


Category	Undergraduate Admissions	Policy Number	ACA-ADM-101	 جامعة زايد ZAYED UNIVERSITY
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POLICY

Undergraduate Admission to Zayed University

1. Policy

This policy ensures that the undergraduate admissions process at Zayed University is in line with government regulations and is conducted with integrity and fairness in a manner that upholds the standards and expectations of the University.

2. Scope of Application

This policy applies to the admission of all undergraduate students.

3. Definitions

HEI	Higher Education Institution
Ministry	Ministry of Education
MOE	Ministry of Education
National Students	Students who have a U.A.E. passport and U.A.E. National Identity Certificate (U.A.E. Family Book)
Non-national Students	Students who do not have a U.A.E. passport and/or U.A.E. National Identity Certificate (U.A.E. Family Book)
Provost	Provost and Chief Academic Officer
SAS	Student Accessibility Services Department
University	Zayed University

4. Policy

4.1 Zayed University (“**University**”) admits national and non-national students who meet the criteria for undergraduate admission.

- 4.2 The admissions process will be conducted in a manner that upholds the ethical standards of the University that include professionalism, respect, integrity, fairness, inclusion, and tolerance; and will ensure that no student applying to the University will be discriminated against.
- 4.3 The University will publish the admission requirements annually. All admission requirements will be no less rigorous than the requirements stipulated in the Ministry of Education (“**Ministry**”) guidelines and must be approved by the University Board of Trustees.
- 4.4 Applicants need to meet the minimum admission requirements for the degree program they wish to apply to (see the appendix) in order to be considered for a place at the University.
- 4.5 Admission to the University is competitive. An application for admission does not guarantee the applicant an offer of admission even if the applicant meets all the necessary admission requirements.
- 4.6 The Provost and Chief Academic Officer (“**Provost**”), or designee, retains the authority for final approval of regular undergraduate admissions to the University.

5. Guiding Principles

5.1 Secondary School Completion Requirement

- 5.1.1 Applicants must have completed 12 years of school or submit appropriate written documentation of equivalent education attainment from the Ministry.
- 5.1.2 Applicants need to provide evidence of their secondary school completion in line with the minimum admission requirements of the degree program they wish to apply to (see Appendix A).
- 5.1.3 All secondary school certificates and/or equivalent must be attested by the Ministry.
- 5.1.4 Secondary school graduation certificates obtained more than ten (10) years before the intended enrollment date at the University will not be considered for admission.

5.2 English Language Requirement

Applicants must provide evidence of their English language proficiency in line with the minimum admission requirements of the degree program they wish to apply to (see Appendix B).

5.3 Mathematics Requirement

Applicants must meet the minimum Mathematics score in line with the admission requirements of the degree program they wish to apply to (see Appendix B).

5.4 Other Requirements

Applicants must meet all other requirements in line with the admission requirements of the degree program they wish to apply to (see Appendix B).

6. Students of Determination

- 6.1** Students of Determination must meet the minimum admission requirements of the degree program they wish to apply to (see Appendices A and B).
- 6.2** Students of Determination who meet the necessary admission requirements must have their applications evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the Student Accessibility Services Department (“SAS”).
 - 6.2.1** The SAS is responsible for assessing the applicant’s needs and for determining the appropriate accommodations and support the student would need.
 - 6.2.2** The SAS is responsible for determining if the University is able to provide the support and accommodations the student needs, or if the required support and accommodations exceed the University’s capacity to provide.
 - 6.2.3** The SAS must submit its recommendation on whether the University is able to accept or should reject the student’s application to the Admissions Office.
 - 6.2.4** The Admissions Office is responsible for acting upon the SAS recommendations as appropriate.

7. Priority Admissions for National Students

7.1 Priority 1

- 7.1.1** Applicants must have graduated from secondary school no more than two (2) semesters prior to the date of their enrollment at the University to be considered eligible for Priority 1 status.
- 7.1.2** Priority 1 applicants are eligible to receive federal funding for a maximum time period of 1.5 times the normal period required for the completion of their degree program, e.g., six years for a four-year program (MOE Federal HEI Financing System 2022).

7.2 Priority 2 and Priority 3

- 7.2.1** Applicants who have exceeded the one-year limit mentioned in 7.1.1 will be considered either Priority 2 (graduated from secondary school between one (1) and three (3) years prior to their admission to the University) or Priority 3 (graduated from secondary school more than three (3) years prior to their admission to the University).
- 7.2.2** Admission for Priority 2 and 3 applicants is dependent on the availability of seats in the degree program to which they wish to apply.
- 7.2.3** Priority 2 and 3 applicants may not be eligible to receive federal funding, so they may be required to pay tuition fees at the rate of AED 2500 per credit hour (MOE Federal HEI Financing System 2022).

8. Readmissions and Transfer Admissions

Readmissions and transfer admissions must be managed in accordance with the relevant University policy.

9. Students Seeking a Second Degree

Any student who has graduated from an accredited institution of higher education may

apply to take a second degree but not a minor.

