This document provides an overview of the current goals and objectives of NYU Abu Dhabi. It is periodically reviewed and updated to reflect the evolution of NYUAD.

I. **The World’s Honors College: Undergraduate Programs**

NYU Abu Dhabi's undergraduate curriculum engages students with bodies of knowledge, cultural traditions, challenging ideas and transformative achievements. It deepens reflection about the human condition and encourages students to develop their own sense of what is significant for disciplines, institutions, and societies to achieve, and their own paths to advancing those priorities. In so doing, a liberal arts approach to learning helps students think creatively, understand complex problems and social issues, develop leadership skills, and realize their potential.

A. **Goal:** Continue to develop a college of liberal arts and sciences that equips graduates with the intellectual foundations, experience and global vision required for leadership in the 21st Century. It will do so through the diversity of students and faculty it recruits, the curriculum it delivers, the student life program it offers, and the regional and foreign study experiences it provides.

B. **Objectives:**

1. Challenge students with an innovative, rigorous curriculum and provide opportunities for research, scholarship, and artistic endeavor.
2. Foster greater understanding of and connection with Abu Dhabi and the region through site-specific courses, experiential learning, and community service projects.
3. Facilitate student learning through a robust support system of academic, co-curricular, residential and global resources.

II. **Research**

The productivity, quality and impact of faculty research are the hallmarks of world-class research universities. The development at NYUAD of an advanced research environment and the production of highly qualified scientists, engineers and scholars will critically enable the burgeoning knowledge economy of Abu Dhabi.

A. **Goal:** Continue to build research capacity at NYUAD and encourage research that holds the promise of establishing NYUAD and Abu Dhabi as international centers of knowledge generation.
Objectives:

1. Continue the recruitment of outstanding faculty and support their research, including with the collaborative involvement of doctoral students.
2. Continue the creation of synergistic faculty clusters that define areas of excellence.
3. Collaborate with other UAE institutions and across the NYU Global Network.

III. Intellectual Enrichment: The NYUAD Institute in Abu Dhabi

NYUAD strives to be an engine for academic and intellectual growth and a magnet for talent and, in so doing, help Abu Dhabi realize its vision to become one of the world’s leading idea capitals. Since its founding in 2008, the Institute has become a major academic resource and venue for public discourse for NYUAD faculty, international scholars and the public of Abu Dhabi.

A. Goal: Continue to advance the NYUAD Institute (NYUADI) as the premier forum for academically informed discourse in Abu Dhabi and the region.

B. Objectives:

1. Draw members of the community to first-rate lectures, panel discussions and other scholarly and cultural programs of public interest.
2. Generate and support intellectual discourse in fields relevant to Abu Dhabi and its place in the global community and raise public awareness of the research supported by NYUADI.
3. Reinforce the NYUAD curriculum, faculty and student initiatives through Institute programming, developed with faculty.

IV. Intellectual Enrichment: 19 Washington Square North in New York

From its prestigious location in Greenwich Village, 19 Washington Square North serves as a gateway to NYU Abu Dhabi for faculty, students, and the wider public. It is an information center for visitors interested in NYUAD; the academic home for NYUAD students, faculty, and administrators while staying in New York; and an active connecting point, stimulating interest and participation in NYUAD.

A. Goal: Expand the reach and impact of NYU Abu Dhabi within New York City, NYU and its global network, and institutions of higher education around the world.
B. Objectives:
1. Draw members of the community to first-rate lectures, panel discussions and other scholarly and cultural programs of public interest.
2. Generate and support intellectual discourse in fields relevant to Abu Dhabi and its place in the global community and raise public awareness of the research supported by the NYUAD Institute.
3. Heighten interest in NYUAD’s continuing development and broaden awareness of NYUAD’s increasingly pivotal role in Abu Dhabi and the GCC.

V. Outreach to the Abu Dhabi Community

Community Engagement and Institutional Connections

Community-based programming cultivates an understanding of and attachment to Abu Dhabi, allowing the entire university community to develop an appreciation of NYUAD’s potential contribution to Abu Dhabi and the Gulf region. In addition to reinforcing the classroom experience for students through social engagement, community outreach activities allow faculty and staff the opportunity to forge deeper connections with students and the public of Abu Dhabi.

