

# STUDY DUBAI

YOUR GUIDE TO HIGHER  
EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES



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# WHY DUBAI



# LIVE, LEARN AND THRIVE

A future-forward city with a reputation for pioneering innovation, Dubai is home to a multicultural community of innovators, entrepreneurs and visionary game changers – a place where aspirations become reality. Choose to study in Dubai and you'll not only gain a world-class education but be an active player in shaping the future, whatever your chosen field or interest.

Students from across the globe choose Dubai for its enviable standard of living, its access to the largest selection of renowned international universities anywhere in the world and its diverse career enhancing ecosystem.

As a hyper-connected business-first hub with a "nothing is impossible" mindset, Dubai is the top

destination for start-ups and high achievers in the region and beyond, attracting bold thinkers and big ambition.

From a flourishing innovation sector populated by the world's best-known tech names, software brands and digital media giants, to its track record as an acknowledged R&D incubator and in-demand location as fertile ground for future enablement and opportunity, Dubai ticks all the boxes for academic trailblazers and visionaries.

A global financial centre, re-export hub and transshipment nexus, Dubai is also at the strategic commercial crossroads between East and West. Its superlative land, sea and air infrastructure and connectivity opens the doors to the world's most valuable

markets, from emerging Africa and the rapidly advancing E7 economic powerhouses of China and India to its GCC neighbours.

From access to industry thought leaders and an international community of like-minded peers, to living in a city that values the individual, embraces diversity and encourages unity, Dubai is the ultimate career catalyst.

Regional hub for global technology giants including EMC/Dell, Facebook, Google, LinkedIn, Microsoft, Oracle and Twitter

Attracting significant business and innovation ecosystem investment and talent through mega events like Expo 2020 Dubai

Ranked #1 in the world for FDI technology transfer and #3 top location for artificial intelligence (AI) and robotics in terms of FDI

A world leader in digital innovation. Set to become the first city fully powered by Blockchain by 2020, and has the world's first Minister of A.I

A globally respected test bed for autonomous mobility initiatives and investors in groundbreaking technologies like The Virgin Hyperloop One. 25% of all transport in Dubai will be autonomous by 2030

The city is spearheading the application of cutting-edge technologies such as AI, biomimicry, genomics, space travel, autonomous transport, robotics and 3D printing through the Dubai Future Accelerators programme and other government initiatives

Location of the world's first fully functional 3D-printed office building

Launchpad for the One Million Arab Coders initiative and other programmes laying the foundation for exciting new next-generation career pathways

Dubai leads the world in employment growth

# ADVANTAGE DUBAI

Fast track your future in one of the world's most forward-thinking cities



# A GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE HUB

## #4 MOST VISITED CITY IN THE WORLD

Mastercard Global Destination Cities Index 2018

## #2 SMARTEST CITY IN MIDDLE EAST & AFRICA

McKinsey Global Institute Smart Cities: Digital Solutions for a More Livable Future report 2018

## #1 CITY IN MIDDLE EAST & AFRICA FOR QUALITY OF LIVING

Mercer Quality of Living Survey 2019

*“The UAE has cemented its position as a global hub for knowledge and culture, attracting some of the world’s brightest talent.”*

HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai



60 world class international universities and colleges



Career hotspot with 100,000+ newly created Expo 2020 jobs



Location of choice for cutting edge R&D organisations



Regional base for many of world’s Fortune 500 and Forbes Global 2000 companies



Home to innovation accelerators including Dubai Future Foundation and AstroLabs, part of the Google for Entrepreneurs partner network.



Supportive, inclusive and progressive community with a Ministry of Tolerance, Ministry of Possibilities and Dubai Happiness Agenda



Connects the world with over 100 airlines serving 240 destinations



Safe, friendly, inclusive, multicultural and the region’s most liveable city

# QUALITY EDUCATION, GLOBAL OUTLOOK

With an inspiring choice of over 60 globally respected international university campuses - the largest number anywhere in the world - Dubai offers an abundance of best-in-class higher education opportunities.

Backed by the government's strategic vision and investment, Dubai's reputation as a knowledge-based economy at the forefront of innovation is founded on a commitment to the provision of quality education as a principal building block for the next generation of leaders, innovators and entrepreneurs. You only have to look at the wealth of courses and degrees that cover a full spectrum of curricula and disciplines, to see why Dubai is one of the preferred choices for international students.

