



BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

*We educate globally aware students ready
to meet the world's challenges.*

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



I would like to welcome you to the School of Arts and Sciences (SoAS) at AUD. In addition to offering the

university's general education program, the School also offers a BA in International Studies, BA in Psychology, several minors, and a Certificate in Middle Eastern Studies. SoAS prides itself on fostering the skills including critical thinking, communication, intercultural understanding, and global awareness that empower graduates to succeed as future leaders, thinkers, professionals and entrepreneurs.

At the heart of its mission, the School firmly believes that innovative thinking is grounded in a liberal arts education and hinges upon understanding issues from multiple perspectives. SoAS faculty are committed to employing teaching methodologies in the classroom that encourage active learning and critical analysis of texts. In its efforts to promote the global cultural literacy of all students, the School also pursues collaborative opportunities with international organizations and universities,

including most recently the London School of Economics, UNHCR and the British Society for Middle Eastern Studies, through jointly sponsored workshops, conferences and study abroad courses.

Equipped with a unique set of skills and an inquisitive mindset, our graduates go on to pursue careers in government and private sector organizations, including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Afghanistan, EXPO2020, and the Dubai Public Policy Research Centre. Others with an interest in academia or aiming to achieve greater expertise in a field of study have continued their graduate education at various universities, such as the Emirates Diplomatic Academy, The University of British Columbia, London School of Economics and the University of Glasgow, among others.

For further information on our faculty, programs, student extra- curricular engagement, please browse our webpage or contact the Office of Admissions at admissions@aud.edu.

Sabrina Joseph, Ph.D.
*Dean School of Arts & Sciences and
Professor of History*

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



In our increasingly interconnected world, there exists a growing need to better understand the politics, economics,

societies and cultures that make up the global community. Developed in response to this need, the Bachelor of Arts in International Studies (BAIS) offers practical, interdisciplinary training that prepares students to critically analyze today's most pressing global challenges. While transmitting curricular knowledge and real-world expertise to students, our diverse and experienced faculty inspire them to engage with the world as global citizens committed to making a difference.

Our curriculum offers students many opportunities to gain a breadth of knowledge in international affairs while specializing in an area of expertise of personal interest to them. Students also learn a foreign language during their first two years and gain hands-on experience in their field through an internship in the summer before their senior year. Effective communication through public speaking and writing,

data analysis, and academic research methods are among the many valuable skills that our students acquire at AUD. These skills remain highly sought-after and are directly transferable to the worlds of government and diplomacy, nongovernmental organizations, and international law and business.

Many of our students have continued their studies in top graduate universities around the world and have found rewarding careers in both the public and private sectors.

Our location in Dubai, a global financial center and one of the world's largest and busiest ports, further enhances our program's real-world relevance. Students attend classes in our campus in Media City - only a short metro ride away from dozens of major, globally connected companies and organizations, which our students plug into while building networks that will serve them during their professional lives.

We look forward to welcoming you to our program, as you embark on a global journey with us!

Elham Seyedsayamdost, Ph.D.
Chair, Department of International and Middle Eastern Studies

WHY INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AT AUD?

- 1) Our rigorous curriculum is taught by accomplished faculty with unparalleled interdisciplinary expertise and experience in academia, government, and international organizations.
- 2) Our program prepares you for graduate studies in a variety of fields in leading European and American universities.
- 3) Joining AUD's diverse community of students from 100 countries helps you build the kind of globe-spanning professional network that students at many universities can only dream of.
- 4) Our home is Dubai: a global hub for business, finance, media, and increasingly international and non-governmental organizations.
- 5) Our campus is in Media City – only a short metro trip away from dozens of major, globally-connected companies and organizations that can serve as internship platforms and jumpstart you into your professional career.

WHAT CAN I DO WHEN I GRADUATE?

- Government Service
- Diplomacy
- Security and Intelligence
- International Organizations
- Nongovernmental Organizations
- Research and Policy think tanks
- International Law
- International Banking
- International Business
- International Development
- Journalism – international reporting or war correspondent
- Public Relations
- Academia

WHO ARE OUR GRADUATES?



Jourie Kolthoum (Class of 2015)

I am a proud AUD alumna, particularly because my experience at AUD helped make me the person I am today. The four years I spent studying at AUD not only gave me a Bachelor's Degree, they built my personality and character, and fostered in me the values and beliefs I am proud to hold dear today. I particularly owe everything to my professors, who had unwavering faith in my capabilities and opened up many future opportunities for me, such as paving the way for me to travel to London and pursue my MSc in International Relations at the London School of Economics and Political Science. I am now working as an Associate Country Manager for Expo2020 Dubai, and my goal is to prove myself at the professional level, as I did at the academic level. I want to be an active employee, and hope to successfully witness the development of Expo2020 into reality."



Hamidullah Abawi (Class of 2016)

"It has always been my passion to study politics. The International Studies program at AUD was the perfect combination of politics, economics, business, and history. I am now working for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Afghanistan. Studying at AUD has allowed me to acquire knowledge and a set of skills which I am implementing in my new job."