A. Goal: Pursue civic engagement programs through teaching, research, and public service; involve organizations in providing opportunities for students to engage in practical training and work experience and for the professional development of faculty and staff; engage students in community activity within courses as a means of teaching key course concepts and deepening student learning while providing meaningful service to society; contribute to the professional development of Abu Dhabi’s workforce by offering executive education courses of high quality; and actively cultivate relationships with leaders in the community in order to best understand how NYUAD can contribute to Abu Dhabi and the UAE.

B. Objectives:
1. Provide undergraduate courses that integrate theoretical understanding with experience drawn from direct participation in the community.
2. Continue executive education programs and other customized courses of the highest quality that respond to Abu Dhabi specific educational development requirements.
3. Encourage participation by the Emirati community in NYUAD’s vibrant intellectual life and, likewise, engage faculty, staff and students in the social, economic and cultural life of Abu Dhabi.
Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Scholars Program

The Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Scholars Program offers a select cohort of talented university students, chosen from among the most outstanding students at the three national UAE universities, unique access to specially designed courses, lectures, leadership experiences, networking, and graduate school opportunities and scholarships. Established in 2008, the Scholars Program was designed and developed in consultation with the Abu Dhabi Education Council and the UAE’s national universities.

A. Goal: To offer an unparalleled and rigorous educational, cross-cultural, and leadership-development experience to outstanding and gifted Emirati university students in their third and fourth years of study at a federal UAE university.

B. Objectives:
1. Select outstanding Emirati students that will benefit maximally from the program and provide them with a multidimensional enrichment experience that will expand their capacity to shape the future.
2. Prepare exceptional candidates for graduate and professional studies at institutions of their choice and provide scholarships to those admitted into NYU graduate and professional schools.
3. Introduce increasing numbers of talented Emirati students to the NYUAD community, and vice versa.

The NYUAD Summer Academy

The NYUAD Summer Academy is designed to enhance the academic profile of highly motivated Abu Dhabi-based Emirati high school students and prepare them for entry into top-tier English-language universities. The two-year program consists of four parts: a summer session for rising high school juniors; an English course during junior year; a summer session for continuing students who will be rising seniors; and an English course during senior year.

A. Goal: Prepare select Abu Dhabi-based Emirati high school students for entry into top-tier, English-language universities.

B. Objectives:
1. Equip students with the intellectual resources and skills necessary for success at top-tier English-language universities through development of mathematical reasoning; critical thinking; speaking, reading and writing in academic English; and standardized test preparation.
2. Introduce students to the study of the humanities and to the value of a liberal arts education.
3. Provide intensive, in-person classroom sessions, small group sessions, semi-private coaching, and an extracurricular and travel program that supplements the intellectual components and promotes cross-cultural understanding and experiences in a Western setting.

VI. The Global Network University
NYU seeks to build, in close collaboration with its Abu Dhabi partners, a world-class university in Abu Dhabi, actively connected to NYUNY and its global sites—a university which draws the best scholarly, experimental and artistic minds from around the world and facilitates their cooperative and effective response to the challenges that face academic disciplines and the world. As such, NYU, in collaboration with its partners, seeks to shape a new paradigm for higher education that in structure reflects, and in mission addresses, the interconnected world of the 21st Century and to place Abu Dhabi alongside NYU at the forefront of creating, delivering and benefitting from that new paradigm.

A. Goal: Build a world university on a new scale, which, through facilitating the flow of faculty, students, and ideas to and from the hubs and across 16 global sites, demonstrates the power of higher education to bridge a variously divided world and release its cooperative potential.

B. Objectives:
1. Work with our NYU and NYUAD partners to shape a mechanism that facilitates the free flow of people and ideas for the purpose of creating a new, powerful model of education and of scholarly research and artistic activity, maximally responsive to the realities, demands and opportunities of a global world.

2. Continue developing a phased plan for the evolution of the Global Network, which clearly articulates its goals and programmatic advantages and describes the institutional and technological infrastructure required to meet them.

3. Position NYU Abu Dhabi as a global network portal, through which flow intellectual and creative efforts aimed at bridging and improving a variously divided world.