A melting pot of nationalities and cultures, this gives you unparalleled access to tailor-made programmes from the best international seats of learning, specifically designed to meet your unique abilities, ambition and aspirations. From a two-year vocational qualification or higher national diploma and a three or four-year undergraduate degree to postgraduate Masters' or PhD programmes, there are hundreds of stringently vetted and internationally credited courses to choose from.

Dubai is also home to an ever-expanding community of renowned educational institutions including Babson College, Heriot-Watt University (International University of the Year 2018, The Times and The Sunday Times) and the Rochester Institute of Technology, as well as highly respected

leading local education facilities such as the Emirates Institute for Banking and Finance and Emirates Aviation University.

An added bonus of studying in a world-leading knowledge-based economy is the fact that Dubai is also a cutting-edge R&D cradle, and home to a high-profile community of pre-eminent research hubs. The most up-to-date resources, technology,

## COMING SOON...

Students at Dubai universities will be able to study AND carry out business and creative activities as part of an integrated higher education programme with the planned launch of new university free zones. Become a future business leader or pursue your entrepreneurial dream while studying, with special economic and creative zones set up on campus!

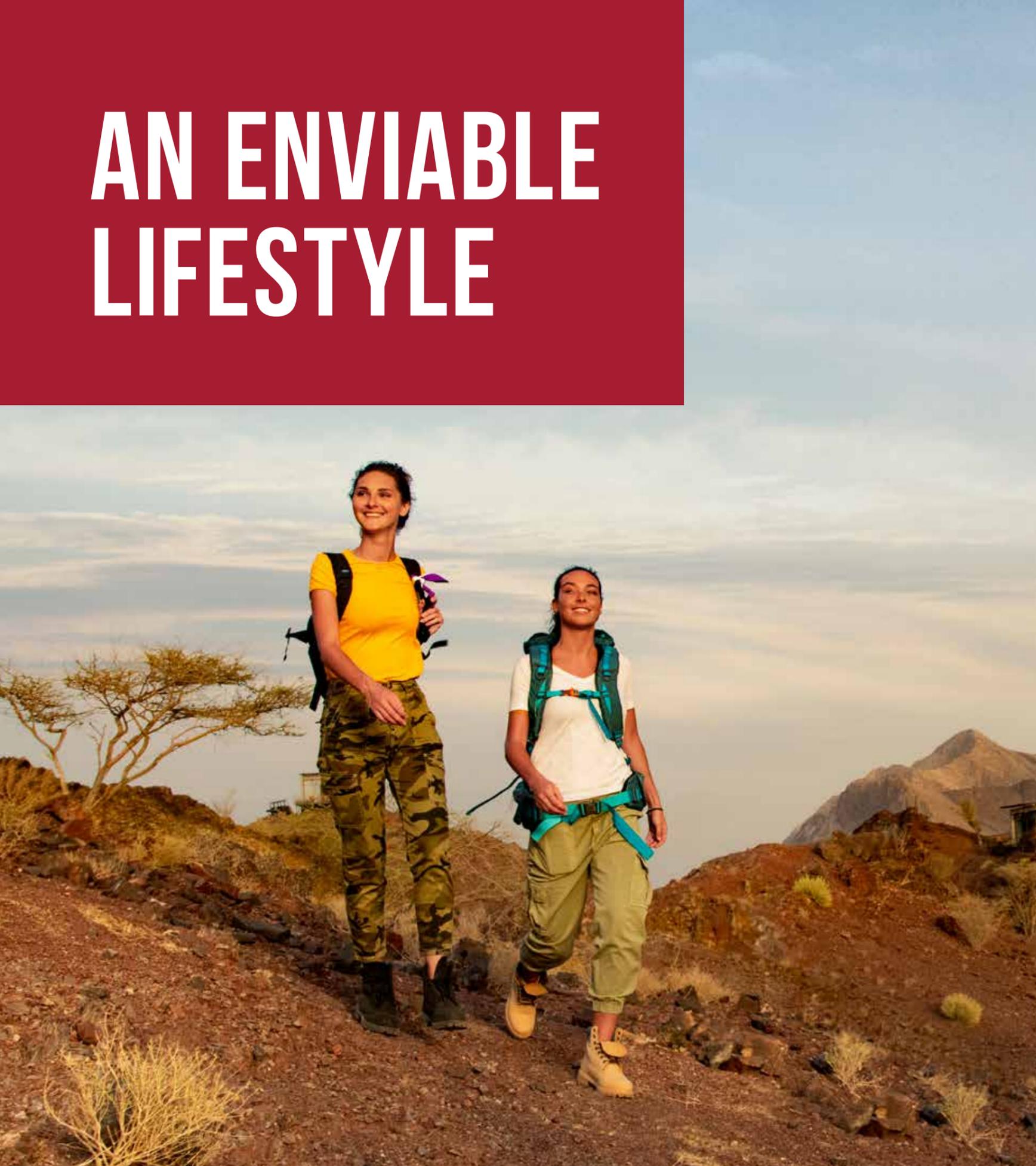
laboratories and minds are all found here, including the UK's Moorfields Eye Hospital, Johns Hopkins from the US, Dubai Science Park and the recently unveiled Mohammed bin Rashid Aerospace Hub, to the likes of the world's foremost innovation accelerators such as AstroLabs, part of the Google for Entrepreneurs partner network, In5, DIFC Fintech Hive and Dubai Future Foundation.



