GRADUATE STUDIES
Explore, Innovate and Expand Your Future Opportunities
The American University in Cairo (AUC) has served as Egypt’s leading English-language University for the past 100 years. At AUC, you will join a global community of innovative thinkers who come from over 60 different countries to pursue one of our many master’s and PhD programs. Widely recognized in Egypt and internationally for its prestigious faculty and impressive alumni, AUC is a meeting place for world leaders.
WHY AUC GRADUATE STUDIES?

51 master’s programs and two PhD programs, in addition to a variety of graduate diplomas that follow the American liberal arts system to encourage critical and creative thinking

13 master’s programs topping the 2022 Eduniversal Rankings, with 6 being ranked the first in Africa and all among the top 200 worldwide

A globally recognized graduate degree from a U.S.-accredited University (accreditation from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education)

Small classes, professional development opportunities and community engagement as part of the AUC graduate studies experience

The largest English-language academic library in Egypt

University-based startup accelerator and incubator, AUC Venture Lab, accelerated more than 300 startups and created more than 12,000 jobs

Admission of outstanding graduate students who demonstrate the ability to do creative and original work

First University in the region to offer a blended degree, in partnership with MIT and Abdulla Al Ghurair Foundation for Education

Distinguished by interdisciplinary curricula that bring students and faculty from different academic disciplines together to address challenges in the Middle East and across the world

260-acre campus in New Cairo designed by an international team of architects and ranked as the top green campus in Africa

A state-of-the-art sports complex with an Olympic-size swimming pool, a football field and Olympic track, indoor and outdoor sports courts and fully equipped gymnasiums
EXPERT FACULTY
AUC’s international faculty members, who are academic leaders in their fields, provide students with an unparalleled educational experience. Through books, articles, conferences and the University’s research centers, our faculty produces work that advances the understanding of world issues, with a special emphasis on the Arab region. Whether researching the latest sustainable development practices, exploring Egypt’s entrepreneurial landscape or examining the legal facets of democracy and human rights, our students learn by doing, with expert faculty members guiding their exploration.

WORLD-CLASS RESEARCH FACILITIES
Through 12 interdisciplinary research centers investigating diverse areas, AUC scholars and students explore issues related to sustainable development, nanoscience and technology, migration and refugee issues and American politics and culture. The University houses nine brand new centennial labs tackling everything from innovation and education to technology and architecture. It is also home to the region’s only typography lab and one of the few Arabic font design programs in the world. Annual conferences on campus attract top scholars from around the globe and allow AUC students and faculty members to present their own research. Through AUC Press, the leading English-language publisher in Egypt and the Middle East, students and faculty members also have the opportunity to publish their research in academic journals for an international audience.

CAREER SERVICES
AUC’s Career Center offers one-on-one support and group workshops for professional development, helping students prepare for life beyond AUC. The center also hosts semiannual career fairs that provide a professional networking channel for students and alumni to meet with corporate representatives and build relationships for future career opportunities. Such events are part of the reason for AUC’s impressive graduate employment rate of 95% within one year after graduation. Our graduate students benefit from events across disciplines and interests, as AUC hosts some of the most significant conferences and seminars in Egypt and the region.

Faculty Spotlight
Rabab El Mahdi is an associate professor in AUC’s political science department. Her field of specialization is comparative political economy and development, with a focus on Latin America and the Middle East. She previously taught at Yale University and has received a number of research grants from the Carnegie Corporation of New York and the Rockefeller Brothers Foundation. El Mahdi is a frequent commentator on AJE, BBC, CNN and ABC and writes op-eds for both Egyptian and international newspapers.

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science
Mohamed Salama contributed to establishing the Egyptian Network for Neurodegenerative Disorders (ENND). He is currently working on studying the interaction between genes and the environment during neurodegeneration, exploring new models for neurodegenerative disorders and developing novel biomarkers for early detection of brain damage.

Mohamed Salama
Associate Professor, Institute of Global Health and Human Ecology
MASTER’S PROGRAMS AMONG TOP IN AFRICA
Eduniversal has ranked different AUC programs as some of the top performing and highest delivering academic courses of study in the continent. Check out some of the program rankings for 2022 below.

#1 IN AFRICA
Master of Arts in Economics
Master of Business Administration (Operations Management)
Master of Global Affairs
Master of Science in Electronics and Communications Engineering
Master of Science in Sustainable Development (Green Technologies)

#2 IN AFRICA
Executive Master of Business Administration
Master of Laws (LLM) in International and Comparative Law
Master of Science in Computer Science
Master of Science in Finance

#3 IN AFRICA
Master of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communication

Faculty Spotlight
Abdul Latif Jameel Endowed Chair of Entrepreneurship and Associate Professor Ayman Ismail has been celebrated for founding the AUC Venture Lab and leading the Global Entrepreneurship Monitor on Egypt – the largest global entrepreneurship study conducted annually. He is also credited with introducing the first Arabic Massive Open Online Course on entrepreneurship in the Arab world. He has been recognized as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum and is also known for co-founding the leading nonprofit Nahdet El Mahrous.

