The Office of Student Life (OSL) supports and nourishes experiential learning by facilitating cocurricular activities and services. OSL empowers students to maximize their learning experiences by cultivating an inclusive campus culture that promotes equitable opportunities for engaged learning, holistic wellness and student success. We formulate the AUC student character through programs that develop life skills and prepare students for life after graduation.

First-Year Program
OSL manages the First-Year Program, designed to develop engaged students and global citizens. The program provides new students with the information they need to complete their first year of university successfully, develop an understanding of the liberal arts tradition and connect to cocurricular experiences.

80+ Student Clubs and Organizations
The following are the types of student organizations at AUC that provide many opportunities for students to engage with others, build relationships, serve their community and develop a range of skills, including leadership, teamwork, communication, event planning, good work ethic and more. Through AUC’s 80+ clubs and organizations, students are able to apply some of their classroom knowledge to real-life situations.

Check out the 10 categories of student organizations at AUC:

Academic
Groups related to majors or academic fields of study
- Chemistry Association
- Robotics Club
- Graphic Design Association
- Psychology Association

Career-Related
Groups for students to develop their professional skills and gain valuable career-related experience
- Community of Scientific and Technological Activities
- Developers
- Enactus
- Entrepreneurs Society

Community Service
Groups that provide volunteering opportunities and support social justice causes
- Anti-Cancer Team
- Heya: The Women’s Initiative
- Mashroo3 Kheir
- Volunteers in Action

Publications
Groups that produce newspapers and magazines and perform media-related activities such as multimedia advertising
- AUC Times
- Avant-Garde
- Insider AUC

Political and Multicultural
Groups that provide opportunities for debate and conversation and connect students with others from different cultures
- Cairo International Model Arab League
- Cairo International Model United Nations
- Debate Society
- AIESEC

Arts and Culture
Groups that allow students to pursue their passion in creative arts, theater, music, dance and beyond
- Folklore Troupe
- Latin Dances Troupe
- Theater and Film Club
- African Dances Troupe

Recreation and Sports
Groups that engage students in sports and hobbies that interest them
- American Flag Football Club
- Mayhem Frisbee Club
- Rugby Club
- AUC Scouts

Student Governance and General Leadership
Groups that govern and develop leadership potential
- Student Union
- International Student Leadership Conference
- Student Court
- Student Senate

Special Interest
Groups with a unique focus
- Animal Rights Association
- The Gaya Movement
- iRead AUC
- Global Health Association

Faith and Intercultural
Groups that provide students of all faiths with opportunities to connect and explore
- Serenity Society
- Sabeel

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Disability and Counseling Services

Stay Well Throughout Your Time on Campus
Struggling with anxiety, depression, grief and loss, cultural adjustment or family conflict? Receive the help you need with a variety of mental health counseling services.

Keep on Top of Your Studies
Get support with your academic life. Learn to manage your classes and time, navigate new relationships, self-motivate and more.

Excel in an Inclusive Environment
Thrive on a campus that is accessible to people with medical, physical, psychological and learning disabilities. Have access to academic accommodations, assistive technology and beyond.

Learn from the Experience of Your Peers
Feeling alone in the crowd? A peer supporter is here to help you navigate your life on campus and guide you to helpful resources.

Engage in Mental Health Awareness
Take part in outreach and awareness activities, covering everything from nutrition, sleep and positivity to well-being, time management and concentration.

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Athletics

Become part of one of AUC's 30+ sports teams, and join students like yourself looking to enhance their athletic abilities and have fun. AUC's athletic programs promote a healthy lifestyle, discipline, teamwork and leadership development, as well as high standards of ethical conduct and sportsmanship.

Why Join an AUC Athletic Team?

Yearly Tournaments
AUC's sports teams compete in four tournaments each year, in addition to friendly games with other universities and clubs.

Athletic Scholarship
This is an annual partial scholarship available to a select number of students who participate in University-sponsored sports.

International Trips
Have an opportunity to represent AUC in international tournaments and go on sports trips.

State-of-the-Art Athletic Facilities

Indoor Facilities
- Billiards and table tennis hall
- Large gymnasium for basketball, volleyball and handball
- Six squash courts
- One large strength room
- 2 cardio rooms
- Aerobics room
- Women-only gyms

Outdoor Areas
- 400-meter track
- 50-meter pool
- Six tennis courts
- Two outdoor basketball/football courts
- Two beach volleyball courts
- Two grass fields

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Career Center
Your Lifelong Career Partner

AUC's Career Center offers a variety of services to help undergraduate students, graduate students and alumni identify their career goals and paths, as well as gain work experience while and after studying at AUC. The center also connects AUC students and alumni with the top regional and global employers.

