“NYU Abu Dhabi provides an undergraduate liberal arts and science education that offers much more than professional skills: it is an education that imparts wisdom.”

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What is it that you dream of doing?
College will be a pivotal time of your life: a time when any new world you wish to explore, any activity you imagine, and any dream you wish to fulfill can be realized. It is the time you prepare for the future and define what it is you really want to do. You may now know exactly what you want to be, but it is also very common not to know the answer to that question yet. Your four years as an undergraduate student are your time to test what you think you know about yourself and to discover parts of yourself you do not yet know. No one is quite like you, and when you place yourself in a college environment where new opportunities for intellectual, professional, and personal growth are a daily occurrence, there are no limits to what you will learn and achieve. New York University Abu Dhabi (also referred to as NYU Abu Dhabi) is such a place—a highly selective college of liberal arts and science that is fully integrated into a major research university. NYU Abu Dhabi will be the first such campus operated by an American university outside the United States. And, with NYU’s campus in New York City, the two campuses together will form the backbone of a uniquely interconnected global network university, with faculty and students from either New York or Abu Dhabi spending semesters abroad at one or more of the numerous academic centers (study away sites) that NYU maintains on five continents. Given your pioneering participation in a truly global undergraduate experience as an NYU Abu Dhabi student, you will be known as an NYU Abu Dhabi Scholar.

Is NYU Abu Dhabi the best place for you to begin your future? We invite you to learn more to see if it is a good fit for you.
New York University Abu Dhabi provides an unparalleled education and a unique university experience to highly qualified students. Like NYU’s campus at Washington Square in New York City, NYU Abu Dhabi is a portal campus to NYU’s extensive global network, offering a complete residential college education as well as access to NYU’s study away sites on five continents.

At NYU Abu Dhabi, you will receive a four-year undergraduate education that begins with a liberal arts, science, and technology curriculum and moves into specialized courses in your chosen area of study, culminating with a capstone project. You also will have the opportunity to study abroad for at least one semester at NYU academic centers around the world or at the other NYU anchor campus in New York City.

You may wonder why NYU Abu Dhabi is so intent on preparing you with a liberal arts and science-based curriculum instead of a focus on only professional training. The liberal arts and science education is characterized by its emphasis on the process of learning as well as its outcomes—a capacity for critical analysis and independent judgment, leadership abilities and social engagement, creativity and resourcefulness, particular expertise as well as broad perspective, and an ability to work in teams and address big issues. You also will attain the specific skills you need for lifelong learning—to ask the right questions, to develop strategies for answering them, to think critically, to solve problems, to interpret data coherently, and to communicate effectively both orally and in writing. In short, as a liberal arts and science
graduate, you will be equipped to pursue any profession and become a leader in your field. Starting your adult life with a liberal arts and science degree will hone your critical thinking skills and make you a confident global citizen. The core liberal arts and science curriculum, which includes courses in the humanities, arts, sciences, social sciences, and engineering, will open your eyes to new ways of thinking about the world in which you live, enabling you to think more clearly about who you are and what it is you want to do with your life’s work.

As you move through the four years of this program, you will gain knowledge in many areas of study. At the same time, your professional goals will become clearer. You will attain both theoretical knowledge of your chosen field and the practical experience to prepare you for the professional world—a combination that is the hallmark of New York University’s programs. If you choose to pursue advanced professional study—for example, in science, medicine, engineering, business, or the arts—you will find that, through studying a wide range of connected topics across academic disciplines in a liberal arts and science model, you will have been transformed into a well-rounded and confident individual with the leadership qualities and academic skills that are so necessary in every field of work and study.
As a student at NYU Abu Dhabi, you will bring much to the University: your energy, your passion, your desire to learn, and your academic achievements thus far. You will take classes, study, live, and work with students who, like you, have top qualifications and who come from around the world. Students from NYU in New York also will spend semesters at NYU Abu Dhabi. They move—just as we will encourage you to do—within NYU’s global network university, taking advantage of NYU’s programs around the world. As part of this highly diverse community, you will experience a unique cross section of cultural ideas, opinions, and differences, adding depth to in-class discussions and friendships. Although NYU undergraduates are diverse in background, they also have much in common. They are all enthusiastic learners whose goal is to become independent and creative thinkers with the resourcefulness and social awareness necessary to excel in our constantly changing world. Working with committed professors drawn from the top ranks of their fields, you will learn to solve problems collaboratively and be prepared to contribute to society. By the time you graduate, you and your classmates will have grown into well-rounded individuals—through intense intellectual debate in the classroom, encounters with ideas and issues in many fields of study, participation both in research and practical projects applying the knowledge learned in the classroom to concrete contexts, and the opportunity to study in other parts of the world.
Exceptional students from around the world.
At NYU Abu Dhabi, the low student-to-faculty ratio will ensure close interaction between students and their professors. Very few classes will have more than 12 students.
Outstanding Faculty

