

## OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

# Academic Partners and Affiliates Exchange and Study Abroad Programs Information Sheet for Spring 2018

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## **Academic Program Information**

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

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

Al Akhawayn University follows a North American Curriculum

Normal Course Load: 15 Credits (5 classes)

1 Course = 3 scholastic credit hours (SCH)

1 SCH = 15 contact hours

Minimum Credits per semester: 12 undergraduate, 9 graduate

## Semester /Program Dates

Semester 1 (Fall)Normally3<sup>rd</sup> week of August to 3<sup>rd</sup> week of DecemberSemester 2 (Spring)Normally3<sup>rd</sup> week of January to 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May

## **Application Deadlines for Exchange or Study Abroad**

Semester 1 (Fall)01 March (nominations), 15 March (online applications)Semester 2 (Spring)01 October (nominations), 15 October (online application)

## **Arrival and Orientation**

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

#### **Departure**

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

Estimated Costs/Fees to study at AUI		
Costs and fees are waived on	Exchange	Study
Based specific agreements.	Agreement	Abroad
International Tuition (15 SCH)	waived	45,675 MAD
Books deposit (estimate)	3,000 MAD	3,000 MAD
Housing	5,600 MAD or waived	5,600 MAD
Housing Deposit (refundable)	1,000 MAD	1,000 MAD
Health Services	700 MAD or waived	700 MAD
Internet Access	900 MAD or waived	900 MAD
Student Activities	1,500 MAD or waived	1,500 MAD
ID Card	200 MAD or waived	200 MAD
Health Insurance	660 MAD or waived	660 MAD
Orientation	160 MAD or waived	160 MAD
Residency Document Service	200 MAD	200 MAD
Restaurant Access Fee	2,000 MAD or waived	2,000 MAD
Printing Fee	100 MAD not waived	100 MAD
Full Meal Plan	12,075MAD or waived	12,075 MAD
Total	28.095MAD NOT waived	73,770 MAD
Fez Airport or Fez train station Pickup (Optional)	200.00 MAD	200.00 MAD
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Pocket money	\$1,000 USD per semester recommended

# Learning Environment

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

## **Rules and Regulations**

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

- Strict sex segregation in dormitories/student residences. Males and females are not allowed to enter dormitories designated for the opposite sex at any time of the day or night. Breaking this rule will lead to disciplinary action which is usually expulsion from the university. Please note that are only a few sex/gender segregated spaces on campus including the locker rooms in the gymnasium, some restrooms, and some areas of the mosque.
- 2) No illegal drugs or alcohol of any kind are allowed on campus. Breaking this rule will lead to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the university.

- 3) A midnight curfew is in place during weeknights Sunday to Thursday. Students who willfully break the curfew will not be turned away from the university which is always to be considered a secure location. However their action may lead to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the university depending on circumstance.
- 4) Attendance is compulsory in all classes. Missing three or more classes without an excused absence will lead to the grade "withdraw failing" (WF). Full details are in the Student Handbook.

### Accommodation on Campus

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

### Housing Fees outside regular semesters

There is a charge for housing during end of semester breaks. This fee will be based on the daily rate for the room. For example, in 2014 this fee was 75 MAD per night for a double room. Students are not normally asked to remove belongings from the room during the winter break between semesters.

## Language Courses

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

#### **Popular Course Offerings**

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

Arabic as a foreign language (ARA)	Economic Development in the Middle East and North
Arabic for native speakers (ARB)	Africa
French as a foreign language (FRE)	Political Anthropology
French as a second language (FRN)	Theories & Models of International Relations
Islamic Art and Architecture	History and Culture of the Berbers
History of the Arab World	Issues in the Multi-Cultural Workplace
North African Politics and Government	Comparative Accounting Systems
History of North Africa and Middle East in the 20th	Macroeconomics
Century	International Marketing
Arab Society	International Trade
Middle Eastern Politics	International Finance
Women in Culture and the Media	International Marketing
Women in Society and Politics	International Law
Sex, Gender and Politics	Seminar in International Management
Women and Economic Development	Computer Science
Economic Geography	Chemistry
Political Geography	Biology
Politics in the Developing World	Electric Circuits
Introduction to the European Union	Linear Algebra
Social Statistics	Materials Science
Media and Development	Wireless Communications and Networks