Explore Your Options
Understand your skills and values and find the right career path for you through:

- Choice of Major Guidance
- Interests and Personal Preferences Assessments
- Job Shadowing Visits
- Career Day
- International Graduate Study Fair
- A Day in the Life Sessions

Enhance Your Skills
Be prepared for the job market and increase your exposure and experience through work-study programs, internship opportunities, corporate challenges and competitions and the Cooperative Education program.

Be Career-Ready
To help students successfully engage in the job search or graduate study application process during their enrollment at AUC and beyond, the Career Center plays a pivotal role in providing the required tools through:

- Career Development Workshops
- Graduate Study Guidance
- Job Search Advising
- Mock Interviews Week
- In-Class Career Modules

Make Connections
Have access to a constantly expanding range of employment opportunities through year-round job announcements, employment fairs, corporate recruitment visits and campus recruitment events.

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Core Curriculum

What is the Core Curriculum?
The Core Curriculum is the foundation of every AUC student’s education — the heart of the liberal arts experience. It includes courses in writing, language and information literacy; philosophic and scientific thinking; Arab history, literature and society; and foundational classes in the natural sciences, social sciences and humanities.

The Core Curriculum prepares you to be a well-rounded individual, able to excel in your chosen field of study, think for yourself, solve problems outside your field and quickly pick up new skills in today’s complex, globalized world. Whatever your major, you need to explore and understand science, social science and the humanities in order to be a thoughtful human being and citizen. The Core Curriculum is a body of courses designed to provide a broad liberal arts base to your education at AUC. It aims to develop your basic academic and intellectual traits, familiarize you with certain bodies of knowledge and intellectual traditions, and show you how this diversity can be integrated. It covers a wide range of human experience and knowledge, with specific emphasis on the Arab world. It assists you in understanding your place in the world — socially, culturally, intellectually and historically.

The Core Curriculum also aims to enhance your writing skills — and thereby your ability to reason and construct an argument — in both English and Arabic. Instruction ranges from small seminars and regular classes to large lectures. All courses, with the exception of the Information Literacy Clinic, give letter grades and academic credit.

AUC’s Core Curriculum is designed to ensure that you:
- Acquire basic language and literacy skills, such as reading, writing and speaking English fluently; possess basic competence in Arabic; and are familiar with basic library and information technology skills.
- Encounter patterns of rational thought and argumentation that underpin the world’s great intellectual traditions, as well as ways in which science addresses and seeks to comprehend the natural world.
- Acquire familiarity with the modern Arab world and its historical and literary heritage.
- Experience ways in which the liberal arts enrich your ability to understand and appreciate the world.

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What kinds of courses are included in the Core?
The Core Curriculum encompasses interdisciplinary courses in the areas of humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, global studies, the Arab world and Egypt. It consists of three parts: the freshman level, the secondary level and the capstone level.

The Core Program courses include:
- Scientific Thinking
- Public Speaking
- Truth, Lies, and Logical Reasoning
- Introduction to Ethics
- Creative Writing
- Discourse and Power
- Words that Change the World
- Typography
- Art Theory
- Community Psychology
- Business Communication
- Arab Society
- Arabic Literature and Film
- The US and the World Economy
- Modern European and American Literature
- East–West Dialogue: Cross-Cultural Perceptions and Reflections
- Entrepreneurship and Innovation
English Language Instruction

English Language Instruction (ELI) equips students with the foundational skills in academic English and university readiness required to be successful at AUC. Students develop the advanced reading, writing, speaking and listening skills needed to succeed in an English-language academic environment, as well as the critical thinking, time management and collaborative skills that are essential not only in higher education but also in professional life.

Who it is for
Although student placement in the program is based on their TOEFL or IELTS scores, ELI is geared for those who are aware that their English-language skills need an additional boost, whether in grammar, formality, organization or other areas before moving on to their freshman courses. ELI students represent all majors at AUC, and instructors use readings and audio-visual content from a diverse range of disciplines in order to meet all students’ academic interests while encouraging their curiosity in new fields.

Why you should enroll in ELI
Many students enter ELI thinking of it as a barrier to the courses in their majors, but they quickly realize that it is time well-invested in their future University success. Advanced English is everywhere in the 21st century, and the skills that ELI helps develop are important for all professional fields that students are eager to enter, helping them write to, speak with, and understand colleagues from all over the world. ELI is proud to be the first step in this journey for so many of AUC’s students every year.

From my experience, ENGL 0210 has been a valuable opportunity to immensely improve my skills in writing proper and credible academic papers and doing solid presentations.

Kirolos Fouty
Fall 2021 Student

Through its diverse topics, ENGL 0210, has made me much more confident in expressing my thoughts and ideas by significantly improving my writing and presentation skills.

Omar Hagras
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