

Graduate Admission Policy

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Purpose

This document sets out the AU policy on admissions to graduate programs, and it is applied by the Unit of Student Recruitment and Admissions. AU does not discriminate in recruitment and admissions on the basis of ethnicity, religion, disability, immigration status, gender, or other such considerations.

Definitions

University: Ajman University.

Admissions Period: The period during which applicants can submit their admission application to the Unit of Student Recruitment and Admissions.

Application Level: Admission application category, graduate level.

Active Application: An application that is not marked as “Cancelled”, “Expired”, “Enrolled”, “Rejected”, or “Declined”.

Admissions Offer Letter: A letter issued by the Unit of Student Recruitment and Admissions, informing the applicants of their successful admission to the programs they have applied for.

Application Rejection Letter: A letter issued by the Unit of Student Recruitment and Admissions notifying the applicant of the rejection of their admission application.

Waiting List: A list in which the college temporarily places students until a seat for the selected program is available. Only students who opted for the waiting list on their application can be placed on the list.

Admission and Registration Fee: The fee collected to process a student’s application and registration for his/her study at the University.

Application ID: A generated number, used to track the status of the submitted application before a decision is taken.

Seat Reservation Deposit: This is collected for certain programs in order to confirm the student’s acceptance of the offer letter. The deposit is debited from the student’s account for future use as part of the tuition fees of the first semester of study.

System of Education and Graduate Programs Offered

The University utilizes the credit hour system. This system requires that students earn a total number of credit hours, as determined by the University, to complete their program of study. The required number of credit hours is distributed over a certain number of semesters, depending on the program.

All AU Graduate programs are accredited by the Commission for Academic Accreditation (CAA) of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, UAE.

The Graduate Programs Offered by AU

College	Degree/ Concentration	Total Credit Hours
Business Administration إدارة الأعمال	Master of Business Administration (MBA) ماجستير إدارة الأعمال <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human Resource Management إدارة الموارد البشرية Financial Management الإدارة المالية Strategic and Digital Marketing التسويق الاستراتيجي والرقمي 	30
	Master of Science in Business Analytics ماجستير العلوم في تحليل الأعمال	30
	Micro-Master in Strategic and Digital Marketing الماجستير المصغر في التسويق الاستراتيجي والرقمي	12
	Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) دكتوراه في إدارة الأعمال	60
Engineering & Information Technology الهندسة وتكنولوجيا المعلومات	Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence ماجستير العلوم في الذكاء الاصطناعي	30
	Micro-Master in Artificial Intelligence الماجستير المصغر في الذكاء الاصطناعي	12
	Doctor of Philosophy in Artificial Intelligence دكتوراه الفلسفة في الذكاء الاصطناعي	54
Architecture, Art and Design العمارة والفنون والتصميم	Master of Science in Urban Design ماجستير العلوم في التصميم الحضري	30
Law القانون	Master of Law in Private Law ماجستير القانون في القانون الخاص	33
	Master of Law in Public Law ماجستير القانون في القانون العام	33
	Doctor of Philosophy in Law دكتوراه الفلسفة في القانون	57
	Postgraduate Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration دبلوم الدراسات العليا في التحكيم التجاري الدولي	24
Dentistry طب الأسنان	Master of Science in Restorative Dentistry ماجستير العلوم في طب الأسنان الترميمي	74
	Master of Science in Endodontics ماجستير العلوم في علاج الجذور ولب الأسنان	70

College	Degree/ Concentration	Total Credit Hours
	Master of Science in Pediatric Dentistry ماجستير العلوم في طب أسنان الأطفال	67
	Master of Clinical Dentistry in Prosthodontics ماجستير طب الأسنان الإكلينيكي في الاستعاضات السنية	82
	Master of Science in Orthodontics ماجستير العلوم في تقويم الأسنان	72
	Master of Science in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery ماجستير العلوم في جراحة الفم والوجه والفكين	78
	Doctorate of Clinical Dentistry in Prosthodontics دكتوراه طب الأسنان الكلينيكي في تركيبات الأسنان	106
Pharmacy & Health Sciences الصيدلة والعلوم الصحية	Master of Science in Clinical Pharmacy ماجستير العلوم في الصيدلة السريرية	39
	Doctor of Pharmacy (Post-Bachelor) دكتور في الصيدلة (ما بعد البكالوريوس)	70
	CBMC in Healthcare Management and Leadership الشهادة المصغرة المعتمدة في الإدارة والقيادة في الرعاية الصحية	9
Mass Communication الإعلام	Master of Public Relations and Corporate Communication ماجستير العلاقات العامة والاتصال المؤسسي	33
	Master in Digital Media ماجستير في الاعلام الرقمي	30
	CBMC in Social Media Content Creation الشهادة المصغرة المعتمدة في صناعة المحتوى لوسائل التواصل الاجتماعي	9
Humanities and Sciences الإنسانيات والعلوم	Professional Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching دبلوم الدراسات العليا المهني في التدريس	24
	Master of Digital Sociology ماجستير علم الاجتماع الرقمي	30
	Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology ماجستير الآداب في علم النفس الإكلينيكي	30
	Master of Education in innovative Teaching and Learning ماجستير التربية في التعليم والتعلم المبتكر	30