A commitment to excellence in teaching and learning is the hallmark of NYU’s faculty at all of the University’s global locations. At NYU Abu Dhabi, courses will be taught by a core faculty of top international scholars as well as by members of the world-class NYU faculty from the other anchor campus in New York City who will come to Abu Dhabi to teach courses and work with students on research projects. At NYU Abu Dhabi, the low student-to-faculty ratio will ensure close interaction between students and their professors. There will be at least one faculty member for each eight students; very few classes will have more than 12 students. This will enable students to work closely with professors who are prominent genetic researchers and molecular biologists, influential authors and mathematicians, successful business leaders and legal scholars, and renowned filmmakers and artists. Professors will be a constant presence on campus and a resource for students even after class, available for informal discussions. Each student will choose one faculty mentor who will meet with the student weekly for general academic guidance, and all faculty members will hold office hours for individual advising. Such encounters provide the first step in cultivating professional relationships that may lead to advanced research or exciting internships in Abu Dhabi and abroad.
As you study and experience life at NYU Abu Dhabi, you are certain to be challenged—intellectually, professionally, and personally—through course work, research, internships, and personal experience. You will complete a core liberal arts and science curriculum that includes a minimum of eight courses organized by areas, including Pathways of World Literature; Structures of Thought and Society; Art, Technology, and Invention; and Ideas and Methods of Science. You will focus on your areas of interest by selecting both a disciplinary major and an interdisciplinary concentration. English language fluency is a prerequisite, and advanced competency in a second language will be required for graduation; Arabic is encouraged but not required. Your program will be rounded out by elective course work and internships or fieldwork in the areas that match your academic preparation and professional goals. You can choose a preprofessional track in a number of areas that provides advanced preparation for future study. One of the most exciting aspects of this unique curriculum is that you will have the opportunity to spend at least one semester studying abroad at NYU academic centers around the world or at the other NYU anchor campus in New York City. Your education will conclude with a capstone project that frames what you have learned and makes use of your research skills, analytical and creative abilities, and knowledge of your field.
Core Areas

- Pathways of World Literature
- Structures of Thought and Society
- Art, Technology, and Invention
- Ideas and Methods of Science

The core courses, which can be completed at any time over the four years of study, will ensure that all students have a shared educational experience. The material in the courses will include discussions of primary texts and works of art and technology. Students can also expect the following:

- Small classes
- Sustained contact with faculty
- Seminars with lively discussion
- Cross-cultural perspectives
- Thematic topics
- Significant writing requirements

Majors

- Biology
- Chemistry and Biochemistry
- Computer Science
- Economics and Finance
- Engineering
- Film and Digital Media
- History
- Literature, Creative Writing, and Languages
- Mathematics
- Music
- Neuroscience
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Theater
- Visual Arts
Multidisciplinary Concentrations

- The Ancient World
- Arab Crossroads
- The Environment
- The Media
- Urbanization

Electives

Courses in all of the majors are available to all students (even those not specializing in the major) as electives. In addition, a rich selection of other electives, including courses in anthropology, astronomy, religion, and sociology, among others, will also be offered.

Language Study

Proficiency in English is required for admission, and advanced competency in a second language will be required for graduation. Although Arabic does not have to be your second language, you will be encouraged to gain exposure to it through course work or through a cocurricular program. Formal instruction (for course credit) will be offered in Arabic and Chinese.

Preprofessional Tracks

- Business
- Education
- Journalism
- Law
- Leadership and Social Entrepreneurship
- Museum Studies
- Premedical Studies

Capstone Project

During your last year of study, you will complete a capstone project. The yearlong project, aimed at a significant piece of research or creative work, might be, for example, a historical paper, a musical composition, a performance, a documented experiment, or a scholarly thesis.

The curriculum is subject to change. Further details are available on www.nyuad.nyu.edu/admissions.
Classroom learning and studying will be just a part of your education at NYU Abu Dhabi. A wide range of activities outside of the classroom will form a full life for you on campus. Because you may be living on your own for the first time in your life—as will be the case for most of the students you will encounter—NYU Abu Dhabi makes a great effort to give you a true residential college experience. You will live, study, interact, and relax with your new friends on a newly built campus that will quickly become your home away from home.

The support of your professors and the school’s administrators will ensure a seamless transition to life on campus.

