

Graduate Programs

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The world of work has changed, and continues to change, at a pace never seen before. No longer are jobs confined to one skill-set or one industry. To be professionally successful we must be constantly learning, adapting and innovating. Whatever your ambition, a graduate degree from AUS can set you apart, and prepare you for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. Through our world-class graduate programs we nurture, guide and develop ambition, creating individuals ready to innovate, influence and lead. Whether you want to make your mark on your organization, industry or the world, a graduate degree from AUS will allow you to be as successful as you want to be.

Find out how.

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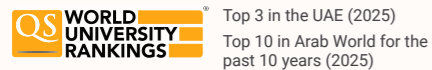
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Welcome

AUS is one of the best known and highly respected universities in the Middle East, a reputation borne out of an unwavering commitment to academic excellence and the engagement of world-class faculty with outstanding credentials. By choosing AUS for your graduate education, you will become part of this pursuit of excellence, and share in the many advantages our campus and community offer.

A graduate degree from AUS can set you apart in a competitive work environment, help you carve out a new career path or allow you to pursue the highest academic attainments of your field. If you are ready to take the next step towards realizing your full potential, AUS can offer you a wide selection of graduate programs that are accredited and widely recognized the world over.

We look forward to welcoming you to our campus and partnering with you on your journey of continuing education.



Top 3 in the UAE (2025)
Top 10 in Arab World for the past 10 years (2025)



Top five universities globally with the highest percentage of international students (2023)
Top 150 universities in Asia (2024)



First university in the GCC to be rated for sustainability in the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education's Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System



The AUS graduate experience

Discover why AUS is the first choice for graduate students across the Middle East.



Outstanding teaching and supervision

AUS has more than 350 full-time faculty, hailing from the world's best universities and dedicated to helping AUS students reach their full academic potential. Through our world-class faculty we can offer you unrivalled support in your graduate studies. Our faculty are active researchers who are uniquely positioned to deliver a rigorous graduate education in the GCC, as they combine a breadth of international knowledge with deep, regional understanding. Many of our graduates have pursued a PhD at some of the world's top universities.



World-class scientific research

AUS encourages and supports the research, scholarly and creative activities of its faculty and students. Graduate students have the opportunity to engage in research with faculty members and to publish their work.

Flexible learning

Those undertaking our graduate programs are typically engaged in demanding, time-consuming careers. Our programs are therefore designed to offer maximum flexibility, with part-time study and evening classes available.

Financial assistance

AUS offers graduate students assistantships and work-study opportunities. These are awarded on a competitive basis, coming in the form of a Graduate Research Assistantship or Graduate Teaching Assistantship. This offers not only financial assistance but also hands-on experience in teaching and research helpful to students interested in pursuing a career in academia.



Accredited in UAE and USA

AUS is licensed and its degree programs are accredited by the Commission for Academic Accreditation of the Ministry of Education's Higher Education Affairs Division in the United Arab Emirates. AUS has been accredited in the United States of America by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (1007 North Orange Street, 4th Floor, MB #166, Wilmington, DE 19801 USA) since June 2004.



Excellent facilities

The AUS campus, known for its beauty, architecture and exceptional facilities, includes the region's largest fully equipped Interactive Trading Floor, along with well-equipped science and engineering laboratories. Our library is one of the finest in the region, and students can access the online catalog system to search for library materials from any location on or off campus. They can also access e-books, online databases, full-text journals and other digital resources. Technology is fully integrated into all of our courses. Our full-service campus also features a large sports complex, a health center, food outlets, residential halls and many other amenities.

Commercialization of research

The Sharjah Research, Technology and Innovation Park adjacent to the AUS campus provides a unique opportunity for AUS research projects to undergo commercialization. The park leverages the intellectual and academic capabilities of AUS, attracting regional and international companies to the park and promoting investment in AUS research advances.

Business and industry links

AUS has far-reaching associations with the region's business and industry leaders. While we are committed to academic excellence, we also take very seriously the need to create work-ready graduates. Industry-based research is therefore at the heart of many of our graduate programs. Our graduates are highly regarded by employers.



Accelerated Master's Program

AUS offers its ambitious and high-achieving senior undergraduate students the opportunity to combine their undergraduate and graduate study through the Accelerated Master's Program (AMP). AUS undergraduate students accepted into the AMP are able to complete up to two master's courses (six credits) during their senior year. These courses contribute to both the student's bachelor's and master's degrees, reducing the time to degree completion and cost. To learn more, visit www.aus.edu/amp.

Sharjah: The ideal place to pursue graduate study

There are many reasons why Sharjah has become a leading destination for university study, at both an undergraduate and graduate level. The third largest city in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and part of the Dubai-Sharjah-Ajman metropolitan area, Sharjah is a dynamic, international and exciting place for students of all ages and backgrounds.

Sharjah is widely regarded as the cultural capital of the UAE, hosting a number of world-class museums and exhibitions. It is also known for its natural beauty, located on the sparkling Arabian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman and in easy driving distance to the sand dunes of the Arabian desert.

AUS is located just minutes from the heart of Dubai and the Dubai International Airport, providing students with easy access to the world-famous attractions of the neighboring emirate.

Sharjah has an active student community, providing a culturally diverse environment from students from all around the globe to meet, explore, develop and innovate. With a mix of languages, cuisines and cultural pursuits, Sharjah is rapidly establishing itself as a world-class student city.