Admission Requirements to AU graduate programs

Ajman University has entry conditions designed to admit students to pursue graduate degrees who show a potential for a high level of performance, based on their previous academic record and other indicators of ability.

- a. Applications for admission should be submitted online before the beginning of the semester according to the dates specified in the AU calendar.
 - For admission to Diploma programs or Master programs, the applicant must be a holder of a Bachelor's Degree issued in the UAE or its equivalent accredited by the UAE Ministry of Education – Higher Education Affairs.
 - For admission to a Doctorate program, the applicant must be a holder of a Bachelor's Degree & Master's Degree issued in the UAE or its equivalent accredited by the UAE Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research.

AU's admission policy is non-discriminatory and the decision to admit a student is made on a competitive basis, considering the number of available seats according to the University's available resources and CAA guidelines and circulars.

Full admission:

For Full admission, the applicant must satisfy the following:

- i. Applicants for the Professional Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching program must hold a four-year Bachelor's degree (any discipline), with a minimum CGPA of 3.0 on a scale of 4.0, or its equivalent.
- ii. Applicants for the Postgraduate Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration must hold a Bachelor's degree (any discipline), with a minimum CGPA of 3.0 on a scale of 4.0, or its equivalent. With a minimum of two to four years of professional experience in their field.
- iii. Applicants for Master's programs must hold a Bachelor's degree in the same discipline, with a minimum CGPA of 3.0 on a scale of 4.0, or its equivalent.
- iv. Applicants for Doctorate programs must hold a Master's degree in the same discipline, with a minimum CGPA of 3.0 on a scale of 4.0, or its equivalent.
- v. Bachelor's / Master's degree must be issued from an accredited university recognized by the Ministry of Education - Higher Education Affairs, UAE
- vi. Submission of a valid English Proficiency test certificate with the following scores:
 - For Professional Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching program or Master programs taught in Arabic, the applicant must achieve a minimum IELTS Academic score of 4.5 or its equivalent.
 - For Postgraduate Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration and Master programs taught in English, the applicant must achieve a minimum IELTS Academic score of 6 or its equivalent.
 - Applicants for Master programs taught in English may be exempted from the English proficiency requirement only for students who undertook all their schooling (K-12) plus a Bachelor's degree in English in a reference English-speaking country (e.g. UK, USA, Australia, New Zealand).

- For Postgraduate Diploma and Master’s degree programs taught in English, applicants who have completed an undergraduate program taught in English at AU are not required to submit an English proficiency certificate. This exemption also applies to applicants who have completed their undergraduate program taught in English at other accredited institutions, provided they submit an evidence that their undergraduate program had similar or higher English proficiency requirement.
 - For DBA program, the applicant must achieve a minimum IELTS Academic score of 6 or its equivalent. Applicants who achieved a score of 6 in the Academic IELTS (or its equivalent) as an admission requirement for their Master’s program (taught in English), can apply with their previous English proficiency certificate or its equivalent.
 - For Doctor of Philosophy in Law, and Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology programs the applicant must achieve a minimum IELTS Academic score of 5 or its equivalent.
- vii. Passing the interview for the programs of DBA, Master's programs in Dentistry, Master of Science in Clinical Pharmacy
- viii. Applicants must pay the admission fee.
- ix. Applicants for DBA, Doctor of Philosophy in Artificial Intelligence, and Dentistry programs must pay the seat reservation fee.

Conditional admission requirements for Master programs and Postgraduate Diploma programs

Subject to availability of seats, conditional admission may be granted if the applicant achieves a CGPA between 2.0 and 2.99 and/or if (the program is taught in English) his/her English Proficiency score is between 5.5 (IELTS Academic) and less than 6 (IELTS Academic) or its equivalent.

