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BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES



Educating globally-aware citizens who are 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 Bachelor of Arts (BA) in International Studies, a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Psychology, a Master of Arts (MA) in International Affairs, a Certificate in Middle Eastern Studies, and several minors. SOAS prides itself in fostering skills such as 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 the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), the United Nations Refugee Agency (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 pursue careers in government, non-profit organizations, and the private sector. In the recent past, these have included, among others, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Afghanistan and UAE; Embassies and Consulates of a variety of countries in the UAE, such as Egypt and Kazakhstan; international financial institutions such as the Asian Development Bank; and research institutions such as 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 universities such as LSE, Leeds University, the University of British Columbia, the University of Glasgow, and Emirates Diplomatic Academy, among others.

I invite you to learn more about our faculty, programs, and extracurricular opportunities by browsing our webpage or contacting the Office of Admissions at admissions@aud.edu.

Dr. Micah Robbins

Acting Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences



A message from the Chair

In our increasingly interconnected world, there exists an imperative to understand the politics, economics, societies, and cultures that make up the global community. Developed in response to this imperative, the Bachelor of Arts in International Studies (BAIS) offers AUD students practical, interdisciplinary training that prepares them 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.

The BAIS curriculum offers students many opportunities to gain a breadth of knowledge in international affairs, while specializing in an area of expertise that is of personal interest to them. Students also learn a foreign language during their first two years of study and gain hands-on training in their field through an internship with a leading international organization. Our Certificate in Middle Eastern Studies offers BAIS majors, non-majors, and study-abroad students the chance to gain academic expertise in the study of the Middle East, while documenting this expertise through an accredited certificate program. Effective communication through public speaking and writing, data analysis, and academic research methods are among the many valuable skills that our students acquire within both the BAIS and Certificate programs. These skills remain highly desirable and are directly transferable to careers in 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.

AUD's location in Dubai – a global financial center and one of the world's largest commercial hubs – further enhances our programs' real-world relevance. Students attend classes on our campus in Media City, which lies only a short metro ride away from dozens of globally connected companies and organizations. Dubai's regional prominence also connects our department with various experts and institutions throughout the Middle East. This has made our BAIS and Certificate programs attractive to international students – including study abroad students – since their inception.

We look forward to welcoming you into our department and connecting you to the exciting world that both AUD and Dubai have to offer.

Dr. Matthew Ingalls

Chair, Department of International and Middle Eastern Studies

WHY?

Why International Studies at AUD?

- 1) Our rigorous curriculum is taught by accomplished faculty with interdisciplinary expertise and experience in academia, government, and international organizations.
- 2) Our program prepares students for graduate studies in a variety of fields in leading American and European universities.
- 3) Joining AUD's diverse community of students from over 100 countries helps students build a professional network that is unrivaled in its international scope.
- 4) Our home is Dubai: a global hub for business, finance, media, and international and non-governmental organizations.
- 5) Our campus is in Media City – only a short metro trip away from dozens of globally-connected companies and organizations that serve as internship platforms to jumpstart students' professional careers.

What Can I Do When I Graduate?

- Government Service
- International Banking
- Diplomacy
- International Business
- Security and Intelligence
- International Development
- International Organizations
- Journalism
- Nongovernmental Organizations
- Public Relations
- Research and Policy Think Tanks
- Academia
- International Law

ALUMNI



FATMA TAHER

“During my four years at AUD, I gained so much knowledge from being an International Studies student, and I owe that to my professors who helped me exceed my capabilities. I was exposed to many different fields, ranging from politics and business to learning a new language. It opened up many career paths for me. After graduating from AUD, I joined the Al Maktoum Leadership Program in Scotland and Paris to broaden my knowledge of different cultures, politics, and histories around the world. I then started working in the Prime Minister's Office at the Ministry of Cabinet Affairs and the Future. I recently joined the Dubai Free Zone Authority as a Senior Executive, and I am in the process of developing my own personal business venture.



LAVEEZA KHAN

“My four years at AUD helped pave the way for the experiences that came thereafter, and my experience studying International Studies will always remain unparalleled. I was provided with a safe and welcoming environment wherein I could share my thoughts and ideas about the world. The interdisciplinary nature of International Studies enhanced my critical thinking, which helped me gain a deeper understanding of not only current affairs, but also global issues of the past that have shaped the world we live in today. Additionally, the International Studies program equipped me with the knowledge and tools needed to face challenging global issues head on and to open thought-provoking dialogues on these issues. The constant support from the faculty helped me imagine a future in which I could pursue my lifelong dream of studying law. After graduating from AUD, I moved to London and obtained a law degree with distinction. I am now studying to enter the bar, and I hope to use the work ethic and skills I learned at AUD to become a responsible and productive member of society.



SIDRA RAHIMY

“ My time as an International Studies student at AUD has allowed me to develop the skills and knowledge that I expected from my degree. The International and Middle Eastern Studies (IMES) department and its impressive faculty instructed me on a wide range of topics that have allowed me to gain a holistic understanding of the international arena. Aside from academics, I also gained extensive knowledge and expertise from my work with AUD Model United Nations (AUDMUN), which taught me organizational skills equivalent to any internship position. The support from the professors, the Dean, and the Chair of the department is constant and nurturing. I joined the BAIS program to gain a better understanding of politics and international relations, and after four years, I have managed to gain so much more knowledge than I anticipated in the fields of business, economics, and statistics. I will always be thankful to the IMES department for pushing me to continually better myself as a student and global citizen.