A Residential College Experience

As part of the first class of students to experience NYU Abu Dhabi, you will study at a downtown campus in the heart of the city in Abu Dhabi just off the waterfront Corniche and across from the historic Al Hosn Palace (also known as the White Fort). Designed for social and academic interaction, the campus will include classrooms (several equipped with advanced videoconferencing to connect with the NYU campus in New York City and other NYU study away sites), a library, computer labs, faculty and administrative offices, a large meeting hall, and a garden as well as an information center, bookstore, and café.

You also will have the opportunity to participate in many planned campus activities, join student clubs and sports teams, and go on group outings to city events and on field trips around the region. Both on and off campus, you and your classmates will build a well-rounded social and intellectual life and become a tight-knit community of friends and scholars.
The Future Campus on Saadiyat Island

The downtown campus will soon be complemented by a spectacular campus on the exclusive Saadiyat Island currently under way. This beautiful campus will be situated in the marina district of Saadiyat Island, a natural island off the coast of the city that is being developed as Abu Dhabi’s cultural center. NYU Abu Dhabi is destined to become the city’s intellectual center. The campus—its master plan is being developed by internationally renowned architect Rafael Viñoly—will offer a comprehensive range of university facilities, including classrooms, faculty offices, labs, a library, a conference center, an arts center, athletic facilities, student recreation space, open plazas, and student and faculty housing, among other facilities. Residence halls for students and faculty housing will provide comfortable accommodations, including dining halls and study lounges. Once the new campus is completed, the number of students enrolled will gradually increase to approximately 2,000 undergraduate and 400 graduate students in total. Within walking distance of the campus will be many other great cultural institutions that are currently under development, including the Guggenheim Abu Dhabi Museum, the Louvre Abu Dhabi, a world-class performing arts center, and a museum of natural history.
The opportunity to expand your perspective.
As a complete campus serving the undergraduate liberal arts and science college, distinctive graduate programs, and faculty research, NYU Abu Dhabi offers a rich array of resources and opportunities.

**The NYU Abu Dhabi Institute**

The NYU Abu Dhabi Institute is destined to become a major world hub of intellectual and creative activity, advanced research, and higher education. In the fall of 2008, the Institute began hosting programs to incubate and guarantee the formative presence of NYU’s research university in Abu Dhabi. Because of the Institute, students at NYU Abu Dhabi will access a community of scholars and join in some of the most advanced intellectual conversations in universities today. At the Institute, NYU faculty organize and conduct major academic conferences, lectures, research workshops, panel discussions, a film festival, and theatrical and music performances, all of which are open to NYU Abu Dhabi students. A monthly series titled “Conversations with Authors” recently featured prominent novelist Elias Khoury, and distinguished faculty members from NYU have presented lectures on such topics as “Banking the World” and “Stephen Hawking’s A Briefer History of Time.” Some of NYU’s top researchers from New York are set to operate labs and research centers through the NYU Abu Dhabi Institute, and they will participate actively in teaching and mentoring NYU Abu Dhabi undergraduate students.
Internships
At the Office of Career Services and Internships, you will work one-on-one with an adviser to find internships with organizations that will help you gain appropriate practical experience in your field of study. And because the office is linked electronically to the resources of NYU’s Wasserman Center for Career Development at the New York City campus at Washington Square, you will be able to take full advantage of the jobs listings and other online services NYU provides to its students through the Wasserman Center.