Exceptions to the English proficiency requirement apply to Postgraduate Diploma and Master’s programs taught in English. Applicants who have completed an undergraduate program taught in English at AU, as well as applicants from other accredited institutions with a comparable English-proficiency requirement, are exempt from conditional admission based on English language proficiency.

a) Conditional admission due to non-fulfillment of CGPA requirement

- a.1.** If the applicant has a recognized Bachelor’s degree with a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 2.5-2.99 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent and achieved an English Proficiency with a minimum score of 5.5 (Academic IELTS) or its equivalent, in that case, he/she may be conditionally admitted to the Postgraduate Diploma program or to one of the Master's programs. Students under this category will be allowed to continue in the program only if they meet the following conditions:
- Must take six credit hours of courses from the program’s study plan (as per the advice of his/her academic advisor) in the first semester of study and
 - achieve a minimum CGPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale by the end of his/her first semester.
 - Must achieve a minimum IELTS Academic score of 6 or its equivalent, by the end of the student's first semester of study.
 - Failure to meet the above conditions will result in dismissal from the program.
- a.2.** If the applicant has a recognized Bachelor’s degree with a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 2.0-2.49 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent and achieved an

English Proficiency with a minimum score of 5.5 (Academic IELTS) or its equivalent, In that case, he/she may be conditionally admitted to the Postgraduate Diploma program or to one of the Master's programs. Students under this category will be allowed to progress to the graduate program only if he/she meets the following conditions during the first semester of conditional admission or be subject to dismissal:

- Must take a maximum of nine graduate-level credit hours as remedial preparation for the graduate program (these remedial courses are not for credit within the degree program).
- Must achieve a minimum CGPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in these remedial courses in order to progress to the graduate program.
- Must achieve a minimum IELTS Academic score of 6 or its equivalent, by the end of the student's first semester of study
- Failure to meet the above conditions will result in dismissal from the program.

b) Conditional admission due to non-fulfillment of English Proficiency requirement

b.1. If the applicant has recognized Bachelor's degree and achieved an English Proficiency with a minimum score of 5.5 (Academic IELTS) or its equivalent, in that case, he/she may be conditionally admitted to one of the Master's programs (taught in English), Students under this category must meet the following requirements during the first semester of conditional admission or be subject to dismissal:

- Must take six credit hours in the first semester of study.
- Must achieve a minimum CGPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, in the first six credit hours of credit-bearing courses studied for the graduate program;
- Must achieve a minimum IELTS Academic score of 6 or its equivalent, by the end of the student's first semester of study.

b.2. If the applicant for the programs taught in Arabic has a recognized Bachelor's degree, but has not achieved the required score in the English proficiency test, such a student may be conditionally admitted and must meet the following requirements during the first semester of conditional admission or be subject to dismissal:

- Must take six credit hours in the first semester of study,
- Must achieve a minimum CGPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, in the first six credit hours of credit-bearing courses studied for the graduate program
- Must achieve a minimum IELTS Academic score of 4.5 or its equivalent, by the end of the student's first semester of study.

Admission to Master Bridge (Foundation) Program

The Bridge (Foundation) Program is a program intended to bridge the gap between a student's prior work (Bachelor's degree) and the background required for the Master's program he/she is entering. The courses in a bridge program typically do not carry degree credit.

The program coordinator may consider admission applications to the foundation program from students who satisfy the admission requirements of the program but they are holders of a Bachelor's degree in another area of specialization.

To transition from the foundation/ Bridge program to the Master program, a student must:

- Pass all the registered foundation courses specified by the program coordinator, with a minimum CGPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Obtain the (Management Appreciation Program) certificate for the MBA programs.
- Must achieve a minimum IELTS Academic score of 6 or its equivalent, by the end of the student's first semester of study.

Important:

Applicants for the Master Bridge for the programs taught in English must obtain a minimum score of 5.5 in Academic IELTS or its equivalent before registering for their foundation courses.

Re-admission of Former Students

Students who have missed more than two consecutive semesters of enrollment (excluding the summer semester) at the University may apply for re-admission and obtain a new students ID. The previous courses which the student has completed will be considered if they are still included in the current study plan.

