faculty that is central to the institution’s mission.

NYUAD Center for Science and Engineering
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 science professors have offices located in the CSE. The complex also includes a library, a storage facility, conference rooms, and lounges.

Sama Tower
You 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 connecting 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.

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. Your meal plan will be accepted both in Sama Tower and on campus, and you will also have the opportunity to enjoy the many food shops and restaurants nearby.

The Saadiyat Island Campus
The permanent campus of NYU Abu Dhabi will be located on Saadiyat Island, a 27-square kilometer natural island that lies a short distance from the main island of Abu Dhabi and is now under development. The master plan for Saadiyat Island calls for the creation of multiple districts, including the Cultural District, where several important museums will be located, among them the Zayed National Museum, the Louvre Abu Dhabi, and the Guggenheim Abu Dhabi as well as other districts that take advantage of the island’s spectacular beaches and mangrove lagoons. NYUAD is located in the Al Marina District, distinguished by its prominent marina and downtown feel. The campus will occupy a site of approximately 15.4 hectares of land within a dense urban context that will feature a network of public amenities, including parks, public spaces, bicycle paths, and public transportation. NYU Abu Dhabi will be an open, ungated campus; as in New York, the University will be “in and of the city.”

“we looked at every academic discipline in a fresh way, to start from scratch”

Fabio Piano, Provost
I have had success with writing poetry, but I came to NYUAD to study economics and business. Now that I’m here and taking all kinds of courses at the same time—calculation and writing, economics and philosophy—I feel like no part of my brain isn’t being touched and stimulated, including my imagination. So now I’m thinking about double majoring in economics and creative writing. I joined the Headless Society, which is a free-writing club that gives us a chance to write in a way that accesses our unrestrained, unedited creativity. The name of the club came from the American poet Emily Dickinson’s famous remark: “If I read a book and it makes my whole body so cold no fire can ever warm me; I know that is poetry. If I feel physically as if the top of my head were taken off, I know that is poetry. Those are the only ways I know it. Is there any other way?” We meet once a week and we are given a prompt and we write on a white board on the wall whatever comes to mind. We also do collaborative writing. For example, three students described dreams they had and another student picked out some key words as they spoke. We then used those words to build a story. It’s important to me here to have that creative time. It helps me keep my eyes open to change.

SIDAK GEBRE YNTISO
ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA

Resources

Creative use of technology to connect NYUAD with other sites in the NYU global network is a hallmark of NYUAD. Electronic classrooms, video conferencing, and pervasive wireless technology advance inquiry-based education, meld living and learning, and promote interaction between students and faculty on different continents. The breadth of these resources is on a level with the world’s finest universities and research centers.

The NYUAD Library

The on-campus collection of essential books is complemented by rapid access to NYU’s holdings of over 5 million volumes. Digital library services provide students and faculty with library access anywhere and anytime, whether on campus or off site. The library also holds 80,000 sound and video recordings, and digital versions of virtually all of the world’s scholarly journals and periodicals. In addition to being able to print books on demand, the library acquires new items continuously and honors special requests for material from students and faculty.

Beyond its virtual capabilities, the library provides physical spaces for engagement between faculty and students, complemented by quiet areas for concentration and contemplation. Group study rooms have large monitors and a broad selection of software packages that create a productive environment for completing team projects. Laptops, cameras, and audiovisual equipment are available for loan. Comfortable reading areas and views of the campus garden create a relaxed atmosphere for study.

The Academic Resource Center

The Academic Resource Center (ARC) provides students with a range of support in writing, mathematics, and science skills. A high proportion of NYUAD students are multilingual, and the services offered by the ARC are designed to respond to their needs. The writing support resources within the ARC provide you with one-on-one and small-group assistance for writing and revision skills, articulation and oral presentation skills, and other language-related support. You can also receive assistance with quantitative and computational skills. Computer hardware, software, and instructional assistance are available for students pursuing foreign language instruction or seeking assistance with preparing presentations. While the Downtown Campus serves as the primary home to the ARC, some services are also available in Sama Tower.

