

study abroad EGYPT

American University in Cairo (AUC)

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Location

The American University in Cairo lies in the heart of Egypt's capital, a bustling, vibrant city of 16 million. As one would expect from a large city in a developing country, Cairo is a complex and fascinating mix of ancient and modern. Where else can you visit the pyramids and go to a modern dance club all in the same day? A long-standing friend of the US, Egypt makes an excellent and safe place to study the Middle East.

The University

Founded in 1919 by Americans who wished to offer an American-style higher education to Egyptians, AUC today still follows its original mission, while giving the same opportunity to non-Egyptians from the rest of the Middle East, Europe, and North America. AUC's urban campus comprises several distinct buildings, including a former 1860s palace.

Course Options

With nearly 40 programs of study, including Arabic Studies, Egyptology, engineering, Middle East Studies, theatre, and the sciences, AUC has virtually something for every student.

Accommodations & Meals

AUC's residence halls are located in Zamalek, the large island bisecting the Nile as it flows through Cairo. Zamalek is a residential and diplomatic enclave, offering quiet, peaceful, and safe surroundings. The residence hall is self-contained, featuring a cafeteria, exercise room, computer lab, medical clinic, student lounge, and a branch of the AUC bookstore. AUC offers no meal plan; instead, students can purchase low-cost individual meals from one of several campus eateries, or from one of the many restaurants nearby or in the city.

Student Life

AUC has a very active student life, offering students many opportunities to attend social events, both formal and informal, ranging from Nile dinner cruises to horseback-riding in the desert.

Eligibility & Application

Any full-time SDSU student at the sophomore level or above and in good academic standing may apply for the AUC program. Students in any major may apply, but are encouraged to consult with their respective academic advisors before beginning the application process. There is no minimum GPA, but students with a 2.5 GPA or better are more likely to be accepted into the program. In addition to an application form, students are required to submit official transcripts, two letters of reference, and a written statement of purpose as part of the application process. Spaces are limited and admission to the program is competitive. **Deadlines for application are February 1 for Fall semester or full-year admissions, and September 1 for Spring semester admissions.**

Costs & Financial Aid

Because of a special agreement with SDSU, our students receive a substantial discount on the cost of tuition at AUC, paying the equivalent of South Dakota non-resident tuition. Fees and meals are roughly the same as what a student would pay here at SDSU. Additional costs include international airfare, passport (and visa), and personal expenses, including additional travel. This program is eligible for state and federal financial aid. Please consult the SDSU Office of Financial Aid for details.

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