

American University in the Emirates

UG Admission Requirements for Fall 2025-26

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Introduction

In accordance with the UAE Ministry of Education decree # 19 for year 2024 regarding the admission requirements for undergraduate programs, the American University in the Emirates has drafted this proposal for aligning its undergraduate admission criteria to adhere to the aforementioned decree and guidelines.

This proposal is aligned with the university's continuous endeavor to move towards selective admission criteria which will contribute to recruiting qualified students who can add value to the university and their community after graduation.

The proposal takes into consideration five main parameters to determine the admission status of any applicant:

- a) The applicant's result in the General Secondary School Certificate or its equivalent.
- b) English Proficiency result for programs taught in English.
- c) Results of the admission placement tests.
- d) Admission interview.

In general applicants to undergraduate programs will be offered an admission offer letter based on the below categories:

- Full Admission (Unconditional Admission)
- Conditional Admission
- Probation Admission
- Provisional Admission

A- Full Admission (Unconditional Admission)

Applicants to all undergraduate programs should satisfy the below minimum requirements to get an unconditional admission offer letter:

Fall 2025-26 Admission Criteria										
College	Academic Degree Program	HS Subject-Specific Score							English Proficiency	Subject-Based Competency Required subjects-grade in High School (Grade 12)* (Students not fulfilling the required grades must register for a preparatory course in the relevant subject during the first semester)
		High School	Mathematics	Physics	Chemistry	Biology	Arabic	English		
College of Business Administration	Bachelor of Business Administration	70%	80%	NA	NA	NA	NA	80%	TOEFL ITP 500 TOEFL iBT 61 IELTS (Academic) 5.0	
College of Engineering and Technology	Bachelor of Science in Information Technology Management	70%	80%	NA	NA	NA	NA	80%	TOEFL ITP 500 TOEFL iBT 61 IELTS (Academic) 5.0	
	Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity Engineering	80%	80%	80%	80%	80%	NA	80%	TOEFL ITP 500 TOEFL iBT 61 IELTS (Academic) 5.0	Mathematics 80% Physics 80%
	Bachelor of Science in Mechatronics Engineering	80%	80%	80%	80%	80%	NA	80%		Chemistry 80% or Biology 80%
	Bachelor of Science in Computer Science	80%	80%	80%	NA	NA	NA	80%		Mathematics 80% Physics 80%
College of Media and Mass Communication	Bachelor of Arts in Media and Mass Communication	70%	70%	NA	NA	NA	NA	80%	TOEFL ITP 500 TOEFL iBT 61 IELTS (Academic) 5.0	
	Bachelor of Public Relations (Arabic)	70%	70%	NA	NA	NA	80%	NA	NA	

College of Design	Bachelor of Science in Digital Animation	75%	80%	NA	NA	NA	NA	80%	TOEFL ITP 500 TOEFL iBT 61 IELTS (Academic) 5.0	
	Bachelor of Science in Graphic Design	75%	80%	NA	NA	NA	NA	80%		
	Bachelor of Science in Interior Design	75%	80%	NA	NA	NA	NA	80%		
	Bachelor of Science in Fashion Design	75%	80%	NA	NA	NA	NA	80%		
College of Law	Bachelor of Law (Arabic)	70%	70%	NA	NA	NA	80%	NA	NA	
College of Security and Global Studies	Bachelor of Arts in Security and Strategic Studies	70%	70%	NA	NA	NA	NA	80%	TOEFL ITP 500 TOEFL iBT 61 IELTS (Academic) 5.0	
College of Education	Bachelor of Education-Special Education	70%	70%	NA	NA	NA	NA	80%	TOEFL ITP 500 TOEFL iBT 61 IELTS (Academic) 5.0	
College of Medicine and Applied Medical Sciences (submitted to CAA)	Doctor of Medicine	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	NA	80%	Doctor of Medicine: TOEFL ITP 600 TOEFL iBT 78 IELTS (Academic) 6.0 Other Health Sciences Programs: TOEFL ITP 500 TOEFL iBT 61 IELTS (Academic) 5.0	Mathematics 90% two subjects (Biology 90%, Chemistry 90%, Physics 90%)
	Bachelor of Science in Nursing	70%	80%	80%	80%	80%	NA	80%		Mathematics 80% two subjects (Biology 80%, Chemistry 80%, Physics 80%)
	Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratories Sciences	70%	80%	80%	80%	80%	NA	80%		
	Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy	70%	80%	80%	80%	80%	NA	80%		
	Bachelor of Science in Medical Imaging Technology	70%	80%	80%	80%	80%	NA	80%		