Zainab Jalal (Class of 2017)

"Being an undergraduate student in International Studies at AUD was a great opportunity for me. I can undeniably say that taking courses like International Development, Globalization, Geopolitics, and Contemporary Historical and Political Issues provided me with the right analytical and critical thinking tools vital to understanding today's world. I also developed a wide range of interpersonal skills through my extra-curricular activities at AUD by creating 'The Theatre Society' and participating in student clubs like the International Studies Association Chapter and AUDMUN. During the course of three years, I also had the chance to meet great intellectuals who have been my mentors, preparing me for the world outside of AUD. I am now pursuing an MSc in Empires, Colonialism and Globalization at the London School of Economics and Political Science. I aim to one day contribute to the overall development of India and open new doors for the Indian society."

ABOUT BAIS

Program Mission

The Mission of the B.A.I.S. is to provide students with an interdisciplinary educational experience focusing on Politics, History, Business, and Culture. The program is designed to enhance students' employment opportunities within the global marketplace and increase their ability to examine global issues from various perspectives.

Program Goals

The B.A.I.S. is an interdisciplinary program combining courses in the areas of business, social sciences and humanities, and arts and sciences. The primary goal of this degree is the development of students as leaders in an increasingly globalized world, while students learn the critical tools of several disciplines through interdisciplinary study. The wider goals of the program, which reflect this focus, are:

- *To promote the diversity of culture against a background of increasing interdependence and globalization at both the economic and political levels;*
- *To prepare students for international careers in the global marketplace;*
- *To develop students capable of understanding and analyzing international issues from a variety of theoretical frameworks; and*
- *To foster collaboration among students, and support the development of research, analytical, and language skills.*



Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the degree, students will be able to

- *Communicate effectively both orally and in writing at an intermediate level in a language other than English;*
- *Demonstrate understanding of the connections between culture, business, economics, and politics;*
- *Apply the principles of political science to analyze key topics in international affairs and the interconnection between local and global geo-political issues and events;*
- *Synthesize fundamental tenets of business and economics with increased awareness and basic understanding of how international corporations and global markets operate;*
- *Critically examine personal values, religious beliefs, social norms and issues coming from diverse cultures, world views, and experiences;*
- *Identify historical events, issues and themes, which have shaped current world conditions.*

PROGRAM FEATURES

- Four core disciplines: Politics, Economics, Business, and History
- Three program tracks: International Relations, Middle Eastern Studies, and International Development
- Students acquire competency in a second language
- The degree program cultivates a foundation in international affairs during students' first two years
- Students customize their programs based on their individual objectives during their final two years
- Seminar courses within International Studies are focused on contemporary, relevant, and timely themes and problems
- Students design and implement their own capstone research projects and present their results to the campus community during their senior year
- Students conduct an internship in the summer between their junior and senior years, better prepared to enter the work force or to continue their educational pursuits in graduate school

B.A.I.S. COURSE SEQUENCING

All candidates for the B.A. in International Studies should adhere to the course sequencing noted in the chart below.

The B.A.I.S. is a 124 credit-hour program.

	Fall	Spring
Year I	ENGL 101 (Composition and Rhetoric)	ENGL 102 (Advanced Composition and Research)
	MATH 200 (Mathematics with Business Applications)	MATH 201 (Fundamentals of Statistics)
	SCIE ELE (Science Elective)	COMP 101 (Introduction to Computers)
	MEST 101 (Elementary Arabic I) or FREN 101 (Elementary French I) or SPAN 101 (Elementary Spanish I)	MEST 102 (Elementary Arabic II) or FREN 102 (Elementary French II) or SPAN 102 (Elementary Spanish II)
	SOCI 201 (Introduction to Sociology)	SSCI ELE (Social Sciences Elective)
	UNIV 100 (The University Experience)	
Year II	ENGL 103 (Introduction to Literature)	PSPK 101 (Public Speaking)
	ECON 201 (Principles of Microeconomics)	ECON 202 (Principles of Macroeconomics)
	POLS 200 (Introduction to Political Science)	POLS 210 (Introduction to International Relations)
	MEST 201 (Intermediate Arabic I) or FREN 201 (Intermediate French I) or SPAN 201 (Intermediate Spanish I)	MEST 202 (Intermediate Arabic II) or FREN 202 (Intermediate French II) or SPAN 202 (Intermediate Spanish II)
	HIST 252 (World History from 1500 to Present)	INST 201 (Introduction to International Development)
Year III	WLDC 201 (World Cultures II)	WLDC 202 (World Cultures II)
	ISST ELE (Islamic Studies Elective)	PHIL 250 (Political Philosophy)
	INST 388 (Research Methodology)	SOCI 301 (Globalization)
	TRK Elective	TRK Elective
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Summer: INST 398 (International Studies Internship)		
Year IV	INST 498 (International Studies Capstone I)	INST 499 (International Studies Capstone II)
	TRK Elective	TRK Elective
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ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST

Please make sure that the following items are included with your application. Your admission will depend on the receipt of all required documents throughout the review of your application.

