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Application Information

You may study at the American University of Sharjah (AUS) for a semester or for a full academic year. AUS is a member of ISEP and proud to receive students from member institutions such as CIEE and API. If your college or university is not on any of these lists, you may still attend AUS as a visiting student. For more details, please visit www.aus.edu/ixo.
Programs Offered

**College of Architecture, Art and Design**
Bachelor of Architecture  
Bachelor of Interior Design  
Bachelor of Science in Design Management  
Bachelor of Science in Multimedia Design  
Bachelor of Science in Visual Communication  
Master of Urban Planning

**College of Arts and Sciences**
Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Literature  
Bachelor of Arts in International Studies  
Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication  
Bachelor of Science in Biology  
Bachelor of Science in Chemistry  
Bachelor of Science in Environmental Sciences  
Bachelor of Science in Mathematics  
Master of Arts Degree in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages  
Master of Arts in Translation and Interpreting (English/Arabic/English)  
Master of Science in Mathematics  
Graduate Certificate in Museum and Heritage Studies

**College of Engineering**
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science  
Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering  
Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering  
Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering  
Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering  
Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering  
Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering  
Master of Science in Chemical Engineering  
Master of Science in Civil Engineering  
Master of Science in Computer Engineering  
Master of Science in Electrical Engineering  
Master of Science in Engineering Systems Management  
Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering  
Master of Science in Mechatronics Engineering

**School of Business Administration**
Bachelor of Arts in Economics  
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration major in Accounting, Economics, Finance, Management, Management Information System and Marketing  
Master of Business Administration

For more information on the courses offered, take a look at the online AUS Undergraduate Catalog, http://goo.gl/5GriR

Accreditation

AUS is licensed and its programs are accredited by the Commission for Academic Accreditation of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research in the United Arab Emirates.

AUS is accredited in the United States of America by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104, USA, Tel +1 215 662 5606).

The bachelor of science degree programs in chemical engineering, civil engineering, computer engineering, electrical engineering and mechanical engineering offered by the College of Engineering are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET (http://www.abet.org/). The bachelor of science degree program in computer science offered by the College of Engineering is accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET (http://www.abet.org/). AUS was the first university in the Gulf region and the second outside the United States to receive this accreditation.

The Bachelor of Architecture program of the College of Architecture, Art and Design is accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) of the United States. This is the first program outside of North America to receive this prestigious accreditation. NAAB is the only organization authorized to accredit professional degree programs in architecture in the United States.

The Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) as well as the Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA) degrees offered by the School of Business Administration are accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).
About AUS

American University of Sharjah (AUS) is a comprehensive, independent, non-profit, coeducational institution of higher education that fosters excellence in teaching, learning and research. Based on an American model of higher education and grounded in the culture of the Gulf region, AUS fosters a community that embraces cultural diversity and whose members are committed to the ideals of open intellectual inquiry, ethical behavior, and social and civic responsibility. An engaged, productive and effective member of society, AUS educates lifelong learners who display mastery in the core competencies of their areas of specialization, and who communicate clearly, think critically and solve problems creatively. From its inception, AUS was envisioned as a place that would “feel” like an American campus.

While Arabic is the official language of the United Arab Emirates, the language of instruction at AUS is English. All classes and administrative functions are conducted in English.

AUS is an extremely diverse community of faculty, staff and students, e.g. 80% of our 6,500+ students come from outside the UAE, from around 92 countries throughout the Arabic/Islamic region and beyond. Studying abroad at AUS allows you to pursue your educational program at a top quality, US-accredited institution, while exposing you to a truly internationalized community in a rapidly growing, exciting part of the world.

Our campus offers the full range of amenities, including a post-office, bank, convenience stores, cafés, a travel office, health clinic, pharmacy, hair dresser, bowling alley, bookstore etc.

Important Dates for the Academic Year 2016 - 2017

| Mar 5, 2016  | Fall 2016 Application Deadline |
| Jun 7-Jul 18, 2016 | Summer 2016 Semester Dates* |
| Aug 28-Dec 22, 2016 | Fall 2016 Semester Dates* |
| Jan 22-May 18, 2017 | Spring 2017 Semester Dates* |
| May 30-Jul 13, 2017 | Summer 2017 Semester Dates* |

| Jun 5-6, 2016 | Summer 2016 Summer Move In & Orientation |
| Aug 19-27, 2016 | Fall 2016 Exchange Student Orientation |
| Oct 1, 2016 | Spring 2017 Application Deadline |
| Jan 12-21, 2017 | Spring 2017 Exchange Student Orientation |
| Mar 4, 2017 | Summer/Fall 2017 Application Deadlines |
| May 28-29, 2017 | Summer 2017 Summer Move In & Orientation |

*Semester Dates include final examination period

Visa Information

Upon acceptance to AUS, students will receive a pre-arrival guide detailing the process of applying for a visa. Once at AUS, IXO will advise you on how to proceed as requirements are subject to change.

Students will apply for a 1-yr residence visa and a UAE national ID. A blood test and chest x-ray are required for visa issuance which must be done in-country.

Accommodation Options

40% of AUS students live in dorms on campus.

Private:
Single occupancy with a private bath and kitchenette

Semi-Private:
Single occupancy with shared bath a kitchenette

Sharing:
Double occupancy with a shared bath and kitchenette
All students are required to submit proof of international health and travel insurance prior to arrival.

**Medical Examination:** Undergraduate students are required to have a physical during orientation week. This includes a complete blood count, blood grouping. Students may be exempt from this requirement only if they can provide documentation of a blood grouping/urinalysis from the past 6 months. Otherwise they will be required to complete this at the University Health Clinic for a fee (100 AED). In addition, they will still be required to have a blood test and chest x-ray as part of visa processing.

**Proof of International Insurance:** All students are required to have international insurance coverage, effective from the day of arrival in the UAE through the date of departure. Students will be placed under Plan II insurance at AUS. The cost is AED 300 and allows access to all health clinic facilities and services. Students may also purchase health insurance from the university, in which case they will be placed under Plan I insurance costing AED 600.

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**Estimated Costs During Exchange Semester**

The following are a list of the estimated costs during the exchange semester at the American University of Sharjah.

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<tr>
<th>Per Semester Costs (estimated for a 20 week semester)</th>
<th>AED</th>
<th>U.S. $</th>
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<tr>
<td>Meals (estimated at 20 AED per meal, 19 meals per week, 20 weeks total)</td>
<td>7,600</td>
<td>2,066</td>
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<td>Books (estimated)</td>
<td>1,472</td>
<td>401</td>
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<td>Visa / Immigration (for minimum one year residence visa)</td>
<td>908 to 1,255</td>
<td>215 to 309</td>
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<td>Emirates ID Fee</td>
<td>170</td>
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<td>Additional Student Transcripts (first one is free)</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>7</td>
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<td>Personal Expenses (estimated at 200 AED per week)</td>
<td>3,800</td>
<td>1,035</td>
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**Note:** For summer, costs of meals and personal expenses should be adjusted to 6 weeks (vs. 20 weeks), and the cost of books can be assumed at half the amount shown above. Please note that all amounts are subject to change.