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## **A PROFILE: 2002-2003**

Founded in 1919, the American University in Cairo 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 advances the ideals of American liberal arts, professional education and life-long learning.

The university provides an English language environment designed to advance proficient use of the tools of learning as well as students' thinking capabilities, language and personal skills. AUC considers it essential to foster students' appreciation of their own culture and heritage and their responsibilities to society.

The university has a highly-qualified, international faculty from the United States, Egypt and eighteen other countries. Emphasis is placed on excellence in teaching as well as on research, creative work and faculty members' intellectual contributions to their disciplines.

## **INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION AND AFFILIATIONS**

- AUC is accredited in the United States by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.
- In Egypt, AUC operates within the framework of a 1975 protocol with the Egyptian government which in turn is based on a 1962 cultural relations agreement between the Egyptian and the United States governments.
- In the United States of America, AUC is licensed to grant degrees and is incorporated by the state of Delaware.
- AUC is governed by a board of trustees and is administered by a chief executive officer appointed by this board. Paul B. Hannon is the chairman of the Board of Trustees and Thomas Bartlett is the Interim President.

# ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

## STUDENT CHARACTERISTICS

Enrollment figures in the following tables are given in terms of headcount, meaning that each individual is counted as “one” regardless of whether the person is enrolled part-time, full time, or in multiple courses.

### UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

### STUDENTS IN FALL 2000 2001 2002

#### Bachelor of Arts

Accounting	85	89	102
Anthropology	82	39	26
Arabic Studies	4	3	2
Art	4	12	19
Business Administration	162	194	256
Economics	238	272	288
Egyptology	6	6	8
English & Comparative Literature	27	22	13
Journalism & Mass Communication	224	306	328
Middle Eastern History	8	4	2
Middle East Studies	10	14	4
Modern History	1	2	1
Philosophy	4	11	13
Political Science	262	385	366
Psychology	156	148	108
Sociology	42	22	27
Theater	35	21	21

#### Bachelor of Science

Biology	37	37	37
Chemistry	27	17	26
Computer Science	169	226	269
Construction Engineering	124	95	142
Electronics Engineering	na	29	58
Engineering (specialty undeclared)	347	338	292
Mathematics	49	51	53
Mechanical Engineering	127	162	226
Physics	68	56	52
Undeclared			
(Includes English Language Institute)	1,603	1,421	1,452

#### Undergraduate Degree Totals

3,901 3,982 4,191

## MASTER’S DEGREE PROGRAMS

#### Master of Arts

Arabic Studies	37	36	32
Economics	48	43	48
English & Comparative Literature	34	23	21
Mass Communication	45	47	46
Middle East Studies	20	27	33
Political Science	102	98	119

	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>
Sociology & Anthropology	50	47	46
Teaching Arabic as a Foreign Language	16	25	19
Teaching English as a Foreign Language	32	44	48
<b>Master of Business Administration</b>	95	84	152
<b>Master of Public Administration</b>	78	74	52
<b>Master of Science</b>			
Computer Science	71	81	82
Engineering	107	113	100
Physics	10	7	13
<b>Master's Degree Totals</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>811</b>

### ATTRIBUTES OF STUDENTS SEEKING DEGREES

	<b>TOTAL STUDENTS</b>	<b>GENDER</b>		<b>NATIONALITY</b>	
		Male	Female	Egyptian	Other
Fall 2000	4,646	46.0%	54.0%	88.5%	11.5%
Fall 2001	4,731	45.0%	55.0%	89.7%	10.3%
Fall 2002	5,002	47.7%	52.3%	89.8%	10.2%

### SPECIAL (NOT SEEKING A DEGREE) ACADEMIC PROGRAM STUDENTS

	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Graduate Diploma</b>			
Forced Migration & Refugee Studies	16	19	12
Islamic Studies	1	0	2
Management	100	90	3
<b>Arabic Language Institute</b>	44	42	73
<b>Center for Arabic Study Abroad</b>	23	19	16
<b>Other (non-degree and auditors)</b>	100	121	152
<b>Special Academic Program Totals</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>258</b>
<b>All Academic Student Totals</b>	<b>4,930</b>	<b>5,022</b>	<b>5,260</b>

### ATTRIBUTES OF ALL ACADEMIC STUDENTS (DEGREE & NOT SEEKING A DEGREE)

	<b>TOTAL STUDENTS</b>	<b>GENDER</b>		<b>NATIONALITY</b>	
		Male	Female	Egyptian	Other
Fall 2000	4,930	46.3%	53.7%	85.9%	14.1%
Fall 2001	5,022	45.5%	54.5%	87.0%	13.0%
Fall 2002	5,260	47.5%	52.5%	86.2%	13.8%

## CENTER FOR ADULT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Center for Adult and Continuing Education (CACE) provides certificate programs, non-credit semester-length courses and variable-length customized courses to fulfill the continuing education needs of individuals and organizations in Egypt and the Middle East. CACE's regularly scheduled courses and certificate programs are offered in downtown Cairo, Heliopolis and Zamalek. Contracted courses are also conducted on-site at the organizations' facilities.