SHARJAH

Ranked in the Top 60 Best Student Cities (QS, 2024)

Located in the World's Second Safest Country (Global Finance, 2024)

World Book Capital (2019)



College of Architecture, Art and Design

The College of Architecture, Art and Design (CAAD) is the heart of the region's design community, bringing together the region's most creative forward thinkers to test existing boundaries of design. With a focus on creating designs that will make life more efficient and more beautiful, CAAD faculty and students are at the forefront of innovation and transformation.

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Master of Urban Planning (MUP)

Our cities are growing at an unprecedented rate. Never before has it been so important to have urban planners that understand the social, environmental, technological and economic impact of urban design. A Master in Urban Planning will help you shape the cities of the future, and fast-track your leadership career in urban growth management, urbanization policy or social development advancement. This program is a first-of-its-kind in the region, with alumni going on to shape and direct the emergence of cities in both the GCC and abroad.

www.aus.edu/caad/mup

“Cities have increased in size and population dramatically over the past decade, since more people have shifted to urban areas. This change has to be accompanied by proper, specialized planning...living in one of the fastest growing cities world-wide, I wanted to master the art of planning cities, creating vibrant spaces, achieving economic growth, social equality, and combating the effects of climate change... The AUS Master of Urban Planning helps me to achieve this passion through quality education.”

Mohamed Hasa Al Mutawwa
MUP student
Manager, Green Economy, RTA Dubai, UAE



Leading the Region

- AUS is number one in the UAE and among the top 200 universities globally for architecture and the built environment (QS World University Subject Rankings 2024).
- AUS is a leader in sustainability, receiving the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) Gold Award from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE).

College of Arts and Sciences

The College of Arts and Sciences inspires and promotes intellectual and creative potential, fostering talent that will help build capacity and capability across a number of industries and professions. Our graduate programs allow individuals to excel and lead in areas where demand for highly qualified professionals is high.

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Master of Arts in International Studies (MAIS)

As the world becomes increasingly globalized, graduates with an advanced understanding of how the world works and the institutions that govern it are in high demand. This program has been designed to place its graduates at the helm of international affairs, readying them to be the next cohort of leaders. The multidisciplinary curriculum combines insights from history, political science, sociology, anthropology and philosophy. This broad-based program enables students to gain a deep understanding of complex global challenges, ranging from geopolitical conflicts to the intricacies of international diplomacy and social and economic currents.

www.aus.edu/cas/mais

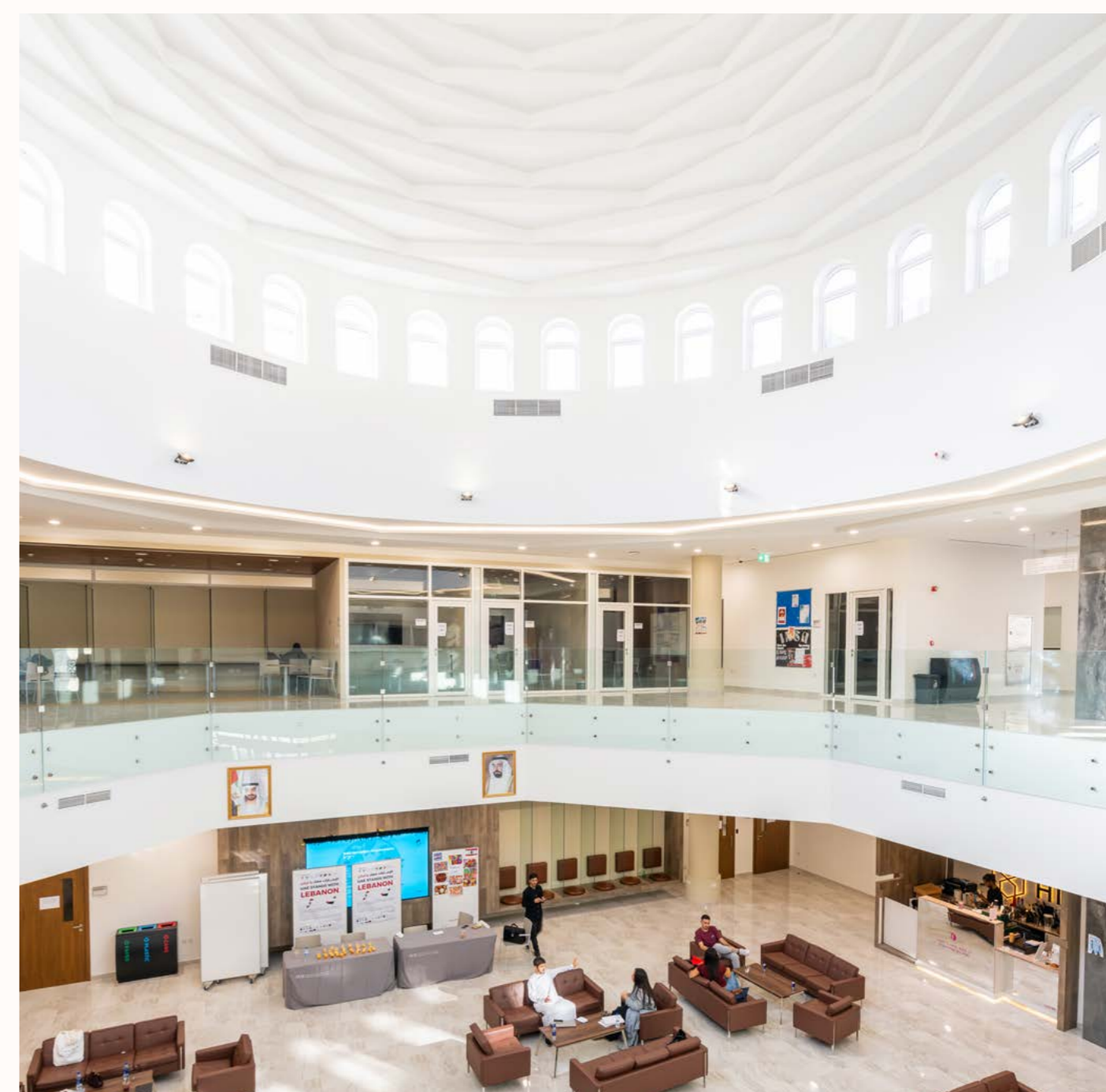
Master of Arts in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (MA TESOL)

