Academic Guide to Study Away at NYU Abu Dhabi

NYU Abu Dhabi is a liberal arts and sciences school with engineering offering 22 majors, five multidisciplinary concentrations, and courses in five pre-professional areas. The average class has about 11 students with many of the courses taught in a seminar style. The majority of NYUAD courses are four credits, and students are expected to register for four courses (16 credits) during their semester in Abu Dhabi.

The following guide provides useful information to NYU New York students studying in Abu Dhabi regarding course selection, equivalencies, registration, and restricted-access courses. NYU School of Engineering students should review the section at the end of the guide regarding engineering courses.

It is mandatory that all students who plan to study away in Abu Dhabi submit a Course Intent Form. Completion of this form will help NYUAD identify potential registration problems and make arrangements with your advisor as to how courses will apply to your degree audit. If a student fails to complete the form, NYUAD will not be able to assist with special registration requests before, during, or after registration.

When planning your course schedule, please note that no courses can be guaranteed. It is a poor strategy to plan a schedule that includes courses you must complete the semester you study away in Abu Dhabi in order to graduate on time or make progress in your major.

If you are experiencing difficulties during the registration process or drop/add period, you should always contact the registration help alias nyuad.registration.help@nyu.edu.

Course Selection and Course Intent Form

In order to complete your Course Intent Form, NYUNY students can search for courses offered by NYUAD in two ways:

1. Students can search for courses in Albert where NYUAD is listed as an individual school. Be sure to filter your course search by the semester you plan to study away.

2. Students can also search for courses on the NYUAD website: http://nyuad.nyu.edu/academics/undergraduate-programs/courses.html
You can filter your search by program and semester or use a keyword search. Please note that all courses on record are listed on the website and you must filter by semester to view the courses available for your semester in Abu Dhabi.

The Course Intent Form asks you to list four courses you plan to take along with two alternative courses. There you also will need to list how you plan for the course to count (major, minor, elective) towards your degree audit. Your Course Intent Form will be reviewed to help assure for a smooth registration process and to avoid potential issues as to how a course will count towards your academic program.

Course Equivalencies

NYUNY and NYUAD are actively reviewing courses offered at the two campuses to determine which courses are equivalent and how NYUAD courses will count towards an NYUNY major or program. Course equivalency information can be found on the NYUAD course website (see link above) by writing “NYUNY” into the keyword filed and clicking the submit button. You then select a course and the equivalency information is in italics below the course description.

For your Course Intent Form, please check to see if a course you wish to take has equivalency information. If you wish to count a course in a way that is different from the equivalency information, please note that on your Course Intent Form.

As new courses are offered each year, equivalency information may be in process. If equivalency information is not available, you should indicate how you hope the course will count on the equivalency form. Courses that do not yet have equivalency information will be reviewed by NYUAD’s Assistant Dean of Global Education and your advisor to confirm whether the course will count in the way you suggest on your form.

NYU Gallatin students should consult the following website for equivalency information regarding NYUAD courses.

http://gallatin.nyu.edu/academics/undergraduate/universitycourses/academic-departments.html

Registration

NYUNY students register for courses during their regularly issued registration window, which will open during EST. Please note that NYUAD students also register during EST, despite the time zone difference. This allows NYUNY and NYUAD student to have equal access to courses during the registration process.

The course equivalency review process also allows NYUNY courses to be recognized as pre-requisites for NYUAD upper-level courses. By reviewing the Course Intent Form, it can be determined in advanced if there might be a potential pre-requisite issue during registration should a NYUNY course have yet to be approved as equivalent to an NYUAD pre-requisite. If you qualify for an NYUAD course but your pre-requisites are not accepted in Albert, a permission code can be granted prior to or during the registration process.
Note: If you plan to take an upper-level NYUAD Arabic Language course, you need to request a permission code. **If you wish to continue your study of Arabic after you return to the Square, you will be able to register for the New York-based Arabic course, but you will have to take a placement exam at the start of the semester.**

**Restricted-Access Courses**

Certain NYUAD courses have restricted access during registration. Writing intensive core courses, which are denoted by a W suffix in the courses number (e.g. COREP-AD 1W), are initially open to only those NYUAD students who have not yet completed NYUAD’s writing intensive core requirement. Remaining seats become available to all other students, NYUNY and NYUAD, partway through add/drop. While the non-credit Physical Education classes are open to all students, approximately 75% of the seats in these classes are reserved for NYUAD students who have not yet completed the two-course NYUAD Physical Education requirement.

There is no guarantee that space will be available in any particular restricted course during the Drop/Add period. You should avoid planning to use a restricted access course to complete a course requirement you must fulfill the semester you study away.

**NYU School of Engineering**

To date, equivalencies between NYUAD Engineering course and the NYU School of Engineering (SOE) courses are not yet available. Upper-level engineering courses offered at NYUAD should align with certain SOE courses, but introductory courses are quite different and are not generally substitutable.

SOE students who need to take science (biology, chemistry, physics) and mathematics courses should note that NYUAD’s science and math courses most closely align with those offered by the College of Arts and Science. There are no 2-credit math or science courses.

SOE students should work closely with their advisors and NYUAD’s Assistant Dean of Global Education to determine their course schedule. As your SOE courses will not be recognized as pre-requisites, you should expect to work with the NYUAD registrar to be administratively registered for courses.

Ideally, SOE students should study away the fall semester of their sophomore year.

For further questions or concerns contact nyuad.registration.help@nyu.edu.