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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. Application

This policy applies to the admission of all undergraduate students.

3. Definitions

3.1 National students are those who have a U.A.E. passport and U.A.E. National Identity Certificate (U.A.E. Family Book).

3.2 Non-national students are those who do not have a U.A.E. passport and/or U.A.E. National Identity Certificate (U.A.E. Family Book).

4. Policy

4.1 Zayed University admits national and non-national students who meet the criteria for undergraduate admission.

4.2 The university publishes the admission requirements annually.

4.3 Applicants need to meet the minimum admission requirements for the degree program they wish to apply to (see Appendix A: Undergraduate Admission Requirements).

4.4 High school certificates obtained more than ten (10) years before the intended enrollment date at ZU will not be considered for admission.

4.5 Admission to Zayed 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.

5. Guiding Principles

5.1 Secondary School Completion Requirement

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).

5.2 English Language Requirement

Applicants need to 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 A).

5.3 Mathematics Requirement

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

5.4 Interview Requirement

All applicants are required to have an interview as a part of the admissions process.

6. Students of Determination

Applications from students of determination will be reviewed by the Student Accessibility Services Department. Admission will be granted based on the department’s recommendations.

7. Transfer Admissions

Transfer admissions to Zayed University must be managed in accordance with standard ZU transfer policy (see ACA-REG-03).

8. 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.

8.1 Applicants need to 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 A).

8.2 Bachelor’s degrees earned more than ten (10) years before the intended enrollment date at ZU will not be considered for admission.

8.3 Students seeking a second degree must pay AED 2500 plus VAT per credit hour.

9. Related Policies and Laws

- ACA-REG-02 Advanced Placement and Challenge Examinations
- ACA-REG-03 Transfer Admissions, Change of Program, and Transfer Credits
- ACA-REG-04 Recognition of Prior Learning
- ACA-REG-09 Readmission to Zayed University
- ACA-SAS-01 Students with Disabilities

10. Administration

This policy is administered by the Admissions and Registration Department.

11. Revision History

Date	Revision
28 April 2022	Approved by the Provost.
23 March 2022	Updated to be in line with UC-approved admission requirements.

14 December 2021	University Council approved admission requirements for AY 2022-23.
28 September 2021	President's Decision issued (PD#54 of 2021).
4 October 2020	President's Decree issued (PD#90 of 2020).
30 September 2020	Approved by the University Council.
16 December 2019	Approved by the University Council (President's Decree #57 of 2019).
11 June 2019	Approved by the President (President's Decree #17 of 2019).
12 March 2018	Approved by the University Council.
20 December 2017	Approved by University Council (President's Decree #46 of 2017).
23 May 2017	President's Decree issued (PD#19 of 2017).

Attachments

- Appendix A: Undergraduate Admission Requirements

APPENDIX A: UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS



Degree Program	UAE High School or Equivalent (one of the below)			English Language (one of the below)			EmSAT Math
	General	Elite & Advanced	Applied Stream	EmSAT	IELTS Academic	TOEFL iBT	
BFA Animation Design	80%	75%	80%	1250	5.5	71	750
BFA Graphic Design	80%	75%	80%	1250	5.5	71	750
BFA Interior Design	80%	75%	80%	1250	5.5	71	750
BFA Visual Arts	80%	75%	80%	1250	5.5	71	750
BS Multimedia Design	80%	75%	80%	1250	5.5	71	750
BS Business Transformation	80%	75%	80%	1250	5.5	71	750
BS Social Innovation	80%	75%	80%	1250	5.5	71	750
BS Computational Systems	80%	75%	80%	1250	5.5	71	750**
BS Sustainability	80%	75%	80%	1250	5.5	71	750

* All applicants are required to pass an interview as part of the admissions process.

** Minimum requirement for pre-major. Requires passing a test after one (1) year in the program if the pre-admission Math score is below 900.

American System	Pass 5 subjects with a minimum total average of 80% (excluding Arabic and Islamic Studies)
British System	5 O-Levels & 2 A/AS Levels with a grade of B or higher (excluding Arabic and Islamic Studies)
International Baccalaureate	IB Diploma with a minimum score of 24 points