This premier program prepares individuals for a career in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). With the vast resources and faculty of the AUS Department of English, the program has been specifically designed to meet the needs of participants in a diverse, multicultural setting. Offering professional training and a solid foundation in second language acquisition, this program is popular among the region's experienced and novice teachers in addition to those who are seeking a research career in applied linguistics. The program combines research-based methodology, practical experience and computer-assisted learning and is delivered through a comprehensive and dynamic curriculum.

www.aus.edu/cas/matesol

“ I never knew how much I love doing research and how much fun one can possibly have while doing it. While a PhD researcher at the Institute of Education, University of Reading, UK, I studied teachers’ reflection for my dissertation, and it became my passion. The topic of reflective practice was first introduced to me in the AUS MA TESOL program.”

Dr. Shahla Yassaei
Deputy Director and Management Consultant,
Oxborrow Ltd., UK





PhD in Materials Science and Engineering (PhD-MSE)

This multidisciplinary program aims to develop regional expertise and contribute research, innovation and novel solutions to benefit the water treatment, sustainable energy, manufacturing, healthcare and construction sectors, among others. Students will be at the frontlines of research and innovation in a range of areas: advanced materials, such as nanomaterials for electronics or healthcare; materials for energy and environment, including green technologies; structures, including the construction of sustainable infrastructure systems; and analytical and computational modeling and simulation.

Talented bachelor's degree holders from select programs can be directly admitted to this PhD program, allowing them to get an earlier start on their doctoral studies.

www.aus.edu/cas/phdmse

PhD in Mathematics (PhD-MTH)

This doctoral program offers advanced education and research opportunities in pure and applied mathematics. With a mission to cultivate mathematicians equipped for impactful careers in academia, government or industry, the PhD-MTH curriculum fosters independent research and problem-solving skills. Graduates emerge with deep expertise in key mathematical areas, adept at conducting original research and effectively communicating findings.

www.aus.edu/phd-maths

Master of Science in Mathematics (MSMTH)

For individuals looking for rigorous and thorough training in a broad range of pure and applied mathematics, this program has been designed for those seeking career advancement or a foundation for a PhD in mathematics-related fields. The program allows students to conduct independent research in specialized mathematics areas and apply advanced mathematical concepts to workplace challenges. Graduates of the program have gone on to work in prestigious mathematics-based roles in public and private organizations in the Middle East, and around the world.

www.aus.edu/cas/msmth

“The faculty members enhanced our cognitive abilities to prepare us for future challenges. It was a blessing to pursue my master’s degree at AUS because it not only increased my interaction with these scholarly heavyweights and the undergraduate students, but it also enriched my mathematical skills.”

Binish Jamal
MSMTH graduate

Building Capacity Across Disciplines

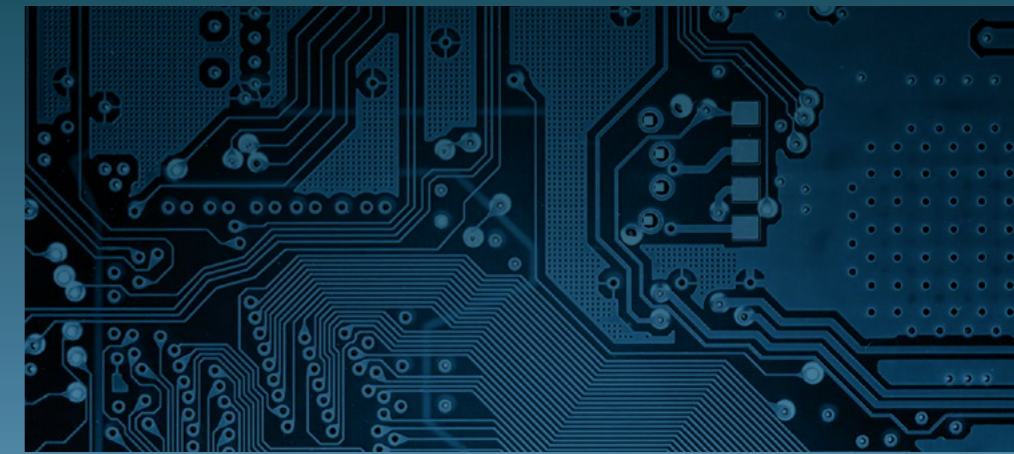
- Through our links with local schools at all levels, students in the MA TESOL program have the opportunity to observe, explore and implement effective ESL teaching strategies.
- Students in the MSMTH program can gain invaluable teaching experience by contributing to courses at the undergraduate level in mathematics at AUS.
- In the PhD-MSE program, students work on cutting-edge research with faculty members who are experts in their fields.
- The MAIS curriculum is benchmarked against prestigious programs like the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, American University of Beirut's Master of Arts in Public Policy and International Affairs, and the Master of Global Affairs program at Rice University.

