AUC EXCHANGE AND STUDY-ABROAD

Diversify your education with an international experience!
CAIRO: OUR CITY

 Ranked among the top 100 cities in the world for international students, Cairo is a unique and wondrous destination for students seeking an adventurous study-abroad experience. Merging ancient history and metropolitan living in a bustling, dynamic city, Cairo has something for everyone. The city blends the vibrant cultures of the Middle East, Africa and the Mediterranean and has long served as the cultural, political and social capital of the Arab region. Choosing to study in Cairo provides the opportunity to immerse yourself in the Egyptian culture while learning about the region’s most pressing modern issues.

 The Greater Cairo area has a population of 20 million people with the city sprawled along the longest river in the world, the Nile. Encompassing the Pyramids of Giza, magnificent mosques and churches and the largest museum in Egypt, the Arab world’s most populous city is teeming with life. Explore the winding streets of Cairo, and you will find a thriving art and music scene, an exquisite opera house, trendy cafes and plays as well as numerous off-the-beaten-path marvels.

 The dialect of Arabic spoken in Egypt is the most well-known and most understood in the Arab world, making Cairo a prime language-learning center in the Middle East. When you decide to study in Egypt, you open yourself to a new world filled with diverse cultures, histories, art and ideas.

 Egyptians are known for their warm and welcoming hospitality. One thing you can look forward to is to be greeted with smiling faces and a generous attitude that will make you feel right at home.

Getting Around

 Cairo is an enormous city with lots to discover. Besides the AUC bus service, international students can take advantage of the numerous transportation options. Public transport like the subway is the quickest and most convenient way of getting around Cairo. Another affordable alternative is the newly launched air-conditioned and Wi-Fi enabled public bus with stations in key locations across the capital. For private on-demand transportation, taxicabs or application-based taxi services like Uber and Careem are also available and quite popular in the city.

 The Cairo International Airport is located in New Cairo, around 23 kilometers from campus. Both domestic and international flight rates are highly economic and fly out from one of the airport’s three terminals. Railways also offer a relatively inexpensive way of seeing the country and trains to all major cities including Alexandria, Luxor and Aswan disembark from the city’s main train station.
Egypt: Inside-Outside Travel

Egypt is home to some of the world’s most beautiful beaches and must-see travel destinations. Hop on a train to Alexandria and walk the long shorefront Corniche to get a real feel for the era of cosmopolitan elegance that marked the ancient city in the late 19th century.

Both local and visiting students enjoy traveling north for the summer and sunbathing on the spread of sandy white beaches of the Mediterranean, or if you are into snorkeling, scuba-diving and marine life then head east to the exquisite resorts on the red sea. With world-class windsurfing, freediving, rock climbing, desert trekking and overall laidback atmosphere, Dahab -- a small town on the southeast coast of the Sinai Peninsula -- is considered backpacker central and home to adventurous young travelers from around the world. If, however, you are fascinated by Egypt’s ancient history and monuments, make sure to visit the Nile-side town of Luxor in Upper Egypt and explore the Valley of the Kings, Karnak Temple, the Memorial Temple of Hatshepsut and the magnificent tombs and temples of the west bank.

An advantage of Egypt’s prime location, near some of the most exciting travel hubs, means you can easily travel to any of the surrounding destination cities without spending a great deal of time getting there. Paris, Berlin, Dubai, Lebanon, Jordan, Casablanca, Rome or Athens are all under a five-hour flight from Cairo.
Your safety and well-being are of the utmost importance to us. AUC’s technologically advanced and environmentally sensitive campus is located in one of the most secure, residential suburbs in Cairo. The gated campus requires individual identification to access the entrances and is covered by 24-hour video camera surveillance, throughout the premises and outside the campus fences. Pushing a button on the surveillance camera allows you to speak with a member of the security team who will provide you with immediate assistance if needed.

The Office of Safety and Security holds primary responsibility to secure access to the AUC campuses 24/7, and highly trained security personnel patrolling the grounds ensure the safety and security of our community.

