



## Middle States Commission on Higher Education

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June 22, 2018

Mr. Francis J. Ricciardone  
President  
The American University in Cairo  
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Dear President Ricciardone:

At its session on June 21, 2018, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education acted:

To reaffirm accreditation. To request that, beginning in 2019 and in conjunction with each Annual Institutional Update prior to the Mid-Point Peer Review in 2023, the institution provide further evidence of (1) use of assessment results for the improvement of educational effectiveness (Standard V) and (2) a clearly articulated and transparent governance structure that outlines roles, responsibilities, and accountability for decision-making by each constituency (Standard VII). The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2026-2027.

This action is an affirming action, as explained in the policy *Accreditation Actions*, which is available on the Commission's website.

Enclosed is a copy of the institution's Statement of Accreditation Status (SAS) for your review. If any of the factual information is incorrect, please contact the Commission as soon as possible.

In accordance with Commission policy, the accreditation status of the institution must be accurately represented. Please ensure that published references to your institution's candidate status or accredited status (catalog, other publications, web page) are accurate and include the full name, address, and telephone number of the accrediting agency, and the effective date (month and year) when status was granted. Candidate for Accreditation is a status with the Commission that indicates that an institution has achieved membership and is progressing toward, but is not assured of, accreditation. Although the Commission is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education, any reference to accredited status by a foreign institution - whether or not chartered or licensed within the Middle States region - may not make reference to that recognition or imply that the Secretary's recognition of the agency extends to foreign institutions.

Please be assured of the continuing interest of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education in the well-being of The American University in Cairo. If any further clarification is needed regarding the SAS or other items in this letter, please feel free to contact Dr. Ellie A. Fogarty, Vice President.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary L. Wirt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Gary L. Wirt, Ed.D.  
Chair



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**STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION STATUS**

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**INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION**

**Enrollment (Headcount):** 5572 Undergraduate ; 1087 Graduate  
**Control:** Private (Non-Profit)  
**Affiliation:** None  
**2015 Carnegie Classification:** Not classified  
**Approved Degree Levels:** Bachelor's, Postbaccalaureate Award/Cert/Diploma, Master's, Doctor's - Research/Scholarship;  
**Distance Education Programs:** Not Approved  
**Accreditors Recognized by U.S. Secretary of Education:**

**Instructional Locations**

**Branch Campuses:** None

**Additional Locations:** None

**Other Instructional Sites:** AUC Tahrir Campus, 24 El Falaki Street, Bab El Louk, Cairo 11511, Egypt.

**ACCREDITATION INFORMATION**

**Status:** Member since 1982

**Last Reaffirmed:** June 21, 2018

## **Most Recent Commission Action:**

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## **Brief History Since Last Comprehensive Evaluation:**

November 21, 2013: To accept the Periodic Review Report and to reaffirm accreditation. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2017-2018.

June 28, 2016: To note that the action of March 3, 2011 should read, to include the PhD in Applied Sciences and Ph.D. in Engineering within the scope of the institution's accreditation.

**Next Self-Study Evaluation:** 2026 - 2027

**Date Printed:** June 22, 2018

## **DEFINITIONS**

**Branch Campus** - A location of an institution that is geographically apart and independent of the main campus of the institution. The location is independent if the location: offers courses in educational programs leading to a degree, certificate, or other recognized educational credential; has its own faculty and administrative or supervisory organization; and has its own budgetary and hiring authority.

**Additional Location** - A location, other than a branch campus, that is geographically apart from the main campus and at which the institution offers at least 50 percent of an educational program. **ANYA** ("Approved but Not Yet Active") indicates that the location is included within the scope of accreditation but has not yet begun to offer courses. This designation is removed after the Commission receives notification that courses have begun at this location.

**Other Instructional Sites** - A location, other than a branch campus or additional location, at which the institution offers one or more courses for credit.

**Distance Education Programs** - Fully Approved, Approved (one program approved) or Not Approved indicates whether or not the institution has been approved to offer diploma/certificate/degree programs via distance education (programs for which students could meet 50% or more of the requirements of the program by taking distance education courses). Per the Commission's Substantive Change policy, Commission approval of the first two Distance Education programs is required to be "Fully Approved." If only one program is approved by the Commission, the specific name of the program will be listed in parentheses after "Approved."

Commission actions are explained in the policy [Accreditation Actions](#).