B- Conditional Admission

Applicants to all undergraduate programs taught in English, must satisfy the minimum score in any of the international recognized English Proficiency Exams stipulated in table 1. Those who don’t satisfy the English language condition by the time of admission will be offered a conditional admission offer letter and will need to complete the “English language Foundation Program” which will ensure that applicants will complete the first four levels of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), those levels are A1, A2, B1 and B2. By successfully completing the B2 level, applicant will have the proficiency of TOEFL ITP 500 or its equivalent.

Students will be able to enroll in no more than 12 C.H of specific general education courses during their study period at the program. Students will not be able to take any core/specialization courses before completing the four levels.

Students who are enrolled at the “English Language Foundation Program” and at any time during their study at the program fulfil the English language proficiency requirements through any of the recognized English Proficiency Exams stipulated in table 1, will be exempted from completing the remaining components of the program.

C- Probation Admission

Applicants to undergraduate programs who don’t meet the minimum High School average as stipulated in Table 1, will be offered a probation admission offer letter, those students will enroll for not more than 12 C.H during their first semester at AUE, and will need to achieve a minimum semester GPA of 2.0 by the end of their first semester, otherwise, they will be dismissed from the program.

D- Provisional Admission

Applicants who don’t submit one or more of the below admission documents, will be offered a provisional admission letter, and will need to submit the missing document before the end of their first semester at AUE:

- Attested copy of the High School Certificate
- Certificate of Equivalency from UAE Ministry of Education (for non-MOE and foreign certificates)
- Attestation of transferred transcripts from UAE Ministry of Education
- Valid copy of passport
- Valid copy of Emirates ID
- Certificate of Good Conduct

AUE Placement Tests

All applicants to undergraduate programs need to sit for asset of. placement tests upon admission, students who fail in any of the placement tests, will need to study a preparatory course in the relevant field of the placement test during their first semester, those preparatory courses are not included in the students’ CGPA or the overall credit hours required for graduation.

The below table represent the placement tests categorized per academic program:

Program	Placement Test
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science	<div>- Chemistry</div> <div>- Biology</div> <div>- Mathematics</div> <div>- Physics</div> <div>- Information Technology</div> <div>- Academic Writing (English)</div>
College of Medicine and Applied Medical Sciences Programs (submitted to CAA)	
Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity Engineering	
Bachelor of Science in Mechatronics Engineering	
Bachelor of Science in Information Technology Management	
Bachelor of Business Administration	<div>- Mathematics</div> <div>- Information Technology</div> <div>- Academic Writing (English)</div>
Bachelor of Arts in Media and Mass Communication	<div>- Information Technology</div> <div>- Academic Writing (English)</div>
Bachelor of Public Relations (Arabic Program)	<div>- Information Technology</div>
Bachelor of Science in Digital Animation	<div>- Drawing</div> <div>- Information Technology</div> <div>- Academic Writing (English)</div>
Bachelor of Science in Graphic Design	
Bachelor of Science in Interior Design	
Bachelor of Science in Fashion Design	
Bachelor of Arts in Security and Strategic Studies	<div>- Information Technology</div> <div>- Academic Writing (English)</div>
Bachelor of Law	<div>- Information Technology</div>
Bachelor of Education- Special Education	<div>- Information Technology</div> <div>- Academic Writing (English)</div>

Admission Interview

All university applicants are required to attend a personal interview with a member of the college they wish to join. The purpose of the personal interview is to assess the student's level of proficiency in a variety of personal skills, as well as his knowledge of the program he wishes to enroll in, and to review the student's record of accomplishments during his previous educational years in terms of initiatives and extracurricular activities.

Exemption Criteria

Applicants who achieve specific thresholds in standardized tests, such as SAT Subject Tests, IB Diploma HL subjects, or equivalent qualifications, may qualify for exemptions in the relevant subjects. For further details, please refer to the table below.

Test/Qualification	Minimum Score/Requirement
SAT Subject Tests	650 in relevant subjects
IB Diploma (HL Subjects)	5 or higher in Mathematics/Science
AP Exams	Score of 4 in relevant subjects