

# International Exchange Office (IXO) Factsheet (2020 - 2021)

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# **Application Information**

You may study at the American University of Sharjah (AUS) for a semester or up to a full academic year. AUS is an Exchange and Direct member of ISEP, and also receives students from CIEE and API. We are partnered with a variety of top universities in the US, Canada, Europe and China. If your college or university is not currently partnered with AUS, you still may attend AUS as a direct-enroll 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 Arts in Psychology

Bachelor of Science in Chemistry

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Sciences

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics

Bachelor of Science in Physics

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

### College of Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Master of Science in Biomedical 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

PhD in Engineering Systems Management

### School of Business Administration

Bachelor of Arts in Economics

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration majors in Accounting, Economics, Finance,

Management, Management Information

Systems, and Marketing

Master of Business Administration

Master of Science in Accounting

For more information on the courses offered, take a look at the online AUS Undergraduate Catalogs https://www.aus.edu/aus-catalogs.

\*Plus a wide variety of minors are available. For more information, visit https://www.aus.edu/academics/departments-and-programs.

### 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) offered by the School of Business Administration are accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).





### **About AUS**

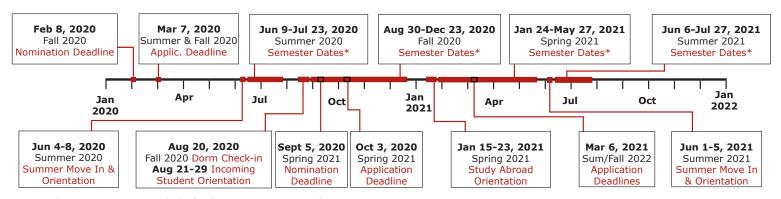
American University of Sharjah (AUS) is a comprehensive, independent, non-profit, coeducational institution of higher education that fosters excellence in teaching, learning, and research. Based on an American model of higher education and grounded in the culture of the Gulf region, AUS fosters a community 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. For instance, 83% of our 5,000+ students hold citizenship outside the UAE, from around 100 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, grocery and convenience stores, cafés, a travel office, health clinic, pharmacy, hair dresser, bookstore, etc.

# Important Dates for the Academic Year 2020 - 2021



<sup>\*</sup>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. Visa cost is approximately USD 200 (subject to change) and payment will be collected by the International Exchange Office upon arrival. 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**

One-third of AUS students live in dorms on campus.

#### Private:

Single occupancy with a private bath and a kitchenette

#### Semi-Private:

Single occupancy with shared bath a kitchenette

#### Sharing:

Double occupancy with a shared bath and a kitchenette 3



# **Health Insurance Information**

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 (AED 100). In addition, they will still be required to have a blood test and chest x-ray at Sharjah Immigrations Health Clinic 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 per semester and allows access to all AUS health clinic facilities and services. Students will also be charged AED 112.50 per semester for access to University City Hospital Emergency Room and Primary Care Clinic.

# Estimated Costs During Study Abroad Semester The following are a list of the estimated costs during a typical semester at the American University of Sharjah.

Per Semester Costs (estimated for an 17 week semester)	AED	U.S. \$
Application Fee (where applicable)	300	83
AUS Student Activity Fee	300	83
IXO Outings and Events Fee	700	190
AUS Plan II Health Insurance + University Hospital fees	413	113
Dorm + Utilities fees (Note: a 1,000 AED refundable deposit required too) https://www.aus.edu/undergraduate-tuition-and-fees	9,570	2,600
Meals (estimated at 23.5 AED per meal, 19 meals per week, 17 weeks)	7,600	2,066
Books (estimated)	1,472	401
Visa/Immigration (for minimum one year residence visa, can change)	700	193
Emirates ID Fee	170	47
Additional Student Transcripts (first one is free) without shipment cost	25	7
Personal Expenses (estimated at approx. 425 AED per week)	7,225	1,955

Note: Please note that all amounts are subject to change and may also be subject to VAT at 5% in accordance with the UAE VAT Law. For summer, costs of meals and personal expenses should be adjusted to 8 weeks (vs. 17 weeks), and the cost of books can be assumed at half the amount shown above.