*"My experience as an international student has been positive. I must mention the broad academic curriculum offered within a high-quality education system, the efficient administration and infrastructure, and, above all, the international environment."*

**DOREEN CHIWUNDURA, FROM SOUTH AFRICA**  
BBA candidate at Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Dubai Campus

# AN ENVIABLE LIFESTYLE



*“We set in motion a revolutionary plan that will assist students to realise their dreams in becoming the young successful business leaders of the future”*

HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai and Chairman of the Dubai Executive Council

## A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

Dubai is consistently ranked as one of the world’s safest cities, which will help put every parent’s mind at ease, and its multicultural reputation and rich diversity of lifestyle attractions, activities, events and accommodation options make it hard to beat for a standout student experience. The emirate is well on the way to achieving its goal of becoming the world’s smartest city by 2021 with essential everyday services such as paying utilities and getting a UAE driving license all easily done online and via blockchain. Dubai is also a global leader when it comes to air connectivity, with two-thirds of the world accessible in under eight hours via more than 100 airlines serving 240 destinations.

## STUDY AND STAY

Dubai’s open-door policy attracts the brightest young minds from around the world to its high-profile universities. The city is now even more student friendly thanks to recent legislative changes that now offer extended study and post graduation visas in addition to the regular one year renewable student visa. The Dubai advantage of a safe and welcoming city, rounded lifestyle and the security of knowing your time as a student is free of red tape; makes it a winning destination for students looking for best-in-class internationally recognised degree programmes and world-class career prospects.

## ARE YOU A HIGH-ACHIEVER?

If you are an outstanding student and all-round high-achiever then Dubai is the obvious choice to pursue your degree and career ambitions. Did you graduate from public or private secondary school with a final grade of 95% or above, or are you a university student with a distinctive UAE or international university awarded GPA of at least 3.75? If the answer is yes, then you could be eligible for a five year study visa.

And it gets even better. If you are an exceptional student, you could well be eligible for a 10-year residency visa that will set you on the right path for career success post-graduation.

# GET A HEAD START ON YOUR FUTURE

With Dubai ranked as one of the world's most future-forward destinations to relocate to for work, hundreds of thousands of new jobs being created around Expo 2020, and a vast array of Fortune 500 companies choosing the city as a regional base, it's an undeniable career catalyst.

Dubai doesn't rest on its laurels and continued fiscal stimuli in the lead-up to Expo 2020 has seen a raft of business-friendly reforms including a new visa system for international investors, with a long-term 10-year residency visa for in-demand professionals and business owners, plus the green light for 100% foreign ownership of companies.

The emirate has always been a hotspot for career focused graduates, ambitious young talent, idealistic entrepreneurs and ground-breaking start-ups attracted by a diversified economic base and "anything is possible" attitude. Significant and sustained investment into the city's business and innovation ecosystems is already helping realise an exciting future and, as an international student, you will have direct access to the cutting-edge opportunities that are shaping a new tomorrow.

As Dubai continues to establish itself as a leading knowledge-based economy and a vibrant innovation, trade and business hub, providing strong stepping stone access to employment and further development, what does this mean for fresh graduates like you?