International students receive an emergency contact card during their participation in the mandatory orientation program. This card contains the emergency contact phone numbers of key personnel present on campus at the AUC Clinic, the Counseling Center, the Office of International Student Life, the Office of Residential Life and other key departments. This is in addition to having direct access to the University’s head of safety and security at all times.
Every year, AUC welcomes study-abroad students from different parts of the world who come to the University for a unique educational experience in the heart of the Middle East. Founded in 1919, AUC is Egypt’s leading English-language, U.S.-accredited institution of higher education and the center of intellectual, social and cultural life of the Arab world. Because we ensure a student experience that is both highly immersive and academically rigorous, AUC is the partner University of choice for numerous renowned international institutions, and is favored by many universities across the globe as an approved overseas study site for their students.
AUC ACADEMICS: A WORLD OF CHOICES

AUC’s 35+ undergraduate and 40+ graduate programs across a variety of diverse fields equip students with the knowledge and skills to compete in a rapidly changing world. From sociology to Egyptology, gender and women’s studies, Middle East studies and comparative religion, the courses available to study-abroad students introduce them to a range of fascinating topics and enrich their educational experience. Of course, there is also the added benefit of transferring your AUC credit back to your studies at home and an official AUC transcript will be issued to you.

LEARN AT THE HANDS OF FIELD EXPERTS

World-renowned faculty members bring a wealth of experience to the classroom and beyond. 46 percent international faculty means students are exposed to a variety of global perspectives, cultural backgrounds and learning methods. As a student, you’ll learn at the hands of distinguished experts who will inspire and support your study-abroad journey by sharing their invaluable knowledge and global experiences. You’ll have the unique opportunity to work side by side with award-winning scholars and field leaders. In addition, our student-faculty ratio of 11:1 allows your professors to truly get to know you; identify your learning capacity and needs; and serve as your academic mentors as well.

Among the many AUC professors who have brought the world to their classrooms and impacted the lives and futures of their students are:
Salima Ikram is a distinguished professor, archaeologist and author. She is a leading expert on animal mummies. As the founder of the Animal Mummy Project at the Egyptian Museum in Cairo, she has emerged as one of the leading scholars in Egyptian funerary archaeology. Combining an interest in and understanding of the past with a passion of preserving it for the future, she has brought the little-known world of animal mummies to light.

"Being an archaeologist means that you never have to grow up, and the past is always part of the present."

-- Salima Ikram to Morgan Freeman

Hani Sewilam is the founding director of both the Center for Sustainable Development and the Master of Science in sustainable development program at AUC. He is the executive director of the UNESCO Chair on Hydrological Changes and Water Resources Management and the academic director of the Department of Engineering Hydrology at the RWTH Aachen University in Germany, where he founded the Master of Science in sustainable management – water and energy program. An expert in the in the fields of sustainable development, water resources management, water-energy-food nexus, desalination and capacity building, Sewilam has managed international research and capacity building projects in 21 countries.

Helen Rizzo is an associate professor of sociology and chair of the Department of Sociology, Egyptology and Anthropology at AUC. She has published several works on gender and women’s rights and her book, Islam, Democracy and the Status of Women: The Case of Kuwait, was published in 2005 by Routledge Press.

Bernard O’Kane is a distinguished scholar in the Department of Arab and Islamic Civilizations and specialist in Islamic art and architecture, a topic explored in his 10 authored and edited books and dozens of articles. He is the 2005 winner of the AUC Excellence in Research and Creative Endeavors Award.

Immerse Yourself in a Global Community

The global nature of the University community, from the student body to faculty and staff members as well as a wide network of alumni around the world, encourages openness to culturally different ideas and points of view, allows students to build connections with new and interesting people and creates a sense of belonging among community members.
Get Familiar with the Language

Survival Arabic
The Survival Arabic course at AUC is designed to help incoming international students with limited or no knowledge of the Arabic language get by during their stay in Cairo. The five-day, 20-hour course covers basic Egyptian colloquial phrases and vocabulary, assisting students to smoothly transition into life in Egypt.

Study Arabic in Cairo
Over the years, the Department of Arabic Language Instruction at AUC has attracted thousands of students who want the added experience of learning the language in an Arabic-speaking country. Here is a look at some of the Arabic-language programs offered at AUC:

Arabic Language Classes
Students who wish to study Arabic for one or two semesters, as part of a study-abroad program, are enrolled as nondegree students, provided they adequately meet the admissions requirements outlined by AUC.

