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THE AUC PROFILE: 2008 - 2009

Founded in 1919, the American University in Cairo (AUC) is an independent and nonprofit institution. The university's mission is to provide high quality educational opportunities to students from all segments of Egyptian society, as well as from other countries, and to contribute to Egypt's cultural and intellectual life. The university offers programs at the undergraduate, graduate and professional levels, as well as an extensive continuing education program. The university promotes the ideals of American liberal arts, professional education and life-long learning.

The university's English-language environment is designed to promote the proficient use of the tools of learning as well as to enhance students' critical thinking capabilities, language and personal skills. AUC considers it essential to foster in students an appreciation of their own culture and heritage and their responsibilities toward society. The university's aim of promoting international understanding is supported by means of scholarship, learned discourse, a multicultural campus environment and a diversified publishing program.

AUC has highly qualified, international faculty from the United States, Egypt and 20 other countries. Emphasis is placed on excellence in teaching, as well as on research, creative work and the intellectual contributions of faculty members to their disciplines.

INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION AND AFFILIATIONS

- AUC is accredited in the United States by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104, 267.284.5000.
- In Egypt, AUC operates within the framework of a 1975 protocol with the Egyptian government, which is based on a 1962 cultural relations agreement between the Egyptian and the U.S. governments.
- In the United States, AUC is licensed to grant degrees and is incorporated in the State of Delaware.
- AUC is governed by a Board of Trustees and is administered by a chief executive officer appointed by this board. B. Boyd Hight is the chairman of the Board of Trustees, and David D. Arnold is the president of AUC.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Enrollment figures in the following tables are given in terms of headcount. Each individual is counted as one regardless of whether the person is enrolled part time, full time or in multiple majors.

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS	STUDENTS IN FALL		
	2006	2007	2008
<i>School of Humanities and Social Sciences</i>			
Anthropology	13	13	12
Arabic Studies	1	4	5
Art	59	60	56
Egyptology	10	12	10
English and Comparative Literature	21	25	25
History	na	na	16
Middle East Studies	5	13	14
Modern History	28	30	11
Philosophy	13	13	10
Political Science	245	261	300
Psychology	6	58	49
Sociology	20	18	10
Theater	19	18	19
<i>School of Business, Economics and Communication</i>			
Accounting	113	118	129
Business Administration	413	466	453
Communication and Media Arts	na	na	10
Economics	157	143	180
Integrated Marketing Communication	na	na	22
Journalism	na	na	11
Journalism and Mass Communication	464	471	435
<i>School of Sciences and Engineering</i>			
Actuarial Science	25	21	34
Architectural Engineering	na	37	74
Biology	61	48	63
Chemistry	23	25	24
Computer Engineering	na	25	61
Computer Science	225	79	136
Construction Engineering	226	236	259
Electronics Engineering	204	203	207
Engineering (specialty undeclared)	2	19	18
Mathematics	10	11	10
Mechanical Engineering	317	286	313
Petroleum and Energy Engineering	na	3	37
Physics	18	19	22
<i>Undeclared</i>			
(includes English Language Institute)	1,266	1,394	1,495
Undergraduate Degree Totals	4,023	4,229	4,530

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
<i>School of Humanities and Social Sciences</i>			
Arabic Studies	34	47	42
English and Comparative Literature	14	15	21
Gender and Women's Studies	3	3	24
International Human Rights Law	35	47	45
Law	57	52	39
Middle East Studies	60	72	62
Migration and Refugees Studies	na	na	11
Political Science	101	125	114
Sociology and Anthropology	38	36	27
Teaching Arabic as a Foreign Language	46	47	48
Teaching English as a Foreign Language	59	47	43
<i>School of Business, Economics and Communication</i>			
Business Administration	211	200	152
Economics	51	41	30
Economics in International Development	45	48	42
Mass Communication	83	78	62
Public Administration	32	11	4
Public Policy and Administration	6	17	46
Television and Digital Journalism	na	na	13
<i>School of Sciences and Engineering</i>			
Biotechnology	na	19	41
Computer Science	81	79	85
Computing	na	na	2
Construction Engineering	na	29	37
Engineering	73	21	9
Environmental Engineering	na	8	5
Mechanical Engineering	na	23	24
Physics	20	18	16
Product Development and Systems Management	na	na	3
Master's Degree Totals	1,049	1,093	1,047

Attributes of Students Seeking Degrees

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Total Enrollment	5,072	5,322	5,577
Gender			
Male	46.8%	47.0%	47.1%
Female	53.2%	53.0%	52.9%
Nationality			
Egyptian	89.5%	89.1%	89.7%
Other	10.5%	10.9%	10.3%

NON-DEGREE PROGRAMS

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Graduate Diplomas			
European Studies	1	2	2
Migration and Refugee Studies	17	13	4
Islamic Studies	7	6	3
Television Journalism	3	6	na
Arabic Language Institute	112	121	94
Center for Arabic Study Abroad	36	27	26
Other (study abroad and all others)	<u>353</u>	<u>425</u>	<u>358</u>
Non-Degree Seeking Students Totals	<u>529</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>487</u>
All Academic Student Totals	<u><u>5,601</u></u>	<u><u>5,922</u></u>	<u><u>6,064</u></u>

Attributes of All Academic Students

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Total Enrollment	5,601	5,922	6,064
Gender			
Male	46.4%	46.8%	46.8%
Female	53.6%	53.2%	53.2%
Nationality			
Egyptian	81.9%	81.0%	83.1%
Other	18.1%	19.0%	16.9%

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

The Engineering and Science Services Unit provides high-quality training and services to the industrial community in Egypt and the Middle East. Its programs include intensive courses, professional certificate programs, distance education, tailor-made training, collaborative programs with international agencies, technical assistance and applied research to help the local industry meet the challenges of the international market.