Ayman Ismail ’95, ’97
Associate Professor
Abdul Latif Jameel Endowed Chair of Entrepreneurship Founding Director, AUC Venture Lab

GRADUATE PROGRAMS
Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD)
- Applied Sciences with Specializations in Biotechnology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Global Public Health or Nanotechnology
- Engineering with Specializations in Construction Engineering, Electronics and Communications Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Robotics or Control and Smart Systems

Master of Arts
- Arabic Studies
- Community Psychology***
- Counseling Psychology***
- Economics**
- Economics in International Development**
- Educational Leadership
- Egyptology and Coptology*
- English and Comparative Literature
- Gender and Women’s Studies
- International and Comparative Education
- International Human Rights Law**
- Journalism and Mass Communication
- Middle East Studies
- Migration and Refugee Studies
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Political Science, Joint Program with the University of Tübingen (Comparative and Middle East Politics and Society)*
- Sociology-Anthropology
- Teaching Arabic as a Foreign Language (TAFL)
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
- Television and Digital Journalism

Master in Computing
- Master of Business Administration
- Executive Master of Business Administration
- Master in Computing
- Master of Engineering
- Construction Engineering
- Electronics and Communications Engineering
- Electronics and Communications Engineering with a Concentration in Management of Technology
- Environmental Systems Design
- Mechanical Engineering
- Petroleum Engineering
- Robotics, Control and Smart Systems
- Master of Global Affairs
- Master of Global Public Health
- Master in International Management/CEMS
- Master of Laws in International and Comparative Law**
- Master of Public Administration
- Master of Public Policy

GRADUATE DIPLOMAS
- Arabic Studies
- Chemistry
- Community Psychology*
- Comparative Literary Studies
- Computer Science
- Economics in International Development**
- Educational Leadership
- Gender and Women’s Studies
- Global Affairs
- Inclusive Education
- International and Comparative Education
- International and Comparative Law**
- International Human Rights Law**
- Middle East Studies
- Migration and Refugee Studies
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychosocial Intervention for Forced Migrants and Refugees****
- Public Administration
- Public Policy
- Sociology-Anthropology
- Sustainable Development*
- Teaching Arabic as a Foreign Language (TAFL)
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

Master of Science
- Architecture
- Biotechnology*
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
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* Fall admission only
** Applicants admitted to this program may register for intensive English (ELIN) or academic English (ENGL) courses in the spring semester prior to registration for graduate courses that begin in the fall semester. This is applicable only for those applicants whose English placement scores mandate registering for these English-language courses.
*** All prerequisite courses must be completed successfully before registering for any graduate courses.
**** Currently not offered
HOW TO APPLY
Applications for admission are submitted online only. You may apply for two graduate programs per application.

GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
• Application fee
• Online application form, which can be accessed at www.applyweb.com/auc/index.ftl
• A statement of purpose (500 words minimum)
• An updated CV stating your work experience and academic background
• Official transcript(s) with proof of degree completion
• Two letters of recommendation
• A clear electronic copy of the valid national ID card (front and back) for Egyptian nationals or a clear copy of the information pages of your passport for Egyptians with dual nationality
• A clear electronic copy of a recent passport-size photo
• If granted admission, Egyptian males must provide the original military certificate to the AUC Student Service Center for a true, valid copy to be made; the original will be returned immediately

Many programs have further requirements, such as test scores or writing samples. Please consult our online program catalog for the requirements of your program of interest.

ENGLISH REQUIREMENTS
• Applicants must demonstrate adequate English-language knowledge for graduate studies by submitting either international TOEFL or IELTS Academic scores that are no more than two years old from their anticipated first date of enrollment, or either of the Advanced or the Proficiency exams of the academic Cambridge Assessment English tests.
• A minimum overall score of 45 and a minimum writing score of 14 in TOEFL iBT are required for admission consideration.
• For the IELTS Academic, a minimum band score of 5.0 and writing 5.0 is required for admission consideration.
• For academic Cambridge Assessment English tests, a minimum overall score of 176 and a minimum writing score of 185 are required.
• Degree-seeking applicants who do not attain the minimum test score required for full admission, but are otherwise qualified for admission, are granted provisional admission and placed in an English-language course for further language study.
• Graduate nondegree-seeking applicants need to achieve a minimum score of ‘full’ admission on any English test to be considered for admission. Please see https://documents.aucegypt.edu/Docs/admissions_grad_req/Grad%20Language%20Requirements.pdf.

Possible exemptions from the test requirement may apply. For more information, please visit www.aucegypt.edu/admissions/graduate.

ADMISSION DEADLINES
Fall admission deadline
December 15
Fall priority fellowship deadline
January 1
Fall late admission deadline
April 1
Fall regular fellowship deadline
April 15
Spring admission deadline
October 1
Spring fellowship deadline
October 15

For more information on graduate admission requirements, visit www.aucegypt.edu/admissions/graduate.
PROGRAM SELECTION
Choose your program of interest from over 50 master’s and two PhD programs in addition to graduate diplomas. You may apply for two programs per admission cycle.
Check the full listing on our website: www.aucegypt.edu/academics/graduate-studies.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Learn the admission requirements and whether you fulfill them. Please note that there are both general and program-specific requirements.
General admission requirements: www.aucegypt.edu/admissions/graduate
Program requirements: catalog.aucegypt.edu

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
Identify fellowship and financial aid opportunities for which you are eligible. You may apply for three fellowships per application cycle. Deadlines vary.
Fellowships: www.aucegypt.edu/admissions/fellowships
Financial aid: www.aucegypt.edu/admissions/financial-aid

ADMISSION APPLICATION
Submit the online admission application by the set deadlines with all the required documents and credentials.
Check the full listing on our website: www.aucegypt.edu/academics/graduate-studies

FUNDING APPLICATIONS
One week after submitting your application, you will receive credentials to access the funding applications. Do not wait for an admission decision to apply for funding. Be sure not to miss the deadlines for financial aid and fellowships.

Faculty Spotlight
Salima Ikram is distinguished University professor and Egyptology unit head at AUC. She received her MPhil in museology and Egyptian archaeology and PhD in Egyptian archaeology from Cambridge University and has worked as an archaeologist in Turkey, Sudan, Greece and the United States. Ikram has directed a wide range of archaeological missions throughout Egypt and has lectured on her work internationally.

Salima Ikram (YAB ’86)
Distinguished University Professor and Egyptology Unit Head