Arabic Language Intensive Program
The intensive program accommodates students from all learning levels. Courses are skill-based focusing on reading, writing and listening, as well as content-based using media, political texts, literature as well as other tools. Out-of-class activities and field trips around Cairo are integrated into the program to bolster language-learning and expose students to Egyptian art, music, food, history and culture.

Center for Arabic Study Abroad (CASA)
For over half a century, the CASA program has been helping students take their Arabic-language skills to the point of near-native fluency. It has the longest tradition of teaching Arabic in the Middle East of any program of its kind and is the only program in the world to offer a high-quality master’s degree in teaching Arabic as a foreign language.

For more information on the full range of Arabic-language programs offered at AUC visit schools.aucegypt.edu/academics/ALI
Participating in a study-abroad program provides essential skills for any career, including language learning, cultural exposure, independence and adaptability, which are greatly valued in today’s employment market. The Career Center at AUC offers students professional development services in the form of career planning services, assistance with resume writing, interview preparation, job shadowing and internship opportunities with our network of renowned local and multinational employers. The Career Center’s Work Study Program prepares students for the working world and helps them gain more clarity on their career goals and aspirations. The program provides the unique opportunity of gaining real-life experience working on campus in a variety of departments and offices while discovering your skills and earning money.

Joining a club or society is the best way to make new friends. Choose from over 60 student-led clubs and social societies across a range of interests from food to art, music, theater, sports, debating, history, literature, biology, women’s rights and more. Whatever sparks your interest, you’ll find like-minded people in one of AUC’s student organizations. The many extracurricular activities available at AUC reflect the diverse backgrounds and interests of the student body. Joining a club helps you develop your personal skills and get involved in areas of community service, student government, culture and special interests, academics or student conferences. The University also has several student-run English and Arabic publications, including The Insider, Caravan, The Independent, and the monthly magazine, AUC Times. For a full directory of student clubs and organizations, visit www.aucegypt.edu/students/campus-life.
EDUCATING CITIZENS IN BORDERLESS CLASSROOMS

More than 300 community-based learning courses at AUC connect the values of civic responsibility to the classic academic mission. AUC teaches students how to be responsible citizens in the future by “acting as citizens” through meaningful community service embedded in the program. The programs provide the context within which this can happen – the community. It involves students in meaningful community service directly related to their course goals, enabling them to link theory with action through guided reflection.

Through fieldwork and volunteering, students participate in projects addressing a variety of community needs in areas including poverty alleviation, quality education, housing, literacy, environmental awareness, NGO development, youth inclusion and many more. Students offer to the community skills and knowledge from a variety of disciplinary areas – business, engineering and the sciences, global affairs and public policy, the humanities and social sciences – while enhancing their own ability to integrate theory and research; formulate and test hypotheses; analyze quantitative and qualitative data; apply concepts learned in class to real life; understand multiculturalism, diversity and cultural influences; develop a sense of justice by examining socially important issues; and believe in their ability to make a difference.

Throughout the programs, students learn in a variety of different methods, including a blended learning model where online learning is combined with traditional classroom instruction and independent study.
The University’s modern, 260-acre New Cairo campus constitutes a visionary investment in the future of Cairo, Egypt and the region — a state-of-the-art facility for advanced research, innovative teaching, lifelong learning and civic engagement. The purpose-built campus has everything you need, including food outlets and dining areas, a bank, four ATMs, a post office, a supermarket, a pharmacy, a medical clinic, a library housing the largest English-language collection in the region, three modern theaters, 11 cross-disciplinary research centers, a fitness center, sports fields and indoor and outdoor courts. Free Wi-Fi throughout the campus guarantees you stay connected with family and friends at all times.

Health Insurance
Generally, travel abroad requires the appropriate insurance protection. For your welfare, AUC requires that all international students as well as Egyptians with dual nationalities, who are not permanent residents in Egypt, have a comprehensive accident and sickness insurance plan. AUC holds a group insurance policy with renowned health insurance provider Catlin Insurance Company Incorporated.