The Management Center programs serve senior executives and middle managers by applying the latest management concepts and best practices to today's marketplace. The Management Center is comprised of three institutes: Institute of Management Development, Institute of Banking and Finance, and Institute of Quality Management. In the fiscal year 2007 - 2008, the center offered 354 programs serving 16,058 trainees in Egypt, Jordan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Kuwait.

The Kamal Adham Center for Journalism Training and Research fosters the growth of Arab journalism through academic and professional training programs. These include the Arab world's only graduate degree in journalism, the online journal *Arab Media & Society*, the Egyptian civil society Web site, www.mogtama.org, and specialized programs for bloggers and online journalists.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The School of Continuing Education (SCE) provides certificate programs, noncredit semester-length courses and customized courses of variable length to fulfill the continuing educational needs of individuals and organizations in Egypt and the Middle East. SCE's regularly scheduled courses and certificate programs are offered at the Tahrir Square Campus, Heliopolis, Zamalek and El Gouna. Currently, courses and certificate programs are being developed to be offered at AUC's New Cairo Campus, and contracted courses may be conducted on site at the organization's facilities. Twelve computer laboratories allow for state-of-the-art computer and English language training. Special summer youth programs provide academic enrichment and skill development for children.

ENROLLMENT FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 Headcount*

SCE DIVISIONS

Arabic and Translation	2,419
Business Studies	3,832
Computer and IT Studies	2,298
Education Initiative	140
English Studies	31,106
International Human Rights Law Outreach Program	287
Youth and Special Studies	<u>2,097</u>
SCE Totals	42,179

* Headcount: each individual is counted once, whether enrolled in one or more than one program during the fiscal year

Attributes of SCE Students

	Total Students	Gender		Nationality	
		Male	Female	Egyptian	Other
FY 2007-08	42,179	60.9%	39.1%	95.5%	4.5%

Educational Background

Below secondary education	6.1%
Secondary education	37.1%
Bachelor's degrees	56.5%
Master's degrees	0.1%
Doctorates	0.2%

UNIQUE FEATURES AND SPECIAL SERVICES

The Rare Books and Special Collections Library is a research-level facility consisting of more than 35,000 books, as well as world-class holdings of vintage photographs, maps and archival collections in many subject areas, particularly Egyptology, Islamic art and architecture, contemporary regional architecture, photography, politics and culture.

Special accreditation: AUC's undergraduate programs in construction engineering, electronics engineering, mechanical engineering and computer science are accredited by the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology (ABET), and AUC's business program is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).

The AUC Press is recognized as the region's leading English-language publisher, with more than 1,000 publications in print and more than 90 new scholarly and general books each year, in addition to Arabic literature in English translation.

The Center for Arabic Study Abroad (CASA) is a consortium of AUC and U.S. universities that provides an advanced Arabic program for American graduate and undergraduate students.

The Career Advising and Placement Services (CAPS) office supports students and alumni in career development and professional placement activities.

The enrollment of students from 113 different countries during the Fall 2008 semester indicates the geographical and cultural diversity of AUC's student body.

FACULTY

Based on 367 full-time faculty in active teaching positions, 303 part-time faculty (who teach the equivalent of 144.06 full-time faculty) and an academic program enrollment of 6,064 students, the faculty to student ratio is 1 to 12. The total number of faculty members, including faculty on sabbatical and other release time as well as librarians, researchers and administrators with faculty status, is 435. The nationality of the faculty is Egyptian (57.5%), American (32%) and others (10.5%).

LIBRARIES AND LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES

Libraries and Learning Technologies include the AUC Library, the Rare Books and Special Collections Library, Classroom Technologies and Media Services and the Center for Learning and Teaching. The AUC Library and the Rare Books and Special Collections Library offer one of the most extensive research collections in Egypt. Current holdings include 393,738 volumes (books and periodicals), more than 1,432 current periodical subscriptions and 130 databases.

SPORTS AND ATHLETICS

AUC offers an extensive variety of men and women's sports programs. Students also participate in 23 different competitive sports activities. Two hundred and sixty eight student athletes representing AUC in the National Universities Tournament (2007 - 2008) ranked 10th among 26 Egyptian universities. The AUC athletes won 19 medals (seven gold, four silver and eight bronze). AUC athletes also participated in African, Arab and other international championships.