College of Engineering

At the College of Engineering, we are getting ready for the future. Our graduate programs focus on giving engineers the specific technical and management skills they need to take their careers, their organizations, and their industries to the next level. We combine academic rigor with real-world application, ensuring participants of our master's programs are ready to take their new found knowledge to the workplace, fostering real and lasting change.

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Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering (MSBME)

As the first of its kind in the GCC, this dynamic, multidisciplinary program will prepare you for an advanced career or doctoral studies in the rapidly developing field of biomedical engineering in areas related to healthcare operations management, planning and risk management, biomedical informatics, instrumentation, signal processing, biomaterials, drug delivery and biomechanics. Based on American standards and offering a wide range of elective courses, this program is a first choice for ambitious individuals who seek to be at the forefront of developments in the industry.

www.aus.edu/cen/msbme

Master of Science in Chemical Engineering (MSChE)

This program is designed for professionals looking to actively contribute to the growing international body of chemical engineering knowledge and play a part in the region's R&D commitment to this field. The program will equip you with excellent technical, analytical and practical skills and strengthen your knowledge in core areas such as transport phenomena, thermodynamics, kinetics and reactor design.

www.aus.edu/cen/msche

Master of Science in Civil Engineering (MSCE)

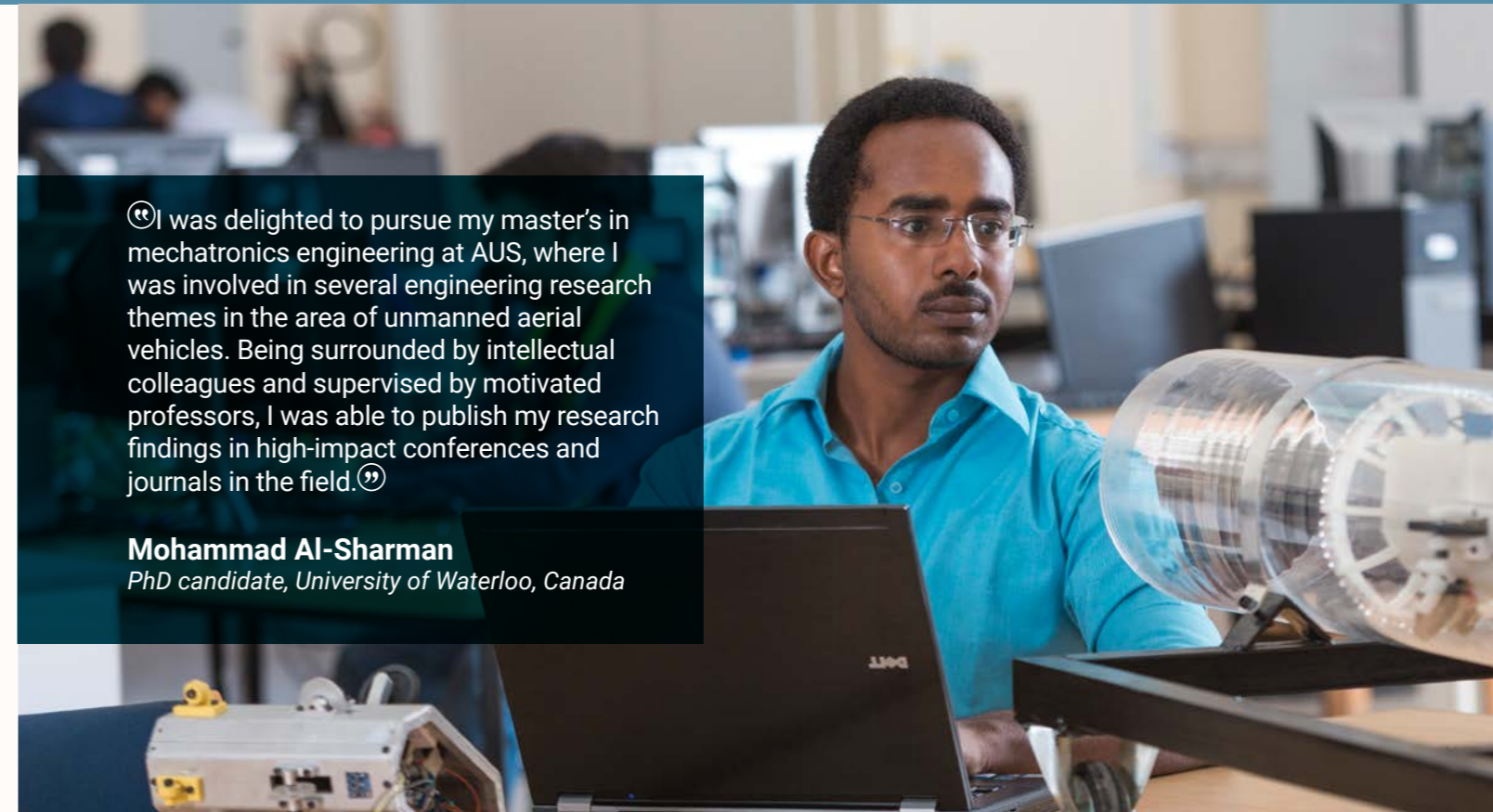
A popular choice for professionals looking to combine advanced civil engineering practice with technical research, this program allows them to play a commanding role in the industry both in the UAE and abroad. Taught in an environment that promotes excellence in teaching and research, the program applies advanced mathematics and engineering knowledge to identify, formulate and solve real-world problems. The program covers a wide range of civil engineering areas including structural and materials, geotechnical, transportation, environmental and water resources, construction management and others.