Medical Services and Clinic
The AUC clinic offers comprehensive health care services to ensure the well-being of the AUC community. Everyone can benefit from medical advice, treatment, vaccines, pharmacy services and recommendations for outside care. The AUC clinic also has provider relationships with the best hospitals and healthcare facilities in Cairo and coordinates referrals to labs, specialists or other medical facilities.

Mentoring and Counseling
For many students, time at college or in a foreign country may represent some challenges. AUC’s counseling and mentoring services are there for your well-being and available to lend a hand, or an ear, whenever you are feeling overwhelmed. The Student Counseling Center (SCC) offers group and individual counseling, as well as personal wellness programs and workshops. The student mentoring unit provides advice, guidance and support for students who face academic challenges. Peer mentoring and workshops teach students life-long academic and emotional intelligence skills. These services are available to all enrolled students free of charge.

**Disability Services**

AUC provides all the necessary facilities and resources that guarantee a smooth education process for students with physical or learning disabilities.

**Learning Disability Services**

Students with learning disabilities are entitled to special academic accommodation depending on each student’s special needs. Many disabilities are identified through the counseling and mentoring processes. Often students will seek the support of disability services on their own accord, or under the recommendation of a parent or faculty member. Students, whose learning disabilities have previously been identified and professionally diagnosed are required to submit valid documentation to ensure that they are given the necessary accommodation entitled to them by disability laws such the Americans with Disabilities Act. If official documentation is lacking, students are referred to specialized organizations for relevant assessment, diagnosis and academic accommodation. Finally, the request for academic accommodation is communicated to the student’s professors as well as the Office of the Provost.
Real learning goes beyond the classroom. At AUC, we have a wide range of services to support your success and connect you with peers and professors. Our experts in the writing center, job-savvy advisors in the career center and extensive library resources are all available for you to take your education to the next level of learning.

**Access the Largest English-Language Collection in Egypt**

AUC’s Main Library boasts more than 500,000 print volumes, 134 electronic journal subscriptions, 340 personal computers and laptops, and the view of our garden isn’t bad either. Home to the largest English-language collection in Egypt, the AUC New Cairo library is the hub of study, research and investigation on campus. The library is home to the Learning Commons, your go-to spot for research and technology assistance. Expert research librarians are always available to assist you in hunting down information, whether in a book, online or even in a document in another library across the world.

The Rare Books and Special Collections Library on the third floor has a remarkable archive of documents from the arts, culture, and society of Egypt and the Middle East. You can explore not just books and periodicals, but also manuscripts, photographs and slides, maps, architectural drawings, memorabilia and artifacts and various audio-visual media. The library also houses the University archives.

**Elevate Your Writing Skills**

Our students are great writers, but they know there is always room to improve. AUC’s Mohamed Taymour Writing Center helps graduate and undergraduate students refine their writing techniques and learn new critical thinking and thoughtful writing strategies. Our two locations offer individual tutoring to help students in all disciplines, as well as weekly peer-review workshops tailored to core classes in rhetoric and workshops focused on grammar, writing with technology, oral presentations, in-class writing and essay exams. You can also receive online tutoring through our Online Writing Lab.
Athletics: Building Character and Campus Spirit

AUC’s Office of Athletics offers quality athletic activities and learning opportunities to all students. Our 22 athletic programs promote a healthy lifestyle, discipline, teamwork and leadership development, as well as high standards of ethical conduct and sportsmanship. The University’s 400,000 square foot, state-of-the-art sports complex is equipped with facilities for everything from basketball to yoga. It features indoor and outdoor facilities, including a grass soccer stadium with bleacher seats for 2,000 fans, an eight-lane Olympic track, a rugby field, three gyms, a 10-lane Olympic swimming pool, six outdoor tennis courts, indoor and outdoor basketball courts, handball and volleyball courts, six squash courts, a table tennis hall, a martial arts hall and a billiards hall. AUC’s sports teams compete against other universities on both the national and international level. If you’re fueled by competition join one of the University’s 20+ teams and enjoy competing in your favorite sport.

Eating on Campus: Choice, Variety, Convenience

Eating on campus is an essential part of your day, but also an integral part of campus life. AUC offers a variety of healthy, affordable and delicious food choices at 15 locations across campus. Refuel, or catch up with friends at any of two food courts, bakeries and coffee shops. The main cafeteria on campus offers ready-to-eat hot and cold options prepared with the freshest local ingredients sourced from nearby trusted suppliers. It also features a fresh salad bar using non-GMO, hydroponically grown lettuce produced right here on campus.