PHYSICAL PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

The main AUC campus is located in the New Cairo district on a 260-acre site. The total built area of the campus is 200,000 square meters. In addition, the Tahrir Square Campus provides facilities for continuing education located in the center of Cairo and covers parts of two city blocks. Two additional large multipurpose buildings in the Zamalek and Heliopolis regions of Cairo serve as satellite campuses, and faculty and staff housing units are located throughout the Cairo metropolitan area. The total area of the university's owned and leased space is about 300,000 square meters.

RESEARCH

Teaching research methods is an integral part of AUC's academic programs. Individual faculty efforts, internally and externally funded projects, and the activities of the university's research centers represent AUC's strong commitment to research and service to the region.

The Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Bin Abdulaziz Alsaud Center for American Studies and Research promotes a multidisciplinary approach to the study of the United States, addressing the concerns and needs of Egypt and the Arab world.

The Cynthia Nelson Institute for Gender and Women's Studies is a multidisciplinary research and teaching center focusing on gender and women's studies in the Middle East and Africa.

The Social Research Center conducts and encourages research in Egypt and the Middle East, trains researchers, and assists students, scholars and organizations engaged in social science research.

The Desert Development Center conducts research on ecologically sound and sustainable land development, trains desert settlers and investors, and provides new crop varieties and agricultural techniques.

The John D. Gerhart Center for Philanthropy and Civic Engagement encourages engaged citizenship and service and promotes philanthropy in the Arab region.

The Yousef Jameel Science and Technology Research Center supports a variety of technology-oriented research activities focusing on generic imaging, analysis and fabrication equipment, nanomaterials, and micro-electromechanical systems.

The Center for Migration and Refugee Studies has educational, research and outreach programs that improve the understanding, policies and practices of those who work with refugees.

The Economic and Business History Research Center focuses on Egyptian socioeconomic and business history research and serves as a repository of primary and rare publications on these topics.

The John D. Gerhart Field Station, located in El Gouna on the Red Sea coast, provides opportunities for research, field trips and a variety of university-wide academic and continuing education programs and activities.

The Office of Institutional Research conducts institutional surveys, prepares reports and supports leadership in integrated planning, assessment and accreditation. The office is the official source of university data. Additionally, it provides testing and placement services for applicants and students.

Research efforts throughout the university are promoted and supported by the **Office of Graduate Studies and Research**. In 2007 - 2008, the office administered \$576,682 in university funding to local and international conferences, workshops, ongoing research projects, research development, teaching enhancement and mini grants benefiting 228 faculty members. Additionally, \$73,922 were awarded to 34 graduate students to support research and travel to conferences. The **Research Advisory Council** recommends faculty research-related policies to the University Senate.

The Office of Sponsored Programs develops and works with external funding for research, training and public service projects. It assists faculty in preparing proposals and obtaining funding for research from external sources.

El-Khazindar Business Research and Case Center develops world-class case studies and educational services that provide outstanding participant-centered learning tools for students and help businesses in the Middle East and North Africa region improve their performance. Its goal is to bridge the gap between theory and practice.

OPERATING BUDGET

Fiscal year	2007 - 2008	2008 - 2009
Operating expenses	\$106,145,000	\$150,794,000

INCOME

56.6%	Academic programs tuition
20.4%	Endowment income and annual gifts
7.9%	Auxiliary enterprises
9.3%	Educational enterprises
4.7%	Research
1.0%	Miscellaneous

EXPENDITURES

38.4%	Academic and academic support
16.1%	Administration and general
6.8%	Auxiliary enterprises
23.0%	Operations and plant management
6.9%	Educational enterprises
5.1%	Research
3.8%	Contingency and miscellaneous

The percentages above are based on the 2008 - 2009 operating budget as of May 2008.

In 2007 - 2008, AUC awarded \$272,438 and LE 30,635,297 in student financial aid. Other awarded scholarships included the achievement scholarships (LE 27,458,230), sports scholarships (LE 866,233) and cultural scholarships (LE 232,828). In addition, work-study undergraduate students earned \$48,487. Work-study graduate students earned \$27,072, and graduate fellowship students earned \$1,653,324 toward tuition payments. Faculty, staff and their dependents were provided the equivalent of \$5,414,386 in tuition waivers as part of fringe benefits.

GRADUATES AND ALUMNI

AUC has 24,499 graduates of degree programs. There are also more than 7,000 alumni from the Arabic Language Institute, CASA and study-abroad programs. Additional thousands have been students in AUC's non-degree, certificate and diploma programs and in short-term classes. The alumni association has listings for 26,292 active alumni.

RECENT GRADUATION PATTERNS

Graduation Dates	Undergraduate Students	Graduate Students	Annual Totals
February 2002	302	89	
June 2002	386	107	884
February 2003	410	78	
June 2003	352	79	919
February 2004	447	94	
June 2004	429	92	1,062
February 2005	467	92	
June 2005	422	117	1,098
February 2006	422	112	
June 2006	347	137	1,018
February 2007	448	125	
June 2007	385	124	1,082
February 2008	326	133	
June 2008	362	141	962

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