www.aus.edu/cen/msce

Master of Science in Computer Engineering (MSCOE)

This program is designed for those looking to pursue cutting-edge engineering projects that will define the future of the region and beyond. Graduates of this program have progressed into some of the world's leading technology companies, working in computer hardware, computer systems, mobile phones, communications, banking, computer games and more.

www.aus.edu/cen/mscoe



“I was delighted to pursue my master's in mechatronics engineering at AUS, where I was involved in several engineering research themes in the area of unmanned aerial vehicles. Being surrounded by intellectual colleagues and supervised by motivated professors, I was able to publish my research findings in high-impact conferences and journals in the field.”

Mohammad Al-Sharman
PhD candidate, University of Waterloo, Canada

Master of Science in Construction Management (MSCM)

Focusing on competencies required for the construction sector's rapid technological advancement, such as AI and big data, the new MSCM will help deliver the talent required to drive the sector's growth across the region and beyond. The program will help students develop the skills and knowledge needed to rapidly advance in a construction management career, or to pursue a PhD.

www.aus.edu/cen/mscm

Master of Science in Electrical Engineering (MSEE)

This much sought-after program is renowned for its rigorous training and dynamic approach. The program combines electrical engineering practice with cutting-edge technical research, preparing students for further educational achievement or an advanced career in the field of electrical engineering. Participants will contribute to the growing body of electrical engineering knowledge, research and development, in topics related to power systems, renewable energy, communications and signal processing, control systems, microelectronics, microwaves and satellite systems.

www.aus.edu/cen/msee

Master of Science in Engineering Systems Management (MSESM)

Designed for graduates across all engineering disciplines, and one of the most popular graduate programs at AUS, this master's is a premier choice for engineers looking to become organizational leaders. The program ensures students are equipped with the right tools and knowledge to integrate complex systems, managing technology, work activities and projects in both the public and private sectors. Students come to understand how to combine technical skills with economic and managerial knowledge.

www.aus.edu/cen/mseesm

Master of Science in Machine Learning (MSMLR)

This program equips students for advanced careers and doctoral studies in machine learning (ML) disciplines. ML is pivotal in AI and influences various domains like healthcare, finance and transportation. The program aligns with the UAE's vision of a knowledge-based economy, fostering innovation and research. Students develop research and leadership skills within a global context, emphasizing ethics and teamwork. The curriculum mirrors US standards, covering advanced topics including big data analytics, generative deep learning and cognitive robotics.

www.aus.edu/cen/cse

Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering (MSME)

Designed for those working in the subdisciplines of thermal and green energy systems, fluid systems, solid mechanics, design and others, this program enhances the technical skills of mechanical engineers, equipping them to meet the demands of the professional both now, and in the future. This program helps mechanical engineers to fulfil their potential and realize their ambitions for commercial leadership or entry into a doctoral program.

www.aus.edu/cen/msme

Master of Science in Mechatronics Engineering (MSMTR)

This is an interdisciplinary program that integrates science and engineering concepts to address grand challenges in the ever-changing industrial sectors. Our program offers exciting opportunities for excellent students from a wide spectrum of backgrounds to engage in cutting-edge research with highly qualified faculty and world-class facilities and resources. Graduates go on to become experts across a number of sectors including defense systems, space systems, robotics, vehicle design, software development, automated production systems, food processing and many others.

www.aus.edu/cen/msmtr

PhD in Biosciences and Bioengineering (PhD-BSBE)

The PhD-BSBE offers advanced multidisciplinary education to equip students with the necessary knowledge and skills to become future researchers, academics and entrepreneurs. Graduates of this program will be prepared to combat current and future healthcare challenges nationally and globally. The multidisciplinary program is delivered by CEN and CAS.

www.aus.edu/phd-bsbe

PhD in Engineering Systems Management (PhD-ESM)

This program will fill demand for highly qualified systems management professionals and researchers in the Middle East, borne out of the region's rapid economic growth. The doctorate will provide engineers with the specialized knowledge required to oversee large-scale projects, combining technical engineering expertise with management skills. As well as a strong scientific and engineering elements, the PhD will cover areas such as supply chain management, sustainable construction project management, smart cities management and engineering management.

www.aus.edu/cen/phdesm



“The AUS MSBME program has been a great first step for my career in academia. Being exposed to an array of trending and multidisciplinary topics related to biomedical research and technology provided me with a rich educational experience and a solid foundation to pursue PhD studies. I am very grateful to my professors, who guided me throughout my learning and growth journey.”

Omnia Hassanin

MSBME student and Graduate Teaching and Research Assistant

Elevating Engineering Professionals

- Our programs benefit from some 50 labs and workshops supporting the various engineering disciplines.
- AUS is developing an innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem through strategic partnerships with the Sharjah Research, Technology Innovation Park and the Sheraa Sharjah Entrepreneurship Center.
- AUS is ranked by QS World Subject Rankings 2024 in the following subject areas:
 - chemical engineering: among the top five in the UAE and top 450 globally
 - civil and structural engineering: first in the UAE and among the top 200 globally
 - computer science and information systems: among the top ten in the UAE and top 450 globally
 - electrical and electronic engineering: among the top five in the UAE and top 300 globally
 - mechanical, aeronautical and manufacturing engineering: among the top three in the UAE and top 300 globally

School of Business Administration

The School of Business Administration is the place to be if you are ambitious, motivated, and want to learn among the best, and from the best. We have an unwavering dedication to excellence, supporting and encouraging students to think beyond themselves. Our graduate programs are sought after by professionals wanting to transcend the heights of their profession or industry, and learn in an environment driven by innovation, practical application and intellectual rigor.