Following is a small sample of the kinds of programs that CACE offers: The Arabic/English/French/German translation programs provide skilled personnel for corporations, organizations and government agencies. Certified accounting preparation programs are offered annually. Twelve computer laboratories allow for state of the art computer training. English language training is provided for USAID projects and for Egyptian ministry language development programs. Special summer youth programs provide academic enrichment, recreational opportunities and skill development for children.

CACE DIVISIONS	ENROLLMENTS FISCAL YEAR 2001-2002	
	Headcount*	F.T.E. **
Arabic & Translation	1,098	881
Business	4,619	4,076
Computer	4,384	1,735
USAID Programs	614	418
English	17,828	17,087
Special Studies	4,905	3,883
CACE TOTALS	33,448	28,080

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

\*\* One F.T.E. (Full Time Equivalent) is equal to 15 instructional units and each instructional unit equals 12 contact hours.

### ATTRIBUTES OF CACE STUDENTS

	TOTAL	GENDER		NATIONALITY	
	STUDENTS	Male	Female	Egyptian	Other
FY 2001-02	33,448	61.3%	38.7%	95.9%	4.1%

### EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Below Secondary Education	3.9%
Secondary Education	34.2%
Bachelor Degrees	61.1%
Masters Degrees	0.6%
Doctoral Degrees	0.2%



## RESEARCH

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

Studies in the Arab world, Southern Mediterranean, Turkey, the Caucasus, Iran and Africa are the primary focus of AUC's interdisciplinary Institute for Gender and Women's Studies. This institute serves as a center for a variety of research, educational program, policy debate and conference activities.

As part of the ongoing Theban Mapping Project in the upper Nile, including the Valley of the Kings and the Valley of the Queens, the rediscovery of the pharonic tomb KV5 ranks as one of the major archaeological discoveries of recent times.

An assessment of the needs of Ethiopian and Eritrean refugees in Cairo is an example of the activities of the Office of African Studies. This office promotes research and hosts public lectures, meetings and workshops on comparative culture and international topics related to Middle Eastern and African policy issues and problems.

Maternal and child health, social epidemiology studies, urbanization, poverty issues and sanitation are samples of the project topics of the Social Research Center. This center conducts and encourages research in Egypt and the Middle East, trains researchers, and assists students, scholars, and organizations engaged in social science research.

A "Socio-economic Baseline Survey in the New Lands of the East Delta" is an example of the projects of AUC's Desert Development Center. This center's mission is to improve the social and economic well-being of new desert settlers, using research, training and related activities which integrate agriculture, renewable energy and community research.

Compiling a "Companion to Modern Arabic Literature" is an example of the projects of the Arabic Studies Bio-Bibliographical Research Unit. This research unit gathers basic biographical information in Arabic and the major European languages and makes this material more readily available to scholars and researchers.

Research efforts throughout the University are promoted and supported by the Office of Graduate Studies and Research. In 2001-2002 this office administered \$354,859 in University funding to support research, research conferences and teaching enhancement grants involving 175 faculty members.

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

## **DIQUE FEATURES AND SPECIAL SERVICES**

The Rare Books and Special Collections Library includes world class collections on 18th/19th century Egypt and on Islamic art and architecture. Its holdings encompass over 50,000 books, photographs, slides, maps and other items on Pharaonic, Islamic and modern Egypt, as well as resource materials on other Middle Eastern countries.

Two United States accreditation boards have awarded accreditation for the first time to university programs outside of the USA. AUC's undergraduate program in computer science was accredited by the Computer Science Accreditation Board (CSAB) and AUC's undergraduate program in engineering was accredited by the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology (ABET).

The AUC Press is the region's leading English-language publisher. With over 40 new titles each year the AUC Press now has over 500 titles in print including most notably the translated works of Nobel Laureate Naguib Mahfouz.

The Kamal Adham Center for Television Journalism provides tailored instruction to professionals in television, television news production, journalism and advertising.

The Institute of Management Development offers non-credit executive training, research and advisory services to public and private sector organizations in Egypt, the Middle East and Africa.

The Engineering Services unit meets the professional development, specialized training, advisory and research needs of practicing engineers in the Egyptian public and private sectors.

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

The English Language Institute (ELI) provides English skills development and offers a master's degree in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL).

The Arabic Language Institute (ALI) offers basic Arabic language instruction, programs in written and spoken Arabic and a master's degree in Teaching Arabic as a Foreign Language (TAFL).