Libraries
Both the downtown and Saadiyat Island NYU Abu Dhabi campuses will have state-of-the-art libraries that use innovative technology, have extensive electronic resources, and are fully linked to NYU’s vast library resources in New York. The NYU Abu Dhabi libraries will provide you with comfortable space to study and to work on group or team projects.
NYU Abu Dhabi offers you a world of academic opportunities. As part of your undergraduate experience, you will have easy access to NYU’s entire global network university. With international mobility built into your program of study, you will have the opportunity to spend at least one semester studying abroad at sites within NYU’s global network, including the other anchor campus in New York City and NYU study away sites around the world (where you will take NYU courses taught by NYU professors, along with other NYU students who are studying primarily either in Abu Dhabi or New York City). Through international study, you will gain exposure to diverse people and cultures and experience research and new ideas and perspectives in a different cultural context. The places NYU has chosen to house its academic centers in the global network university are significant world cities that, like the locations of the two anchor campuses in New York City and Abu Dhabi, are known as idea capitals linked in global conversation and debate on many of the same topics. These cities—Accra, Ghana; Berlin, Germany; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Florence, Italy; London, England; Madrid, Spain; Paris, France; Prague, the Czech Republic; Shanghai, China; and Tel Aviv, Israel—all offer you the opportunity to work with and learn from people in urban communities, exchanging ideas while you open up the world to each other. As you take NYU courses in these major world cities, you will gain very specific cultural knowledge that is invaluable to your intellectual and professional development. At each NYU location abroad, you will continue to work closely with prominent faculty and other ambitious students, you will apply what you have learned, and you will develop the skills and qualities—both needed and expected in this increasingly integrated global climate—to make a real difference in the world around you. If you want to get the most rigorous education from an elite university—and study beside the leaders of tomorrow’s world—NYU Abu Dhabi will offer you a global network of campuses and faculty at the highest level, through either the NYU in New York City or NYU Abu Dhabi portal.
Where do you want to go?
By attending college at NYU Abu Dhabi, you will be part of history in the making—because your college has a place in a historic moment in the Middle East. With the city rapidly becoming a top international destination for education, business, research, and the arts, NYU Abu Dhabi will be at the forefront of our rapidly changing world as one of the institutions built into the Emirate’s ambitious framework for urban development. As the first such campus operated by an American university outside the United States, and the only comprehensive liberal arts and science college in the Middle East that is fully integrated into a major research university, NYU Abu Dhabi will draw students with top qualifications from around the globe. This internationally composed student body, along with the academic rigor and rich array of extracurricular activities, aligns perfectly with the Emirate’s vision to develop Abu Dhabi into a leading global city. Your college will be perceived as—and will be—a contributing force toward social and intellectual progress. Academically, NYU Abu Dhabi’s core offerings do not intend simply to bring a
Western-style education to another part of the world. The new liberal arts and science curriculum will provide you with a form of education that acknowledges the power and potential of educating people from around the world—and educating them together. With an ideal location and a multidisciplinary focus on the liberal arts and science as the core of your education, the sum of your undergraduate experiences—both inside and outside the classroom—will offer you great intellectual and cultural value, regardless of your major or interests. By attending NYU Abu Dhabi—and through your firsthand experiences of the world attained through semesters abroad within NYU’s global network university—you are preparing yourself for a future in which you will act as a confident global citizen while pursuing your life’s ambition. You will be prepared for leadership positions and develop the skills and qualities that will benefit both you and your society and the world at large, and you will become part of a network (with your remarkable classmates) of the leaders of tomorrow.
NYU Abu Dhabi is a school for students who will fit comfortably at the very top of the world’s talent pool. The key admissions criterion will be your ability to demonstrate evidence that you have the extraordinary talent, intellectual passion, creative spirit, and dedication to shaping a better world.
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To create a globally engaged and diverse student body, we are seeking students worldwide and from all backgrounds. We want to see that you have challenged yourself within the context of your high school. A consistent record of high achievement is the ideal (strong grades through all your years of high school), but we also want to see that you have made the most of the opportunities available to you at your high school, whether in the classroom, on stage, or in the fine arts studio. We recognize that not all students have access to the traditional indicators that measure excellence. Therefore, the minimum requirements are your high school record to date and letters of recommendation. We are, of course, open to accepting anything that might indicate your successes and achievements. The key criterion that will be used in judging your candidacy will be your ability to marshal evidence, in whatever form you choose, that you belong as part of this highly selective group of NYU Abu Dhabi Scholars—that you have the extraordinary talent, intellectual passion, creative spirit, and dedication to shaping a better world. Students will be chosen without regard to economic status, race, religion, gender, nationality, or sexual orientation.

FINANCIAL AID
How and When to Apply

NYU Abu Dhabi will enroll its first class of students in the fall of 2010. During the 2008-2009 academic year, NYU Abu Dhabi admissions representatives will be on the road visiting high schools, participating in college fairs, and hosting open houses for prospective NYU Abu Dhabi students. These efforts will be undertaken to identify prospective students with top qualifications from around the world.

Please let us know of your interest in NYU Abu Dhabi by joining our mailing list on our Web site at www.nyuad.nyu.edu/admissions. We will then be able to keep you fully informed of the admissions process through publications and e-mails and let you know when new information is available on our Web site.

Financial Aid

Tuition for NYU Abu Dhabi will be the same as tuition for NYU in New York City. If you are a student with extraordinary capacities and you meet the qualifications for NYU Abu Dhabi, financial aid will be available to ensure that you will be able to attend this great college. Grants covering the full cost of attendance, including room and board, will be available to students worldwide. NYU Abu Dhabi has taken the extraordinary step of providing financial aid at a level that ensures that qualified students will not have to incur any debt to support their education.

Further information on financial aid policies is currently being developed. Financial aid applications will be available soon.

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