

**Academic Partners and Affiliates  
Exchange and Study Abroad Programs  
Information Sheet for Spring 2020**

| Contact Information                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Principle Duties                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <b>24 Hour Emergency Contact:</b><br>(212) 535 86 3333 Housing Services (24/7 English Speaking staff on duty)<br>(212) 535 85 2000 University Switchboard (English Speaking staff on duty except at night and holidays.)<br>Personnel at these numbers can connect callers to the Executive Office on weekend duty. |
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## Academic Program Information

Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane (AUI) is an English medium of instruction institution. Course materials are normally in English however a few graduate level courses can require reading in Arabic or French.

The exchange and study abroad programs are normally open to undergraduates interested in courses in these schools with no restrictions other than university pre-requisites as stated in the catalog for each course. Pre-requisites of AUI courses should be respected but there are exceptions and the academic advisor should be consulted. Graduate level courses may be open with permission from the instructor of the course.

Al Akhawayn University follows a North American Curriculum

Normal Course Load: 15 Credits (5 classes)

1 Course = 3 scholastic credit hours (SCH)

1 SCH = 15 contact hours

Minimum Credits per semester: 12 undergraduate, 9 graduate

## Semester /Program Dates

Semester 1 (Fall) Normally 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August to 3<sup>rd</sup> week of December

Semester 2 (Spring) Normally 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January to 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May

## Application Deadlines for Exchange or Study Abroad

Semester 1 (Fall) 01 March (nominations), 15 March (online applications)

Semester 2 (Spring) 01 October (nominations), 15 October (online application)

## Arrival and Orientation

International students should arrive at AUI in time to take part in the new student orientation program. Exchange and study abroad students can be met at Fez airport or train station. Students pay the orientation fee upon arrival to AUI. Attendance is mandatory for all incoming international students.

## Departure

Students should plan to leave AUI within 2 days after the regularly scheduled last day of final exams.

## Estimated Costs/Fees to study at AUI

| Costs and fees are waived on<br>Based specific agreements. | Exchange<br>Agreement                | Study<br>Abroad      |
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| International Tuition (15 SCH)                             | waived                               | 48,000 MAD           |
| Books deposit (estimate)                                   | 3,000 MAD                            | 3,000 MAD            |
| Housing                                                    | 5,600 MAD or waived                  | 5,880 MAD            |
| Housing Deposit (refundable)                               | 1,000 MAD                            | 1,000 MAD            |
| Health Services                                            | 700 MAD or waived                    | 700 MAD              |
| Internet Access                                            | 900 MAD or waived                    | 900 MAD              |
| Student Activities                                         | 1,500 MAD or waived                  | 1,500 MAD            |
| ID Card                                                    | 200 MAD or waived                    | 200 MAD              |
| Health Insurance                                           | 660 MAD or waived                    | 660 MAD              |
| Orientation                                                | 160 MAD or waived                    | 160 MAD              |
| Residency Document Service                                 | 200 MAD                              | 200 MAD              |
| Restaurant Access Fee                                      | 2,000 MAD or waived                  | 2,000 MAD            |
| Printing Fee                                               | 100 MAD not waived                   | 100 MAD              |
| Full Meal Plan                                             | 12,100 MAD or waived                 | 12,100 MAD           |
| Total                                                      | 28,400.00MAD NOT waived              | <b>76,400.00</b> MAD |
| Fez Airport or Fez train station Pickup<br>(Optional)      | 200.00 MAD                           | 200.00 MAD           |
| Pocket money                                               | \$1,000 USD per semester recommended |                      |

## Learning Environment

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| Orientation:             | Mandatory                                                        |
| Class size:              | Average class size: 19; Range 15-40                              |
| Language class size      | Usually no more than 12                                          |
| Registration in classes: | Upon arrival and during registration                             |
| Seats reserved:          | The OIP reserves seats in popular classes (but cannot guarantee) |
| Attendance:              | Mandatory                                                        |
| Class Participation:     | Normally required and usually encouraged                         |

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## Rules and Regulations

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All AUI rules and regulations apply to exchange and study abroad students. Rules to pay specific attention to are:

- 1) Strict sex segregation in dormitories/student residences. Males and females are not allowed to enter dormitories designated for the opposite sex at any time of the day or night. Breaking this rule will lead to disciplinary action which is usually expulsion from the university. Please note that there are only a few sex/gender segregated spaces on campus including the locker rooms in the gymnasium, some restrooms, and some areas of the mosque.
- 2) No illegal drugs or alcohol of any kind are allowed on campus. Breaking this rule will lead to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the university.
- 3) A midnight curfew is in place during weeknights Sunday to Thursday. Students who willfully break the curfew will not be turned away from the university which is always to be considered a secure location. However their action may lead to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the university depending on circumstance.
- 4) Attendance is compulsory in all classes. Missing three or more classes without an excused absence will lead to the grade "withdraw failing" (WF). Full details are in the Student Handbook.

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## Accommodation on Campus

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All exchange and study abroad students are required to live in university housing (on-campus). Normally, housing is based on **double occupancy** and every effort is made to pair international students with a Moroccan counterpart. Single rooms are not available. Housing for a married couple provided that both are students is possible but available on a case by case basis. Students with children cannot be accommodated.

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## Housing Fees outside regular semesters

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There is a charge for housing during end of semester breaks. This fee will be based on the daily rate for the room. For example, in 2017 this fee was 47 MAD per night for a double room. Students are not normally asked to remove belongings from the room during the winter break between semesters.

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## Language Courses

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Language courses in Arabic, French, Spanish and sometimes Berber are offered each semester. All language classes use the immersion method in which only the target language is used. A placement test during the orientation and registration period is required for any student requesting a language course after the beginning level. If there are less than 5 students, a course cannot be offered but every reasonable attempt will be made to accommodate international students. Very advanced students of French will be placed into classes of Moroccan students polishing their language skills in French as second language learners which are labeled FRN. French as a foreign language are labeled FRE. International students/non native speakers of Arabic normally only register in Arabic classes labeled ARA. Very advanced learners of Arabic may be placed in to classes labeled ARB with Moroccan and other students of native or near native ability. Intensive Arabic courses are only offered in the summer as part of the Arabic and North African Studies summer program.

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## Popular Course Offerings

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The following courses are popular choices for international students. See catalog for description of all courses at <http://www.aui.ma/en/>. Please note that not all courses are offered every semester.

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| Arabic as a foreign language (ARA)                                      | Economic Development in the Middle East and North Africa |
| Arabic for native speakers (ARB)                                        | Political Anthropology                                   |
| French as a foreign language (FRE)                                      | Theories & Models of International Relations             |
| French as a second language (FRN)                                       | History and Culture of the Berbers                       |
| Islamic Art and Architecture                                            | Issues in the Multi-Cultural Workplace                   |
| History of the Arab World                                               | Comparative Accounting Systems                           |
| North African Politics and Government                                   | Macroeconomics                                           |
| History of North Africa and Middle East in the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century | International Marketing                                  |
| Arab Society                                                            | International Trade                                      |
| Middle Eastern Politics                                                 | International Finance                                    |
| Women in Culture and the Media                                          | International Marketing                                  |
| Women in Society and Politics                                           | International Law                                        |
| Sex, Gender and Politics                                                | Seminar in International Management                      |
| Women and Economic Development                                          | Computer Science                                         |

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| Economic Geography                 | Chemistry                            |
| Political Geography                | Biology                              |
| Politics in the Developing World   | Electric Circuits                    |
| Introduction to the European Union | Linear Algebra                       |
| Social Statistics                  | Materials Science                    |
| Media and Development              | Wireless Communications and Networks |

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