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Master of Business Administration (MBA)

The AUS MBA provides graduates with the skills needed to be competitive in today's dynamic, global marketplace and will allow them to achieve a globally recognized and respected MBA from a leading institution, while being able to complete core components online. The educational experiences our students have as they pursue their MBA prepare them for productive business careers and enable them to make valuable contributions to the organizations they join. Using a blended learning course delivery mode that includes both face-to-face and online components, the program offers digital content customized to student needs, catering to different student learning styles and supporting self-paced, flexible learning.

www.aus.edu/sba/mba

Master of Science in Accounting (MSA)

If you are looking to progress a career in public or private accounting, this program will provide you the skills and knowledge necessary to thrive in contemporary accounting roles. The program focuses on equipping participants with the confidence and ability to tackle accounting challenges across a diverse range of industries and sectors. It is designed to create additional employment opportunities for participants in areas such as auditing, taxation, consulting, chief financial control, financial analysis and more. Furthermore, the MSA prepares students for the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Examination, and meets the 150-semester-hour education requirement for CPA certification.

www.aus.edu/sba/msa

Master of Science in Economics and Policy (MSEP)

Integrating mutually supportive strands of knowledge and skills in economic theory, policy evaluation and data analysis, this program nurtures competitive competencies critical for a diversified knowledge economy. Graduates apply analytical and critical thinking skills to understand global trends and develop data-informed decisions and policies that address domestic challenges. MSEP graduates pursue advanced careers in consulting, government, NGOs and the private sector, and have solid academic preparation for doctoral studies.

www.aus.edu/sba/msep

Master of Science in Finance (MSF)

Designed for ambitious professionals looking to enhance their financial credentials, this fully accredited program will provide you with an in-depth perspective of the financial services industry, and the tools to flourish in your career. By taking part in this program, you will broaden your finance-specific knowledge in areas such as insurance, securities law, banking and insurance, financial markets, investment banking, corporations, financial advising public institutions and much more. In addition, the MSF is designed to prepare students for the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Level II and III examinations.

www.aus.edu/sba/msf



PhD in Business Administration (PhD-BA)

Concentration in Finance

This program equips individuals with the latest knowledge of business concepts, and provides hands-on experience of real issues in the finance world. Throughout the program, candidates are given multiple opportunities to enhance their understanding of management, policy and strategy, and how this understanding can be applied for maximum benefit. Upon completion of the program, graduates will be well placed to continue to advance their careers in academia or the business world.

Additionally, through a partnership with the prestigious Darla Moore School of Business at the University of South Carolina (UofSC), selected students in this program can travel to the United States for part of their studies and earn two doctoral degrees—one from AUS and one from UofSC.

www.aus.edu/sba/phdba

“ I chose the MBA at AUS, despite the distance, because of its accreditation and reputation. I never looked back. Simply put, AUS takes you through the famous four learning phases. By the time you go into your courses you are conscious of your competence, which is where I think the greatest value is in terms of building your career esteem and accelerating your development. You are a better professional for yourself, your company, and the world at large.”

Ghandi Gharaibeh

Director of Marketing, GlaxoSmithKline, Gulf and Near East

Empowering Tomorrow's Business Leaders

- SBA is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International), a prestigious honor bestowed upon just 6 percent of the world's business schools.
- SBA is the first business school in the region to be recognized as a Bloomberg Experiential Learning Partner (ELP).
- In the areas of accounting and finance, economics, and business and management, AUS graduates are the top choice for employers in the UAE. Additionally, AUS is number one in the UAE and in the top 350 universities globally in the category of economics and econometrics (QS World University Subject Rankings 2024).
- The AUS MBA program is ranked #11 in the Middle East and Africa region and among the top 250 in the world in the QS Global MBA Rankings 2024.

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Complete your online application:
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 For details, please see www.aus.edu/ms-apr or www.aus.edu/phd-apr.



Submit additional required documents (including the reference letter): Go to Supplemental Items & Documents on apply.aus.edu



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 For PhD: www.aus.edu/admissions/doctoral-degrees/admissions-package



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American University of Sharjah considers all applications on the basis of qualifications, regardless of race, color, gender, disabilities, religion, age or national origin.

AUS strives to offer all students full and effective participation in university, and it aims to provide eligible students with appropriate academic accommodations. An appropriate academic accommodation in university is an approved modification or adjustment that will result in an opportunity for students of determination to attain the same level of performance and enjoy the same level of benefits or experiences as other students without compromising bona fide academic requirements and standards.

Indicating in the application you are a student of determination will not impact your application to AUS. The information provided will be kept confidential and will be used to allow the Academic Support Center to connect with you regarding possible academic accommodations.

Admission Information

For graduate admissions enquiries contact:
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Minimum Admission Requirements for Master's and PhD Programs

Each of the graduate degree programs requires applicants to meet specific minimum qualifications and academic achievements. For the full requirements for admission, visit www.aus.edu/ms or www.aus.edu/phd.