The graduate diploma program in Forced Migration and Refugee Studies meets the professional training needs of people working with refugees and fosters research on forced migration issues.

The Office of Career Advisement and Placement Services supports students and alumni in career development and professional placement activities.

The enrollment of students from 95 different countries during Fall semester 2002 indicates the geographical and cultural diversity of AUC's student body.

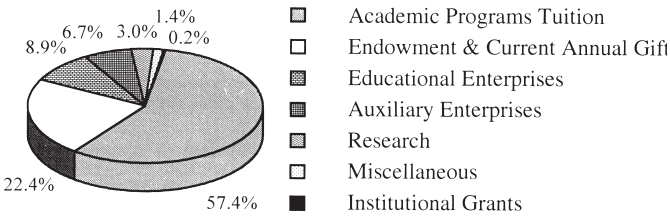
Students from 44 countries attend AUC's summer sessions which run every year from mid-June through the end of July.

OPERATING BUDGET

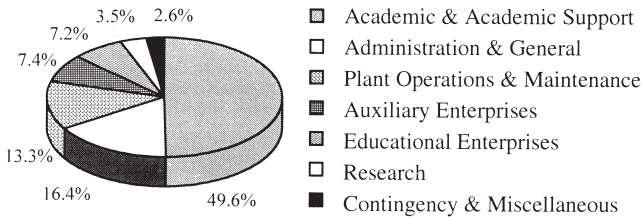
Fiscal Year Expenses	2001-2002 \$61,265,851	2002-2003 \$66,375,160
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BUDGET FOR 2002-2003

INCOME



EXPENDITURES



The percentages above are based on the 2002-2003 operating budget as of May 2002.

Student financial aid, including achievement scholarships for the 2001-2002 academic year, amounted to \$16,824,487. In addition, work-study undergraduates earned \$163,488 and graduate fellowship students earned \$730,281 toward tuition payments.

Faculty, staff, and their dependents were provided the equivalent of \$2,001,364 in tuition waivers as a part of fringe benefits.



## **FACULTY**

Based on 307 authorized faculty positions and 228 part-time faculty (who teach the equivalent of 108.5 full-time faculty) and an academic program enrollment of 5,260 students, the faculty to student ratio is 1 to 12.7. Including faculty on sabbatical and other leave and those with faculty status in full-time administrative positions there are 325 AUC faculty members. By nationality, the primary citizenship of this faculty is 56.3% from Egypt, 32.9% from the United States and 10.8% from other countries.

The Center for Adult and Continuing Education programs have 10 full-time teaching faculty and 426 part-time faculty as of October 2002. The number of part-time faculty for the fall semester will increase as additional courses and customized programs are added to the schedule in the last part of the semester.

## **LIBRARIES AND LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES**

The AUC Main Library and the Rare Books and Special Collections Library provide the largest English language research facility in Egypt. Current holdings include 377,790 volumes, over 1,780 periodical subscriptions and 63 databases. The library staff includes 19 professional librarians. The learning technology units include the Media Services Center, AUC's web site, and Academic Computing Services.

## **SPORTS AND ATHLETICS**

AUC offers an extensive variety of men's and women's sports programs. Students also participate in 34 different competitive sports activities. Three hundred and ninety student athletes representing AUC in the National Universities Tournament 2001/2002 placed fourth among 21 Egyptian universities. The AUC athletes won 34 medals (15 gold, 8 silver, and 11 bronze). In 2001 AUC organized the first regional sports tournament of American style universities. AUC athletes also participated in African, Arab and other international championships.

## **PHYSICAL PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

The main AUC campus is located in the center of Cairo on Tahrir Square and covers parts of five city blocks. Two additional large multipurpose buildings in the Zamalek and Heliopolis regions of Cairo serve as satellite campuses, and faculty/staff housing units are located throughout the Cairo metropolitan area. The total area of the university's owned and leased space is 109,500 square meters. AUC is in the process of creating a new campus for itself in the "New Cairo" area.

## GRADUATES AND ALUMNI

AUC has 18,357 graduates of degree programs. There are also over 5,000 alumni from ALU, CASA, and Year-Abroad programs. Additional thousands have been students in AUC non-degree, certificate and diploma programs and in short term classes. The Alumni Association has listings for 19,124 active alumni.

### *RECENT GRADUATION PATTERNS*

Graduation Dates		Undergraduate Students	Graduate Students	Annual Totals
February	1996	320	53	792
June	1996	335	84	
February	1997	345	72	860
June	1997	356	87	
February	1998	373	76	887
June	1998	340	98	
February	1999	354	71	841
June	1999	338	78	
February	2000	365	74	912
June	2000	394	79	
February	2001	318	77	796
June	2001	317	84	
February	2002	302	89	884
June	2002	386	107	

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