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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 David D. Arnold is the 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 majors.

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS	STUDENTS IN FALL		
	2001	2002	2003
Bachelor of Arts			
Accounting	89	102	119
Anthropology	39	26	17
Arabic Studies	3	2	3
Art	12	19	26
Business Administration	194	256	312
Economics	272	288	237
Egyptology	6	8	8
English & Comparative Literature	22	13	18
Journalism & Mass Communication	306	328	401
Middle Eastern History	4	2	2
Middle East Studies	14	4	9
Modern History	2	1	6
Philosophy	11	13	16
Political Science	385	366	300
Psychology	148	108	94
Sociology	22	27	20
Theater	21	21	19
Bachelor of Science			
Biology	37	37	52
Chemistry	17	26	21
Computer Science	226	269	293
Construction Engineering	95	142	123
Electronics Engineering	29	58	87
Engineering (specialty undeclared)	338	292	270
Mathematics	51	53	27
Mechanical Engineering	162	226	241
Physics	56	52	41
Undeclared			
(Includes English Language Institute)	1,421	1,452	1,201
Undergraduate Degree Totals	3,982	4,191	3,963

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS

Master of Arts			
Arabic Studies	36	32	32
Economics	43	48	60
English & Comparative Literature	23	21	23
Mass Communication	47	46	59
Middle East Studies	27	33	40
Political Science	98	119	148

	2001	2002	2003
Sociology & Anthropology	47	46	47
Teaching Arabic as a Foreign Language	25	19	29
Teaching English as a Foreign Language	44	48	49
Master of Business Administration	84	152	150
Master of Public Administration	74	52	50
Master of Science			
Computer Science	81	82	77
Engineering	113	100	85
Physics	7	13	18
Master's Degree Totals	749	811	867

ATTRIBUTES OF STUDENTS SEEKING DEGREES

	TOTAL STUDENTS	GENDER		NATIONALITY	
		Male	Female	Egyptian	Other
Fall 2001	4,731	45.0%	55.0%	89.7%	10.3%
Fall 2002	5,002	47.7%	52.3%	89.8%	10.2%
Fall 2003	4,830	46.0%	54.0%	89.3%	10.7%

SPECIAL (NOT SEEKING A DEGREE) ACADEMIC PROGRAM STUDENTS

	2001	2002	2003
Graduate Diploma			
Forced Migration & Refugee Studies	19	12	15
Islamic Studies	0	2	6
Management	90	3	0
Arabic Language Institute	42	73	73
Center for Arabic Study Abroad	19	16	26
Other (non-degree and auditors)	121	152	196
Special Academic Program Totals	291	258	316
All Academic Student Totals	5,022	5,260	5,146

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

	TOTAL STUDENTS	GENDER		NATIONALITY	
		Male	Female	Egyptian	Other
Fall 2001	5,022	45.5%	54.5%	87.0%	13.0%
Fall 2002	5,260	47.5%	52.5%	86.2%	13.8%
Fall 2003	5,146	45.9%	54.1%	84.6%	15.4%

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 2002-2003
	Headcount*
Arabic & Translation	1,122
Business	5,163
Computer	4,194
USAID Programs	427
English	15,295
Special Studies	6,167
CACE TOTALS	32,368

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

ATTRIBUTES OF CACE STUDENTS

	TOTAL STUDENTS	GENDER		NATIONALITY	
		Male	Female	Egyptian	Other
FY 2002-03	32,368	60.3%	39.7%	95.0%	5.0%

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Below Secondary Education	4.6%
Secondary Education	46.6%
Bachelor Degrees	48.6%
Masters Degrees	0.2%
Doctoral Degrees	0.1%

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 2002-2003 this office administered \$401,341 in University funding to support research, research conferences and teaching enhancement grants involving 188 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.

UNIQUE FEATURES AND SPECIAL SERVICES

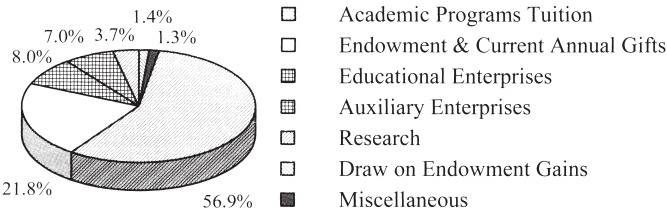
- The Rare Books and Special Collections Library includes world class collections on 18th/19th century Egypt and on Islamic art and architecture. Its holdings encompass over 50,000 books, photographs, slides, maps and other items on Pharaonic, Islamic and modern Egypt, as well as resource materials on 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 99 different countries during Fall semester 2003 indicates the geographical and cultural diversity of AUC's student body.
- Students from 48 countries attend AUC's summer sessions which run every year from mid-June through the end of July.

OPERATING BUDGET

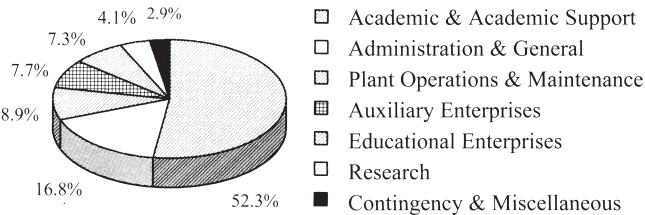
Fiscal Year	2002-2003	2003-2004
Operating Expenses	\$58,878,000	\$62,066,000

BUDGET FOR 2003-2004

INCOME



EXPENDITURES



The percentages above are based on the 2003-2004 operating budget as of May 2003.

In 2002-03 AUC awarded \$17,599,569 in student financial aid, including achievement scholarships. In addition, work-study undergraduates earned \$171,796 and graduate fellowship students earned \$652,200 toward tuition payments.

Faculty, staff, and their dependents were provided the equivalent of \$2,263,244 in tuition waivers as a part of fringe benefits.

FACULTY

Based on 285 full-time faculty in active teaching positions and 237 part-time faculty (who teach the equivalent of 119.3 full-time faculty) and an academic program enrollment of 5,146 students, the faculty to student ratio is 1 to 12.7. Adding faculty on sabbatical and other release time as well as librarians, researchers and administrators with faculty status there are 333 AUC faculty members. By nationality, the primary citizenship of this faculty is 56.2% from Egypt, 33.6% from the United States and 10.2% from other countries.

The Center for Adult and Continuing Education programs have 13 full-time teaching faculty and 447 part-time faculty as of October 2003. 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 as well as extensive Arabic language collections. Current holdings include 327,205 volumes, over 1,780 periodical subscriptions and 73 databases. The library staff includes 22 professional librarians. The learning technology units include Classroom Technologies and Media Services, AUC's web site, the Center for Learning and Teaching, and Academic Computing Services.

SPORTS AND ATHLETICS

AUC offers an extensive variety of men's and women's sports programs. Students also participate in 20 different competitive sports activities. Four hundred and five student athletes representing AUC in the National Universities Tournament 2002/2003 placed seventh among 24 Egyptian universities. The AUC athletes won 31 medals (14 gold, 4 silver, and 13 bronze). 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 19,276 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 19,645 active alumni.

RECENT GRADUATION PATTERNS

Graduation Dates		Undergraduate Students	Graduate Students	Annual Totals
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	
February	2003	410	78	919
June	2003	352	79	

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