Program	Cumulative GPA	Required Exams	CV	Reference Letter	Graduate Assistantship*
Master of Urban Planning (MUP)	3.0 for Full Admission	TOEFL 80 or IELTS 6.5	YES	1	YES
	2.5 for Conditional Admission	TOEFL 71 or IELTS 6.0	YES	1	NO
Master of Arts in International Studies (MAIS)	3.0 for Full Admission	TOEFL 80 or IELTS 6.5	YES	1	YES
	2.5 for Conditional Admission	TOEFL 71 or IELTS 6.0	YES	1	NO
Master of Arts in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (MA TESOL)	3.0 for Full Admission	TOEFL 80 or IELTS 6.5	YES	1	YES
	2.5 for Conditional Admission	TOEFL 80 or IELTS 6.5	YES	1	NO
Master of Science in Mathematics (MSMTH)	3.0 for Full Admission	TOEFL 80 or IELTS 6.5	YES	1	YES
	2.5 for Conditional Admission	TOEFL 71 or IELTS 6.0	YES	1	NO
All College of Engineering master of science engineering programs	3.0 for Full Admission	TOEFL 80 or IELTS 6.5	YES	2	YES
	2.5 for Conditional Admission	TOEFL 71 or IELTS 6.0	YES	2	NO
Master of Business Administration (MBA)	3.0 for Full Admission	TOEFL 80 or IELTS 6.5; GMAT or AUS MBA Admission Test	YES	1	YES
	2.5 for Conditional Admission	TOEFL 80 or IELTS 6.5; GMAT or AUS MBA Admission Test	YES	1	NO
Master of Science in Accounting (MSA)	3.0 for Full Admission	TOEFL 80 or IELTS 6.5	YES	1	YES
	2.5 for Conditional Admission	TOEFL 71 or IELTS 6.0	YES	1	NO
Master of Science in Economics and Policy (MSEP)	3.0 for Full Admission	TOEFL 80 or IELTS 6.5	YES	1	YES
	2.5 for Conditional Admission	TOEFL 71 or IELTS 6.0	YES	1	NO
Master of Science in Finance (MSF)	3.0 for Full Admission	TOEFL 80 or IELTS 6.5	YES	1	YES
	2.5 for Conditional Admission	TOEFL 71 or IELTS 6.0	YES	1	NO
Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration (PhD-BA)	Minimum of 3.0/4.0 in the master's degree	TOEFL 80 or IELTS 6.5 GMAT	YES	3	YES
Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematics (PhD-MTH)	Minimum of 3.0/4.0 in the master's degree	TOEFL 80 or IELTS 6.5	YES	3	YES
Doctor of Philosophy in Biosciences and Bioengineering (PhD-BSBE)	Minimum of 3.0/4.0 in the master's degree	TOEFL 80 or IELTS 6.5	YES	3	YES
Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering - Engineering Systems Management (PhD-ESM)	Minimum of 3.0/4.0 in the master's degree or minimum of 3.5/4.0 in the bachelor's degree	TOEFL 80 or IELTS 6.5	YES	3	YES
Doctor of Philosophy in Materials Science and Engineering (PhD-MSE)	Minimum of 3.0/4.0 in the master's or minimum of 3.5/4.0 in the bachelor's degree	TOEFL 80 or IELTS 6.5	YES	3	YES

* Regardless of the program, all applicants (except for PhD) who wish to apply for assistantship must submit two reference letters.

Want to know more?

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- Graduate Assistantship
- Accelerated Master's Program
- Direct Admission Entry to PhD-MSE

Visit www.aus.edu/prospective-students.

Admission Types

Your admission to AUS will be granted under one of the following categories, based on how well you meet the university's requirements:

Full Admission*	For applicants who meet all admission requirements.
Conditional Admission	For masters' degree applicants with a cumulative GPA between 2.50-2.99 on a scale of 4.00, and/or applicants who do not meet the English Proficiency required scores [TOEFL iBT 71-79, TOEFL ITP 530-547 or IELTS 6.0 (Academic)]. Conditionally admitted students are not eligible to register for more than two graduate courses (a maximum of six credits) within the first two semesters of study.
Remedial Admission	Masters' degree applicants with a cumulative GPA below 2.5 and above 2.0 may be considered for remedial conditional admission on a case-by-case basis as evaluated by the program. Remedial admission is only applicable for programs in the College of Engineering.

* PhD applicants are eligible only for full admission.

Completing the Admissions Process

Once you have received your admission letter from the Graduate Admissions, you will need to present original documents in person or in a virtual meeting that you can book with the admission staff in order to complete your file with the Office of Enrollment Management—Graduate Admissions.

Required Official Documents	For graduates of		
	AUS	Universities in the UAE	Universities Outside the UAE
University transcript attested by the UAE Ministry of Education (for master's applicants, the bachelor's degree transcript; for doctoral applicants, the master's and bachelor's degree transcripts)	✓	✓	✓
Graduation certificate attested by the UAE Ministry of Education (for master's applicants, the bachelor's degree certificate; for doctoral applicants, the master's and bachelor's degree certificates)	✓	✓	✓
English Proficiency (TOEFL/IELTS) Score** (one of the following) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a minimum TOEFL (iBT) score of 80 OR a minimum TOEFL (ITP) score of 550 (test should be taken at AUS) • a minimum overall IELTS (Academic) score of 6.5 	Waived	✓	✓
Reference Letters: For applicants to all master's and PhD programs	✓	✓	✓
UAE Certificate of Equivalency or Qualification Recognition report	-	-	✓

** Waiver of English Language Proficiency Requirement

PhD Programs

Applicants who earned a master's degree from an institution where English is the language of instruction and who met the AUS English language proficiency requirement for full graduate admission at the time of their admission to that master's degree program might be exempted from the English language proficiency admission requirement. Holders of a master's degree awarded by AUS are exempted from the English language proficiency admission requirement. Decisions regarding exemptions are made by the Office of Enrollment Management—Graduate Admissions. Applicants are required to present supporting documents.