Official English translations of all supporting educational documents must be submitted. Translations must be literal (i.e., word-for-word).

- Completed Application for Undergraduate Admission
- Official school records for grades 10 and 11 stamped by the school.
- Official school records for grade 12 should be attested by the appropriate authority of the U.A.E. Ministry of Education – Higher Education Affairs.
- Attestation for international students: grade 12 transcript and diploma must be attested by the Ministry of Education of home country, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of home country and U.A.E. Embassy in home country. Please note that true copies of your grade 12 documents must bear original attestations.
- High school diploma - original required for verification.
- Equivalency letter is also required from the Knowledge & Human Development Authority (KHDA) (following the referring educational zone) for students who graduated from the U.A.E. & the U.A.E. Ministry of Education for students who graduated from outside the U.A.E.
- Paper-Based TOEFL® min. score of 550 + 4.0 on TWE (essay) or
- Internet-based TOEFL® min. score of 79 + 24 on the writing part, or
- Academic IELTS™ min. score of 6.5 + 6.5 on the writing part
- EMSAT min. score 1550 + C1 on the writing part
- SAT® Reasoning Test scores with min. 560 in Math (Engineering and Architecture applicants are also required to take a Math placement test at AUD).
- Two recent passport size photographs
- Passport photocopy with validity page
- Photocopy of UAE Residency Visa
- Photocopy of Emirates ID (both sides)
- Army exemption letter for all UAE nationals
- Non-refundable application fee of AED 420. A reservation deposit (non-refundable) of AED 5,000 which is fully applied toward tuition, is required upon acceptance for admission.
- Completed Health History Form. This form must be signed and stamped by a Physician.

The School of Arts and Sciences also offers a Certificate in Middle Eastern Studies as well as a series of minors that enhance students' knowledge in the specified disciplines. These include:

***Certificate in Middle Eastern Studies
The Middle Eastern Studies***

Certificate is an 18-credit hour program designed to give students an appreciation and understanding of the region in which they are currently studying and in which many will be pursuing professional careers. It is an opportunity for these students to enhance their knowledge of the cultural, historical, and political factors that have shaped the Middle East through time and to a large extent, explain the profile and texture of the current Middle Eastern landscape.

Minor in Health Studies

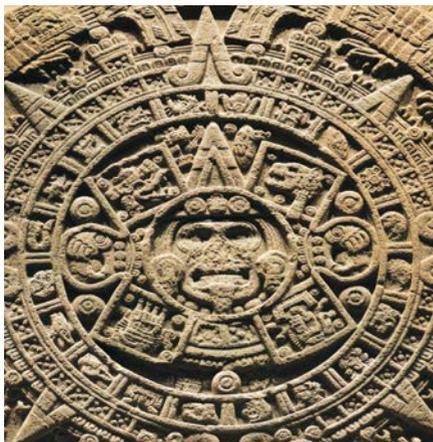
The minor in Health Studies provides students an opportunity to learn about global and local issues in health sciences and innovation, needed to cater for growing global populations and their healthcare needs in the 21st century. Students from all Schools can register for this minor.

Minor in History

The minor in History allows students to develop a focused knowledge of history, but is designed to allow the development of that understanding to be spread out among various branches within the field of history.

Minor in Humanities

The minor in Humanities allows students to explore the general field of subjects classified under the category of "Humanities", but also requires them to investigate different subject areas in order to understand the importance of the humanities.



Minor in Literature

The Literature minor allows students to develop a focused knowledge of literature, while allowing students the flexibility to direct their attention toward periods or genres that hold particular interest to them.

Minor in Middle Eastern Studies

The minor in Middle Eastern Studies is open to students majoring in any field except International Studies. This minor allows students to learn more about the local geographical region, but it also requires them to investigate different subject areas in order to develop a broad Understanding of its richness and complexity.

Minor in Politics

The minor in Politics is open to students majoring in any field except International

Studies. This minor allows students to learn more about various aspects of politics and how it manifests itself in various locations.

Minor in Social Sciences

The minor in Social Sciences allows students to explore the general field of subjects classed under the category of “Social Sciences”, but also requires them to investigate different subject areas in order to understand the importance of the social sciences.

Minor in Mathematics

The minor in Mathematics is open to students majoring in any program area except Engineering. It allows students to complete the lower-division sequence of courses from a typical mathematics degree program, and allows for some emphasis in either theoretical mathematics or in probability and statistics.



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School of Arts and Sciences

The School of Arts and Sciences exemplifies the tradition that a college education liberates the mind. The School values the pursuit of knowledge for its own sake and believes that all college graduates are capable of studying a broad spectrum of subjects and of following a rational process to draw conclusions and inferences.

ADMISSIONS AT AUD

The mission of the Office of Admissions is to admit to AUD's degree programs students who possess appropriate credentials and the demonstrated capacity and potential to successfully complete the educational programs provided by the university and meaningfully participate in the total educational experience offered by AUD.

The Admissions Office consists of a professional team that assists prospective students gain accessibility to opportunities in higher education. The Admissions team is held to a high level of integrity and is charged with providing quality service and accurate information to all students.

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