It means more attractive career-boosting opportunities as companies choose to either set up in Dubai or expand their reach across the region with the emirate the preferred business base, or a welcoming and supportive environment in which to launch your own revolutionary business idea.

If we haven't convinced you already, consider this: Dubai has the largest number of international university branches in the world offering internationally accredited courses covering the full spectrum of career-making curricula. Once you've graduated, the biggest names in the business world are right here on your doorstep and, if you're the entrepreneurial type, then Dubai is a supportive cradle for bright ideas.

In short, a world-class education and internationally recognised undergraduate or postgraduate degree from Dubai is your passport to the world.

A 2018 indeed.com survey reported that 40% of employers in the UAE were concerned with finding enough good people to fill vacant positions.

The Robert Half 2019 Salary Guide reported that Middle East based companies are looking to make the workplace even more attractive with training and development (81%) and improved compensation packages (79%) a major focus.

**63%** OF STEM DEGREE GRADUATES EARN MORE THAN OTHER BACHELOR'S DEGREE HOLDERS

**64%** OF THE WORLD'S CEOs HOLD A MASTER'S DEGREE OR EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATION

# SUPERCHARGE YOUR CAREER PROSPECTS

Highly sought-after graduates include those with engineering, business, IT or medical sciences degrees with marketing, finance and accounting also in demand.

In the education field, graduates with early childhood and special education specific degrees are on the wanted list, demand for specialised law degrees, such as commercial law and international law. **UAE Ministry of Education, Majors in Demand report**

## Cooper Fitch 2019 Salary Guide - job prospects

- Hiring in the UAE job market is expected to rise by 10 - 15% in 2019
- Banking and legal sectors lead the way
- Demand for developers and programmers, web technologies and mobile applications is on the rise
- Sales people and consultants are highly sought-after roles

*“I decided to study in Dubai instead of the USA and Canada because I wanted to live and learn in a safe and nice environment. Dubai offers everything I was looking for: a modern city with an international society, international cuisine, as well as beach life and of course sunshine!”*

*The Bachelor of Business Administration Programme is offered in several Universities in Dubai. I decided to apply at the University of Wollongong because it is an Australian university. The benefit for myself is that I can receive the BBA Certificate from Australia as well as from Dubai. This is a helpful advantage to have in the future as it guarantees flexibility.”*

**LEONARDO HECHLER, FROM GERMANY**  
University of Wollongong in Dubai



# UNIVERSITIES





The UAE is #1 investor in start-ups in the MENA region

Public cloud spending in the region topped US\$1.1 billion in 2018

Dubai aims to be the first city in the world to extensively use Blockchain Technology

## STUDY FOCUS: TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

As a global leader in innovation, Dubai's international universities offer a wealth of courses designed for forward-thinking leaders of the future. Whether you're fascinated by alternative energy, are passionate about the power of disruptive technology or want to make the world a safer place with a career in cyber security, it all happens here.

### AMITY UNIVERSITY *BTech in Solar & Alternate Energy*

With US\$1 trillion of global investment into renewable energy there is a pressing need for highly qualified professionals and this undergraduate degree creates future leaders in this pioneering sector.

[amityuniversity.ae](http://amityuniversity.ae)

### HERIOT-WATT UNIVERSITY *MSc in Artificial Intelligence (AI)*

Develop the skills to lead the evolution of next generation intelligent software and become a specialist in data mining, pattern recognition and machine learning at The Times International University of the Year 2018.

[www.hw.ac.uk/dubai.htm](http://www.hw.ac.uk/dubai.htm)

### HULT INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS SCHOOL *MA in International Business*

Gain a broad understanding in all areas of international business with a degree based on Hult's award-winning MBA curriculum.

[www.hult.edu](http://www.hult.edu)

### MIDDLESEX UNIVERSITY DUBAI *MA in Global Governance & Sustainable Development*

Acquire the skills to help society meet the needs of the present through a focus on global governance approaches and instruments focused on environmental sustainability and social justice.

[www.mdx.ac.ae](http://www.mdx.ac.ae)

### MURDOCH UNIVERSITY *BSc in Cyber Security & Forensics*

Become an ICT professional capable of managing and protecting information with the forensic skillset to investigate and mitigate information security incidents in an era of increasing cyber security threats and compliance requirements.