Applying from outside the UAE?

Prior to making any plans to travel to AUS, contact the UAE Ministry of Education's Higher Education Affairs Division for a full list of the required documents and attestations to be obtained from your home country or the country in which you studied. Visit www.aus.edu/ms-apr for master's students or www.aus.edu/phd-apr for doctoral students.

Important Dates

Dates are tentative and subject to change. Check www.aus.edu/masters/deadlines or www.aus.edu/doctoral/deadlines for updates.

Spring Semester 2025: Master's and PhD Admission		Fall Semester 2025: Master's and PhD Admission	
October 7, 2024	Applications open for master's programs	October 7, 2025	Applications open for master's programs
November 21, 2024	Applications deadline with assistantship	November 25, 2024	Applications deadline with assistantship
December 26, 2024	Application deadline without assistantship	May 29, 2025	Applications deadline with assistantship
January 13, 2025	Course registration for new students	June 30, 2025	PhD admissions decision notification date
January 15, 2025	Welcome session for new students	June 30, 2025	Early File Completion
January 20, 2025	First day of classes	July 24, 2025	Application deadline without assistantship
The intake for AUS PhD programs is in the fall semester. Spring semester intake is occasional and must be checked with the programs.		August 18, 2025	Course registration for new students
		August 20, 2025	Welcome session for new students
		August 25, 2025	First day of classes

Tuition and Fees

Tuition and fees are subject to change. Check www.aus.edu for updated information and the full schedule of student fees. The total number of credit hours may change depending on admission type. The minimum number of courses may vary for students with a thesis or project option.

Program	Tuition/ Hour (AED)	Total Courses*	Minimum Credit Hours	Total Tuition Cost (AED)
College of Architecture, Art and Design				
Master of Urban Planning (MUP)	5,190	11	33	171,270
College of Arts and Sciences				
Master of Arts in International Studies (MAIS)	4,140	10	30	124,200
Master of Arts in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (MA TESOL)	4,140	10	30	124,200
Master of Science in Mathematics (MSMTH)	4,140	10	30	124,200
Doctor of Philosophy in Materials Science and Engineering (PhD-MSE)**	5,190	8	54	280,260
Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematics (PhD-MTH)**	5,190	8	54	280,260
College of Engineering				
All master of science engineering programs	5,190	10	30	155,700
Doctor of Biosciences and Bioengineering (PhD-BSBE)	5,190	8	54	280,260
Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering—Engineering Systems Management (PhD-ESM)**	5,190	8	54	280,260
School of Business Administration				
Master of Business Administration (general MBA)	5,190	11	33	171,270
Master of Science in Accounting (MSA)	5,190	10	30	155,700
Master of Science in Economics and Policy (MSEP)	5,190	10	30	155,700
Master of Science in Finance (MSF)	5,190	10	30	155,700
Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration (PhD-BA)***	5,190	11	60	311,400
Fees				
Application Fee AED 450 + 5% VAT				
Student Activities Fee AED 100 + 5% VAT				

* The number of courses depends on the program option selected by the student (as applicable). ** A minimum of 30 credits will be on dissertation.

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Paying for Graduate Study at AUS

Tuition fees are paid on a semester basis and are based on the number of credits a student is taking that semester. If the full fees cannot be paid immediately, installments can be arranged with the AUS Finance Department/Student Accounts. For more information, please see www.aus.edu/fees-payment.

Graduate Assistantships and Work-Study

AUS offers graduate students two types of on-campus employment: **graduate assistantships** and **graduate work-study positions**. Assistantships are available to qualified graduate students and are competitively awarded and merit based. A Graduate Research Assistantship offers students opportunities to develop research experience by working with a faculty member on research-related activities. A Graduate Teaching Assistantship gives students teaching-related experience by working as a lab assistant or assisting faculty members in courses. A variety of student work-study opportunities are available through specific departments, graduate programs and AUS internal research grants to faculty members.

For more information, see:

Master's: www.aus.edu/scholarship-ms | PhD: www.aus.edu/scholarship-phd

THE AUS STORY

AUS was founded in 1997 by His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, Member of the Supreme Council of the United Arab Emirates and Ruler of Sharjah. Sheikh Sultan articulated his vision of a distinctive institution against the backdrop of Islamic history and in the context of the aspirations and needs of contemporary society in the UAE and the Gulf region.

Firmly grounded in principles of meritocracy and with a strong reputation for academic excellence, AUS has come to represent the very best in teaching and research, accredited internationally and recognized by employers the world over for creating graduates equipped with the knowledge, skills and drive to lead.

AUS values learners not driven only by academic success, but by those that embrace our dynamic campus life and embody our ideals of openness, tolerance and respect. This combination of academic excellence and community spirit ensures AUS is filled with world-class faculty and students, poised to become the innovators, thinkers, contributors and leaders of tomorrow.



Take the next step

To learn about how you can enroll in our graduate programs, contact the Office of Enrollment Management– Graduate Admissions at **+971 6 515 1000**, graduateadmissions@aus.edu or log in to infodesk.aus.edu.

You may also contact the Office of Graduate Studies at **+971 6 515 4721**.

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