Vending machines and convenience stores are available on campus and stay open for extended hours.

View the food outlets map, with information on operation hours and locations here www.aucegypt.edu/maps/interactive

Use Reliable and Convenient Transportation

Don’t want to bother with the stress and cost of driving? AUC offers an affordable bus service covering 13 routes throughout Cairo. You would normally be charged a fee for one-way bus tickets, but if you ride the bus every day to get to and from New Cairo, the University offers a bus service subscription for all students. Buses run on set schedules throughout the day, seven days a week. Our comfortable coach buses have reclining seats, window curtains and free Wi-Fi on board. The subscription can be paid per semester.
AUC provides outstanding student housing with first-class accommodation alternatives. Live within walking distance of your lecture halls at the University Residences and make connections with like-minded students in your community and friendships that will last for life. For independent-style living, you may choose to enlist the help of the IPSO to find a private off-campus apartment in the neighboring suburbs.

The residence is composed of 12 units, divided into cottages. Each cottage has 22 single and 20 double beds, a lounge, study room, courtyard and terrace. Rooms are equipped with heating and air conditioning and high-speed wireless internet. Units share a kitchenette complete with all equipment necessary for on-campus living. Residents can watch TV, dine, socialize or study in the common areas. In the common area, there are several study rooms and a computer lab open 24/7. The residence is equipped to assist students with special needs.

In addition to the convenience of living on campus, the ResLife experience at AUC is built around people -- and we’re very happy to welcome you to our campus community. The ResLife community is more than just people sharing a living space. We are a close-knit family that supports one another and enjoys doing things together. From Thanksgiving dinners to Halloween parties, Earth Week celebrations or adventurous trips abroad, our ongoing events and activities create an environment that allows everyone to live, learn, have fun and grow as individuals.
What else will you have access to on campus?

• Front desk staff available 24 hours a day
• Housekeeping and cleaning services
• Maintenance services
• Laundry outlet and services
• Sports complex next door with 24/7 outdoor soccer and basketball courts
• Food outlets and a supermarket nearby
• On-campus clinic with medical personnel available 24 hours a day

Learn more about the ResLife experience at www.aucegypt.edu/students/life/residential

SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT

International Student Scholarships
AUC offers non-Egyptian degree-seeking students merit and need-based scholarships for study. To learn more about these scholarships and how to apply, visit aucegypt.edu/admissions/scholarships/non-egyptian-students

Study-Abroad Student Scholarships
There are two scholarships available for international non-degree students at AUC:

Simpson Endowed Scholarships for Year Abroad Program in Egyptology
Established in 2003 to support two to four annual scholarships for junior or senior undergraduates enrolled in the Year Abroad Program in Egyptology at AUC based on their academic achievement. The award is given to undergraduate students enrolled in colleges and universities in the United States.

Hermann F. Eilts Endowed International Scholarship
Established in 2007 to cover the expenses of undergraduates enrolled in colleges and universities in the United States and who have an interest in pursuing Middle East studies, political science or history at AUC for a semester or a year.

For more information on the eligibility requirements and how to apply for scholarships, please visit aucegypt.edu/admissions/scholarships/international-non-degree
AUC’s Office of Sustainability works to integrate environmental and social sustainability into the culture and structure of the University. The office is dedicated to decreasing the University’s carbon footprint, promoting environmental research, implementing recycling programs and raising awareness about sustainable causes. Besides the Office of Sustainability, the University has also established the Research Institute for a Sustainable Environment (RISE) and the Center for Sustainable Development (CSD). AUC was ranked as the number one green campus in North Africa by GreenMetric World University Ranking.

Study-Abroad
The maximum duration for a study-abroad program is two semesters and a summer session. Study-abroad students are not limited to a fixed set of courses but can choose from the general lists of AUC courses. Because AUC is accredited in the USA as well as in Egypt, study-abroad students are able to transfer AUC credits to their home institutions.

For a full listing, please see the AUC online catalog link http://catalog.aucegypt.edu.

