NYU Abu Dhabi is a liberal arts and sciences school with an engineering program. Courses in 22 majors, five multidisciplinary concentrations, and courses in five pre-professional areas are available to students. 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 for studying in Abu Dhabi regarding course selection, equivalencies, registration, and restricted-access courses. Engineering majors should review the section at the end of the guide regarding engineering courses.

As part of the Global Programs application to study away students must include the courses they may potentially take. This information will help NYUAD identify potential registration problems and make arrangements with your advisor as to how courses will apply to your degree audit.

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. It is better to identify a range of courses that could fulfill your academic study away goals.

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

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 also can 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.

Course Equivalencies
NYUNY, NYUAD, NYUSH are actively reviewing courses offered at the three campuses to determine which courses are equivalent and how NYUAD courses will count towards your major or program. For students who originate from the New York campus, course equivalency information can be found on Albert under the notes section in the description of each course that has been pre-approved by an NYUNY department. This information will appear the week before registration.

As new courses are offered each year, equivalency information may be in process. Courses that do not yet have equivalency information will be reviewed by the Assistant Dean of Global Programs and your advisor to confirm whether the course will count towards your degree progress.

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

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

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

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EN9JeCMhxUzWvQwMOGAH_K0snzwMldcT0GMzVXyFOs/edit#gid=923135405

Registration

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

The course equivalency review process also allows previously completed courses or courses in progress to be recognized as pre-requisites for NYUAD upper-level courses.

Validating Courses

It is your responsibility to make sure your courses validate. Failure to do so in advance of your registration time could leave you unable to enroll in a full course schedule. If your course does NOT validate, you need to select the reason why you believe this occurred (lack of prerequisite, NYUSH prerequisite not accepted by Albert, special permission required). We MAY be able to assist.

To validate a course, please follow these instructions:

https://www.nyu.edu/registrar/sis/student-registration-planning-validating-classes.html
We strongly recommend that you have all courses you hope to take placed into your shopping cart and validated before your registration time. This will give you the best chance of placing into your desired courses.

**Important Exceptions**

Note: If you plan to take an upper-level NYUAD Arabic Language course, you need to request a permission code.

Note: If you plan to take CS-AD 101 Introduction to Computer Science please realize that this course is taught in the programming language Python. If you plan to pursue upper-level Computer Science courses in New York you will have to learn the programming language Java on your own as it is the language used in the Courant version of Introduction to Computer Science.

**Restricted-Access Courses**

Certain NYU Abu Dhabi courses have restricted access. First-Year Writing Seminars (e.g. WRIT-UH) are not open to study away students. Colloquia courses in the Core Curriculum (CCOL-UH) are not open to study away students during registration. If seats are still available after the first week of the semester, they will be available to all other students, including study away students, 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 NYU Abu Dhabi students who have not yet completed the two-course NYU Abu Dhabi Physical Education requirement.

There is no guarantee that space will be available in any particular restricted course during the Drop/Add period. Study away students should not plan to use a restricted access course to complete a course requirement that must be fulfilled the semester during study away.

**NYU School of Engineering**

NYU Tandon students who plan to study in Abu Dhabi for a semester should keep in mind that the curricula of the Tandon and Abu Dhabi engineering majors differ. Courses with similar names and course descriptions may be worth different credit amounts (two or four credits) or require different pre- and co-requisites. Despite these differences, Abu Dhabi is a great study away option for Tandon students, and science majors in general. As your Tandon courses may not always be recognized by Albert as pre-requisites, you should expect to work with the NYUAD registrar to be administratively registered for courses.

**Science Students**

Students who need to take science (biology, chemistry, physics) and mathematics courses should note that NYUAD’s science courses most closely align with those offered by the College of Arts and Science in New York. There are now 4- and 2-credit versions of some Math courses that may be better suited for certain NY majors.
Students should work carefully with their advisors well in advance of registration – ideally when listing courses on their study away application – to determine if steady degree progress can be made while studying in Abu Dhabi and what special needs can be accommodated. Please note that not all courses are taught every semester and students should be strategic in choosing the semester that best fits with their academic program and goals.

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