

## Academic Guide to Study Away in Abu Dhabi

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NYU Abu Dhabi is a liberal arts and sciences school with an engineering program. Courses in 22 majors, eleven multidisciplinary and 19 disciplinary minors, and courses in 6 pre-professional areas are available to students. NYU Abu Dhabi also anticipates final regulatory approval of new majors in Interactive Media and Legal Studies beginning fall 2018. 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](mailto: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 by major or minor on the NYUAD website:  
<https://nyuad.nyu.edu/en/academics/undergraduate/majors-and-minors.html>  
You can then select courses in the top left-hand side navigation. Course can be filtered by semester or you can use a keyword search.
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## 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. Information about course equivalencies can be found here:

<https://www.nyu.edu/abu-dhabi/academics/courses-fall-2018.html>

To determine whether a course will apply towards your degree, there is italicized text before the description that explains how the course counts towards a specific NYU New York/NYU Shanghai major or program.

As new courses are offered each year, equivalency information may be in process. Courses that do not yet have equivalency information can 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/1EN9JcCMhxUzWyQwwMOGAH\\_K0snzwMldcT0GMzVXyFOs/edit#gid=923135405](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EN9JcCMhxUzWyQwwMOGAH_K0snzwMldcT0GMzVXyFOs/edit#gid=923135405)

## Registration

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

## Validating Courses

Many NYU NY and NYU Shanghai courses have been set up as alternative prerequisites for NYU Abu Dhabi courses. In these cases, Albert will allow you to register without further assistance. In other cases, your previous coursework may be acceptable, but will need to be considered on a case by case basis with permission codes issues as needed.

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**

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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.

NOTE: Pre-requisites for courses with similar names across NYU's three campuses may differ. Please be sure to check pre-requisites for the courses offered on the campus where you will study.

### 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. 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

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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 upper-level 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. Non-engineering students should expect to enroll in the 4-credit versions to most closely match the comparable NY course(s).

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.

There are no equivalents at NYUAD to the introductory biology, chemistry, and physics sequences offered in New York and Shanghai. Students should plan accordingly.

**For further questions or concerns contact [nyuad.registration.help@nyu.edu](mailto:nyuad.registration.help@nyu.edu).**

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