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 visa 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 specialists for chronic care, injury, or illness. NYU Abu Dhabi security and transportation services will provide you with the highest standards of safety and help getting around the city.
Activities

Seminars and Guest Lectures
You will attend events, workshops, and conferences hosted by the NYU Abu Dhabi Institute, a world-class center of cutting-edge research, scholarship, and cultural activity. Because the institute creates singular opportunities for leading faculty members to carry out innovative scholarship and conduct research on issues of global significance, you will network and become involved with extraordinary research projects. For more information, visit www.nyu.edu/institute.

Campus Forum
The Campus Forum gathers faculty and students for a yearlong series of exchanges with prominent thinkers, entrepreneurs, innovators, scientists, and artists. Through contact with these leaders, who will share their journeys to their respective heights, you will gain exposure to different realms of intellectual endeavor and see how different passions and educational backgrounds provide the foundation for making a difference in society.

Career Development Counseling, Resources, and Services
At NYUAD, you will be individually assisted with your career exploration, graduate school selection, and applications for 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 400,000 NYU alumni, including over 12,000 alumni who live outside the US.

As students, you will develop your professional skills through internships, part-time employment, and community-based volunteer positions. For example, in Abu Dhabi, you could assist during the Abu Dhabi Film Festival, participate in an engineering project on Saadiyat Island, work with an environmental institute to carry out innovative scholarship and conduct research on issues of global significance, you will network and become involved with extraordinary research projects. For more information, visit www.nyuad.nyu.edu/institute.

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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 in a football/ soccer tournament in Qatar or traveling as a team to Jordan to run in the annual Dead 2 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.

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Admission

We value each applicant’s unique accomplishments.

When choosing a new entering class, the Admissions Committee reviews each application holistically, considering and carefully evaluating many significant factors, including the following:

• Your Common Application and NYU Supplement
• Official secondary school and/or college records (including a letter from your school counselor and your transcript)
• A combination of standardized test scores
• Teacher and counselor evaluations

The committee also takes into account each applicant’s unique talents, personal attributes, and goals. For more information about testing requirements and the admissions process, visit nyuad.nyu.edu/admissions.

If you are interested in being considered for admission to NYU Abu Dhabi in addition to a school, college, or program at NYU’s Washington Square campus in New York City, you can indicate your desire to be considered for both programs on the NYU Supplement to the Common Application. NYU Abu Dhabi is not currently accepting applications from transfer students.

Candidate Weekend

Highly qualified applicants may be invited to participate in an NYU Abu Dhabi Candidate Weekend in Abu Dhabi. Both informative and evaluative, these visits are designed to enable you to get to know some of our faculty, take sample classes with fellow prospective students, and experience the local community. The admissions committee will use the occasion to learn more about applicants and their interest in NYU Abu Dhabi.

Financial Support

NYU Abu Dhabi is committed to attracting the best possible students regardless of their financial circumstances. A student’s economic background will not influence our admissions decision; the NYUAD admissions process is need-blind.

Once a student is admitted, our priority is to work with the student and his or her family to make it possible for the student to attend. NYUAD will tailor generous financial support programs to each student’s needs. Financial support will ensure that the cost of attendance does not require a student to take on debt to support the cost of his or her education. Family finances should not affect a student’s decision to select NYUAD, even if he or she is considering low- or no-cost education alternatives or is the recipient of generous financial support from another institution.

Finally, financial support ensures that all students who enroll are able to enjoy the full range of what an NYU education has to offer. It may apply not only to tuition, room, and board but also to two round trips to and from home each year, the cost of books and academic materials, many student life activities, and further exciting opportunities integral to the student’s academic development.

LOOK INSIDE Learn more about the application process, financial support, and the city of Abu Dhabi.

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