“It is the daily hard work and commitment of our University community to make AUC an amazing institution that has won us this vitally important, highest official recognition of our performance at, or exceeding, the highest American standards.”

AUC President Francis Ricciardone on the reaffirmation of AUC’s accreditation through 2026-2027
Out of 523 institutions worldwide that are accredited by MSCHE, only 17—including AUC—are outside the United States, including four in the Middle East.

AUC is the only University in Egypt to receive the MSCHE Accreditation.
For nearly **100 years**, The American University in Cairo has been Egypt’s leading English-language, American-accredited institution of higher education. An independent, not-for-profit institution, AUC has long been a regional student hub, and its diverse global community represents approximately **60 countries**. The University offers more than **35 undergraduate programs**, in addition to **44 master’s** and **two PhD programs**, rooted in a liberal arts education which encourages students to think critically and respond creatively to real-world challenges.
Quality of education has always been at the top of AUC’s institutional priorities and is embedded in our mission statement. The University’s goals for quality of education — as defined in AUC’s centennial strategic plan vision 2019-2020 — include achieving 80 percent student satisfaction, 80 percent graduate employability and an employer reputation score of at least 80.

Under the motto “from good to great,” AUC is committed to fostering academic excellence and a culture of continuous development through innovative teaching approaches and high-impact, quality research that inspire lifelong learning, personal fulfillment and adaptability to the future requirements of local and international job markets.
The level of knowledge and dedication shown by AUC students is a reflection of the University’s excellence and distinction. AUC encourages its students to think critically and innovatively, and that is an integral part of an effective higher education system. I look forward to collaborating with AUC to continue advancing education in Egypt.

Khaled Abdel Ghaffar
Egypt’s Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research
Accreditation is an affirmation of a high level of quality of education that the general public has the right to expect and that the education community recognizes. It is a mark of excellence indicating endorsement by peer reviewers and is of the utmost importance to universities, especially in a global context where prospective students, faculty members and employers view it as a measure of academic excellence and institutional quality.

In addition to obtaining globally recognized degrees, accreditation develops public accountability and keeps the institution engaged in continuous peer reviews and enhancement. The adherent self-study process which involves participants from every unit of the institution, focusing on all activities and services, is an opportunity to examine where the University and its programs stand in terms of achieving institutional goals, and focus efforts on areas that need enhancement.
AUC is globally accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) in the United States, which is a university-wide accreditation recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). During the 2017-2018 academic year, the University underwent its accreditation review. After a rigorous self-assessment process, involving a visit by a team of peers from MSCHE and consideration by the MSCHE board, AUC’s accreditation was reaffirmed for the maximum allowable duration of eight years. Among the significant University accomplishments recognized by MSCHE are: the establishment of Employability and Career Development Centers in several Egyptian public universities; improving the enrollment process; implementation of a cocurricular transcript; integrating planning, resource allocation and assessment in all areas of the University; as well as documenting and using data for planning and assessment.
“To me, accreditation means accuracy. It means that I’m learning in an approved, safe environment. After I graduate or if I choose to do an internship during my studies, I wouldn’t face any difficulties because I’m actually learning things that are globally approved. It’s a matter of trust, empowerment and confidence because I’m studying at an accredited University.”

Hanin Elfandi
Biology Major (Premedical Track)
Recipient of Tomorrow’s Leaders Scholarship
In 2011, AUC became the first University in Egypt to be accredited at the institutional level by the National Authority for Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Education (NAQAAE), a national governmental organization responsible for establishing quality standards for Egypt’s educational institutions.
Most of AUC’s academic programs hold specialized accreditations from various prestigious bodies — a testament to each program’s excellence in a particular field. Our School of Business is one of approximately 77 business schools worldwide — out of nearly 14,000 — as well as the first in the Middle East and third in Africa, to achieve triple-crown accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), the Association of MBAs (AMBA) and the European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS).
The Master of Public Administration (MPA) and Master of Public Policy (MPP) programs are triple-crown accredited by the European Association for Public Administration Accreditation (EAPAA), the Network of Public Policy, Affairs and Administration (NASPAA), and the United Nations-sponsored International Commission on Accreditation of Public Administration Education and Training (ICAPA).

The undergraduate programs in construction engineering, computer engineering, electronics engineering and mechanical engineering are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET.

The undergraduate computer science program is accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET.

The undergraduate actuarial science and biology programs are accredited by the Applied and Natural Science Accreditation Commission of ABET.

The undergraduate architectural engineering program is accredited by UNESCO-UIA Charter for Architectural Education.

The undergraduate chemistry program is accredited by the Canadian Society for Chemistry (CSC).
Accreditation forces you to evaluate what you do and to enhance whatever issues need improvement, measuring against global standards. You always compare yourself against what is right and try to make yourself better. It’s a process of continuous improvement.

Ahmed Tolba ’97, ’01
Associate Provost for Strategic Enrollment Management
“It’s a validation, and it represents accountability. If we’re accredited, it means we’re doing a good job. It’s extremely important in terms of the reputation of the University and in terms of the students who will be joining us. For them, it’s an important criterion. It’s like a seal of approval from a specialized body.”

Aziza Ellozy ’64, ’67
Associate Provost for Transformative Learning and Teaching
AUC is committed to continually growing its global network of organizations, researchers and students, providing mutual opportunities for learning and innovation around the world. The University boasts partnerships with globally-ranked public research universities and has formal agreements with more than 160 academic institutions around the world. AUC is recognized by many U.S. colleges as an approved overseas study site for their students.
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“AUC has maintained the MSCHE accreditation for decades. This status has significant impact on our students’ education and future prospects. Our accreditation status confirms to the public that the educational programs, student services and graduate accomplishments are fair and accurate.”

AUC Provost Ehab Abdel-Rahman