- 9.1 Applicants need to provide evidence of their English language proficiency in line with the minimum admission requirements of the degree program to which they wish to apply (see appendix).
- 9.2 Bachelor's degrees earned more than ten (10) years before the intended enrollment date at the University will not be considered for admission.
- 9.3 Admission is dependent on the availability of seats in the degree program to which the applicant wishes to apply.
- 9.4 Students seeking a second degree must pay AED 2500 per credit hour.

10. Related Policies and Laws

- MOE Federal HEI Financing System 2022
- ACA-ADM-102 Advanced Placement and Challenge Examinations
- ACA-ADM-103 Undergraduate Transfer Admissions and Transfer Credits
- ACA-ADM-104 Undergraduate Readmission to Zayed University
- ACA-ADM-201 Undergraduate Tuition Fees
- ACA-PRO-202 Recognition of Prior Learning
- ACA-STS-401 Students of Determination

11. Administration

This policy is administered by the Admissions team, Registrar's Office.

12. Revision History

Date	Revision	Ver.
23 June 2025	Chair of the Board Decision issued (PD#22 of 2025).	
29 May 2025	Approved by ARSAC.	14.0
8 April 2025	Endorsed by UPSC subject to removing specific subject requirement for A-Levels in Appendix A. (Action completed)	
12 March 2025	Endorsed by the Deans' Council. Revised in preparation for AY 2025-26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarified the information for Students of Determination (6). • Updated the admission requirements in the appendices. 	
3 February 2025	Updated the document format.	
21 February 2024	Approved by the Board of Trustees (PD#3 of 2024).	13.0
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4 October 2020	President's Decree issued (PD#90 of 2020).	11.0
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11 June 2019	Approved by the President (PD#17 of 2019).	9.0
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27 March 2012	Policy approved.	5.0
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17 March 2007	Policy approved.	2.0
1 October 2000	New policy approved.	1.0

Attachments

- Appendix A: Secondary School Completion Requirements
- Appendix B: Degree Program Admission Requirements

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (From AY 2025-26)



Appendix A: Secondary School Completion Requirements (for all students)

Curriculum	Requirements
UAE MOE	NA
American	NA
British	2 A-Levels with a grade of C or higher <i>(excluding Arabic and Islamic Studies)</i>
International Baccalaureate	IB Diploma with a minimum of 2 HL subjects related to the degree program with a minimum grade of 5 IB Certificate with a minimum of 21 points including 2 subjects related to the degree program with a minimum grade of 5
BTEC	Level 3 Diploma 2 Merit

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Appendix B: Degree Program Admission Requirements

College of Arts and Creative Enterprises			
Degree Program	English	Mathematics	Others
BArchitecture	High School 80% or TOEFL iBT 71 (or equivalent)	High School 80% (or equivalent)	SAT 500
BFA Animation Design			SAT 450
BFA Graphic Design			
BFA Interior Design			
BFA Visual Arts			
BS Multimedia Design			

College of Business			
Degree Program	English	Mathematics	Others
BS Accounting	High School 80% or TOEFL iBT 71 (or equivalent)	High School 80%	NA
BS Finance		or	
BS Marketing and Entrepreneurship		SAT Math 485 (or equivalent)	

College of Communication and Media Sciences			
Degree Program	English	Mathematics	Others
BS Communication and Media Sciences Concentration: Media Production and Storytelling	High School 80% or TOEFL iBT 71 (or equivalent)	NA	NA
BS Communication and Media Sciences Concentration: Integrated Strategic Communications			
BS Communication and Media Sciences Concentration: Tourism and Cultural Communications			

College of Humanities and Social Sciences			
Degree Program	English	Mathematics	Others
BA International Studies Concentration: International Relations	High School 80% or TOEFL iBT 71 (or equivalent)	High School 80% (or equivalent)	NA
BA International Studies Concentration: Middle East / Gulf Studies			
BA International Studies Concentration: Political Economy and Development			

College of Natural and Health Sciences			
Degree Program	English	Mathematics	Others
BS Psychology	High School 80% or TOEFL iBT 71 (or equivalent)	High School 80% or SAT Math 550 (or equivalent)	Two (2) Grade 12 Science subjects (Biology, Physics, Psychology, or Chemistry) with a minimum grade of 80% (or equivalent)
BS Public Health and Nutrition			
BS Environmental Science and Sustainability		High School 80% or SAT Math 520 (or equivalent)	One (1) Grade 12 Science subject (Biology, Physics, or Chemistry) with a minimum grade of 80% (or equivalent)

College of Technological Innovation			
Degree Program	English	Mathematics	Others
BS Information Technology Concentration: Security and Network Technologies	High School 80% or TOEFL iBT 71 <i>(or equivalent)</i>	High School 80% or SAT Math 520 <i>(or equivalent)</i>	NA
BS Information Technology Concentration: Web and Mobile Application Development			
BS Information Systems and Technology Management Concentration: Enterprise Systems			
BS Information Systems and Technology Management Concentration: Management of Information Systems			
BS Information Systems and Technology Management Concentration: Business Intelligence			
BS Intelligence Systems Engineering	High School 85% or TOEFL iBT 79 <i>(or equivalent)</i>	High School 85% or SAT Math 590 <i>(or equivalent)</i>	Grade 12 Physics plus one (1) other Grade 12 Science subject with a minimum grade of 80% <i>(or equivalent)</i>