To be eligible for re-admission, the following conditions must be met:

- a. The applicant was not subject to behavioral dismissal from AU.
- b. The applicant was not academically warned.
- c. The applicant must satisfy the admission requirements effective at the time of re-admission.
- d. Courses that might have been completed at another institution (during the absence period) may be considered as per the course transfer policy.
- e. All fees, charges, and dues owed to the University must be paid in full.

Documents Required for Admission to the Graduate Programs

An application is considered complete if the applicant submits the following documents to the Unit of Student Recruitment and Admissions:

- Official university transcripts and graduation certificates certified by the appropriate authorities.
- An Equivalency Certificate obtained from the UAE Ministry of Education for Bachelor/Master degrees issued from universities outside the UAE
- A valid Certificate of proficiency test in English:
 - i. For Master programs taught in English and Postgraduate Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration: a minimum IELTS Academic score of 6 or its equivalent.
 - ii. Applicants for Postgraduate Diploma and Master programs taught in English may be exempted from the English proficiency requirement under the following conditions:
 - Those students who undertook all their schooling (K-12) plus a Bachelor's degree in English in a reference English speaking country (e.g. UK, USA, Australia, New Zealand).
 - AU students who have completed an undergraduate program taught in English at AU.
 - Students who have completed an undergraduate program taught in English at

other accredited institutions, provided their undergraduate program had a comparable English-language proficiency requirement.

- iii. For Professional Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching program and all Master programs taught in Arabic: a minimum IELTS Academic score of 4.5 or its equivalent.
 - iv. For DBA program: a minimum IELTS Academic score of 6 or its equivalent. Except for applicants who achieved a score of 6 in Academic IELTS (or its equivalent) as an admission requirement for their Master's program (taught in English) can apply with their previous English proficiency certificate or its equivalent.
 - v. For Doctor of Philosophy in Law and Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology: a minimum IELTS Academic score of 5 or its equivalent.
- A valid passport copy.
 - A valid Emirates ID copy (for UAE nationals and residents)
 - A valid certificate of good conduct issued by official authorities.
 - Status of UAE National Service or exemption of the Military National Service (UAE Male applicants).
 - Recent colored photograph passport-size.
 - CV and experience certificate.
 - Two recommendation letters.
 - Medical check-up

Notes:

1. Other requirements might apply. The Unit of Student Recruitment and Admissions has the right to request any supporting documents.
2. Unattested scans will be accepted to start the application process. However, applicants will be required to submit attested original documents before enrolling at AU.
3. Applicants who applied for the equivalency certificate from the UAE Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MOHESR) but did not complete the equivalency process by the time of registration will be allowed to register provided that they submit official proof of application. The proof must include the official receipt issued by the MOE confirming that the equivalency process has been initiated
4. The decision to admit an applicant is made on a competitive basis, considering the number of available seats in the program.
5. AU does not take into consideration Institutional TOEFL scores obtained in another institution.
6. Applications for admission are processed only after payment of the non-refundable Application and Admission fees for Graduate programs.
7. Seat reservation deposit is required for the DBA and Dentistry programs.
8. A fee is required for the evaluation of courses to be transferred. The fee will be refunded if the student is admitted.

Certification of Documents

Newly-admitted students are requested to have their documents certified before the end of the first semester of study, otherwise, their registration will be canceled.

- a. Official Bachelor's and Master's university transcripts and graduation certificates obtained in the UAE must be certificated by the UAE Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MOHESR).
- b. Official Bachelor's and Master's university transcripts and graduation certificates obtained abroad must be certified from the country of origin by the authorized educational authority, the country's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the UAE Embassy.

Admission Validity

Admission to a Graduate program is valid only for the semester which is indicated in the admission letter offer. If an admitted student does not join the program during that semester, the admission offer will be canceled with no refund of the application and admission fees. However, an admitted student, who did not join his/her program, could re-apply for admission to the same program or another program, subject to payment of the re-admission fee.

Admissions and Registration Fees

- a. Applications will be processed by the Unit of Student Recruitment and Admissions only after payment of the non-refundable application and admission fees.
- b. If the application is rejected in all choices, the admission fees will be refunded to the applicant.
- c. Students admitted to certain programs are required to pay a seat reservation deposit. The deposit should be paid before the end of the deadline mentioned in the offer letter.
- d. Failure to pay the deposit will result in the cancelation of admission offer.
- e. This deposit is deductible from the tuition fees of the semester for which admission was given.
- f. The Finance Department sets the admission and seat reservation fees, as published in the official tuition and payment guide booklets issued for the applicable academic year.

Document History

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