Summer Sessions
Students from more than 30 countries usually attend AUC’s summer sessions to pursue a wide variety of subjects. Although most students are full-time students at AUC, many nondegree students also take classes also take courses during one or both of the summer sessions offered at AUC.

Admission Guidelines
Your first step as an international student is to apply for admission online at www.applyweb.com/auc.

Students need to make sure their application is complete and submit the required documents by the mentioned deadline. To view the deadlines for submission of applications, visit http://catalog.aucegypt.edu.

For more information on the admissions process, contact the Office of Enrollment, Admissions and Student Service Center at enrolauc@aucegypt.edu.
AUC’s Office of International Programs and Services (IPSO) is your principal point of contact (PPOC), from the beginning of your admissions process till you arrive on campus. IPSO is also responsible for academic advising and course registration for all incoming nondegree, study-abroad undergraduate and graduate international students. The IPSO will act as an academic guide, aiding you during the add-drop period and throughout the semester or academic year. For any inquiries regarding the University, please contact the IPSO directly by emailing ipso@aucegypt.edu.
1. School of Continuing Education
2. Graduate School of Education
3. AUC Center for the Arts (Student Culture Hub)
5. School of Humanities and Social Sciences
6. Bank and 3 ATMs
7. School of Sciences and Engineering
8. School of Business
9. School of Global Affairs and Public Policy
10. Library (Largest English Language Collection in Egypt)
GIZA PYRAMIDS
Witness a marvel of human engineering and the oldest of the seven wonders of the ancient world

CAIRO TOWER
Undeniably the best view of the city and the only place where you can see Cairo’s most iconic landmarks from 187 meters above ground

AL-AZHAR MOSQUE
The most significant center of Islamic theology and learning in the world

IBN TULUN MOSQUE
The oldest mosque in Egypt and one of the greatest masterpieces of world architecture

COPTIC CAIRO
Home to Cairo’s historic Coptic Christian landmarks

CAIRO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
20 minutes from campus

THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN CAIRO
New Cairo Campus

THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN CAIRO
Tahrir Square Campus

THE NILE RIVER
Enjoy the breathtaking view of the longest river in the world

THE SALADIN CITADEL OF CAIRO
The massive stone fortress, crowned with the Mosque of Mohammed Ali, was home to Egypt’s rulers for 700 years

TAHRIR SQUARE
Minutes away from AUC’s Tahrir Square Campus, the square was the hub of the 2011 Egyptian revolution

WADI DEGLA PROTECTORATE
Minutes away from the city, an ideal spot for hiking, rock-climbing, camping and barbecue picnics in the heart of nature, featuring impressive rock formations, petrified wood and fossils, rare birds and desert animals

AL-MUIZZ LI-DIN ALLAH STREET
Find the greatest concentration of medieval architectural treasures in the Islamic world along one of the oldest streets in Cairo.

FAMILY PARK
Take a stroll through New Cairo’s largest private park and enjoy picnics, open-air events and activities all week long

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE CAPITAL
New Capital City

KHAN EL KHALILI
Shop for souvenirs at the ancient market and bring a piece of Egypt back home with you
THE NILE RIVER
Enjoy the breathtaking view of the longest river in the world

TAHRIR SQUARE
Minutes away from AUC’s Tahrir Square Campus, the square was the hub of the 2011 Egyptian revolution

AL-MUIZZ LI-DIN ALLAH STREET
Find the greatest concentration of medieval architectural treasures in the Islamic world along one of the oldest streets in Cairo.

KHAN EL KHALILI
Shop for souvenirs at the ancient market and bring a piece of Egypt back home with you

THE SALADIN CITADEL OF CAIRO
The massive stone fortress, crowned with the Mosque of Mohammed Ali, was home to Egypt’s rulers for 700 years

WADI DEGLA PROTECTORATE
Minutes away from the city, an ideal spot for hiking, rock-climbing, camping and barbecue picnics in the heart of nature, featuring impressive rock formations, petrified wood and fossils, rare birds and desert animals

CAIRO FESTIVAL CITY
One of the largest shopping, dining and entertainment destinations in Egypt, just minutes away from campus

FAMILY PARK
Take a stroll through New Cairo’s largest private park and enjoy picnics, open-air events and activities all week long

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE CAPITAL
New Capital City