ABOUT

Program Mission

The Mission of the BAIS 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 BAIS is an interdisciplinary program combining courses in the areas of business, social sciences, 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
- Prepare students for international careers in the global marketplace
- Develop students capable of understanding and analyzing international issues from a variety of theoretical frameworks
- 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 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 at AUD
- Students customize their programs based on their individual objectives during their final two years at AUD
- 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 at AUD
- Students conduct an internship in the summer between their junior and senior years that prepares them to enter the workforce or to pursue an advanced degree in graduate school

PROGRAM

B.A.I.S. Course Sequencing

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

The BAIS is a 124 credit-hour program.

	Fall	Spring
Year I	ARAB ELE (Arabic Elective)	COMP 101 (IT and Innovation in Today's World)
	ENGL 101 (Composition and Rhetoric)	GEN ELE (General Elective)
	MATH 101 (Mathematics for the Arts)	ENGL 102 (Advanced Composition and Research)
	SCIE ELE (Science Elective)	MATH 201 (Fundamentals of Statistics)
	SOCI 201 (Introduction to Sociology)	SSCI ELE (Social Sciences Elective)
	UNIV 100 (The University Experience)	
Year II	ECON 201 (Principles of Microeconomics)	ECON 202 (Principles of Macroeconomics)
	ENGL 103 (Introduction to Literature)	INST 201 (Introduction to International Development)
	HIST 252 (World History since 1500 CE)	Language 102
	Language 101	POLS 210 (Introduction to International Relations)
	POLS 200 (Introduction to Political Science)	PSPK 101 (Public Speaking)
Year III	INST 388 (Research Methodology)	Language 202
	ISST ELE (Islamic Cultural Studies Elective)	PHIL 250 (Political Philosophy)
	Language 201	SOCI 301 (Globalization)
	TRK ELE (Track Elective)	TRK ELE (Track Elective)
	TRK ELE (Track Elective)	TRK ELE (Track Elective)
INST 398 (International Studies Internship)		
Year IV	GEN ELE (General Elective)	GEN ELE (General Elective)
	INST 498 (International Studies Capstone I)	INST 499 (International Studies Capstone II)
	TRK ELE (Track Elective)	TRK ELE (Track Elective)
	TRK ELE (Track Elective)	TRK ELE (Track Elective)
	WLDC 201 (World Cultures I: Cultural Encounters and Historical Transformation) or WLDC 202 (World Cultures II: Culture and Innovation in a Globalized World)	



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 are required. Translations must be literal (i.e., word-for-word).

- A completed online Application for Admission.
- An official, attested high school/secondary school transcript (academic record) covering the last three years.
- High school diploma.
- Equivalency letter from the UAE Ministry of Education.
- Official test scores: TOEFL® / Academic IELTS™ / EmSAT and SAT®*.
- Army exemption letter for all UAE nationals.

**Specific exemptions apply*

Financial Requirements

- Non-refundable application fee of AED 420.

Additional details and the online application are available online:

www.aud.edu



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 a range of disciplines. These include:

Certificate in Middle Eastern Studies

This is an 18-19 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 pursue professional careers. It is an opportunity for students to enhance their knowledge of the cultural, historical, and political factors that have shaped the Middle East through time and 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 that are needed to care for growing global populations and their healthcare needs. 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 among various branches within the field of history. Courses which satisfy the International Studies Core may not be used to complete the minor in History.

Minor in Humanities

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

Minor in Literature

The minor in Literature allows students to develop a focused knowledge of literature, while giving students the flexibility to direct their attention toward periods or genres that hold particular interest to them. Courses which satisfy the International Studies Core may not be used to complete the minor in Literature.



Minor in Middle Eastern Studies

The minor in Middle Eastern Studies teaches students about the local geographical region, but it also allows them to investigate different subject areas in order to develop a broad understanding of the Middle East's richness and complexity. This minor is open to students majoring in any field except International Studies, and courses counting toward the Certificate in Middle Eastern Studies will not count toward this minor.

Minor in Politics

The minor in Politics allows students to learn more about various aspects of politics and how it manifests itself in different areas. This minor is open to students majoring in any field except International Studies.

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 it also allows them to investigate different subject areas in order to understand the importance of the social sciences. Courses that satisfy the International Studies Core may not be used to complete the minor in Social Sciences.

Minor in Mathematics

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

Minor in Psychology

The minor in Psychology exposes students to a broad range of psychological topics and issues that shed light on human behavior, mental health, and community and organizational well-being.

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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 Office of Admissions 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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ACCREDITED IN THE UAE & THE USA

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AUD is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award Baccalaureate and Master's degree levels. Questions about the accreditation of AUD may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097 USA, by calling +1 (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on SACSCOC's website (www.sacscoc.org).