[www.murdochuniversitydubai.com](http://www.murdochuniversitydubai.com)

# STUDY FOCUS: BUSINESS & TOURISM

A hyper-connected business hub, Dubai is the preferred destination for high-profile multinationals, legacy hotel brands, and ambitious self-starters with big dreams. If a business or tourism qualification is your chosen career path, Dubai has a university course for you.

## THE EMIRATES ACADEMY OF HOSPITALITY

### *BBA in International Hospitality Management*

Get immersed in the fundamentals of the business world while gaining the technical skills required to handle front office, housekeeping and food and beverage operations. Stay equipped with hands-on training at a premier brand and master the art of successfully running a hospitality business.

[www.emiratesacademy.edu](http://www.emiratesacademy.edu)

## THE BRITISH UNIVERSITY IN DUBAI

### *BSc in Business Management*

A research-based teaching programme designed to enable students to develop their critical thinking, innovation, and competencies, offering a

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thorough grounding in a range of business and management subjects including operations management, finance, marketing, and HR.

[www.buid.ac.ae](http://www.buid.ac.ae)

## CANADIAN UNIVERSITY IN DUBAI

### *MBA in Marketing*

Gain advanced level skills to effectively plan, develop and implement strategic marketing techniques for all kinds of businesses. Dig deep into consumer behaviour, market segmentation and consumer loyalty, and study the theory and practice of the marketing lifecycle.

[www.cud.ac.ae](http://www.cud.ac.ae)





# STUDY FOCUS: ARTS & CULTURE

Dubai's multicultural population has long been the backbone of a vibrant local music, theatre, art and literary scene, and the city's universities offer some of the most exciting creative courses around.

## AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN DUBAI

### *BFA in Interior Design*

Integrate art, design, technology and business practices and polish the skills to produce highly functional and aesthetically appealing interior environments with this globally accredited and highly respected undergraduate degree.

[www.aud.edu](http://www.aud.edu)

## UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG IN DUBAI

### *Master of Media & Communication*

The next step for media and communications professionals to advance their careers, transmedia storytelling, social media and network culture, film and cinema studies and emerging digital tools and practices are just some of the disciplines explored.

[www.uowdubai.ac.ae](http://www.uowdubai.ac.ae)

## ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

### *BSc in Museum Studies*

This in-depth programme covers the history, theory, and practice of institutional collecting, exhibition design, collection management, fundraising, grant writing and technological implementation. Graduates will be primed to help institutions better share collections with the world.

[www.rit.edu/dubai](http://www.rit.edu/dubai)



**PLAN YOUR STAY**

# VISA KNOW-HOW

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Student visas are issued to expatriate students who either currently reside in the UAE, under the sponsorship of parents or relatives, or to foreign international students who choose to study in the country.

## WHAT ARE THE VISA APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS?

- To secure a freshman student visa, you need to obtain an official admission letter from the university you will be studying at
- For mature students, a certificate of continuation of study is required
- Applicants also need to pass a medical fitness examination
- Applicants must have a visa sponsor, which would be an accredited university\* or a parent/relative (if UAE resident)
- Approval from the General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs (GDRFA) is required

\*Students should refer to terms and conditions listed in each university or college to know specific requirements for admission and visa process.

## HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Student visa applications can cost up to US\$820 and there's also a refundable security deposit of around US\$270 per application.

## NEXT STEPS

Gather the relevant documents which includes:

- Your passport + four copies
- 12 passport photos
- Admissions letter from your chosen university in the UAE
- Bank statements showing proof of funds for tuition fees and living expenses
- Tenancy agreement or proof of student accommodation
- Copy of visa fees and tuition fees receipt for first year of study
- Proof of your undergraduate degree if applying for a post-graduate programme



Start the application process **online** either by going through the official **eChannels** portal (for individuals or companies registered in the UAE) or via the GDRFA Dubai website [dnrd.ae/en](https://dnrd.ae/en) (or call the Customer Happiness Centre helpline on +971 4 800 5111)

Government licensed typing centres will process **offline** visa applications through GDRFA Dubai.



# AFFORDABLE ACCOMMODATION

Whether you're planning to study at a top tier university or college out at Dubai International Academic City or headed to a similar campus located within Dubai Knowledge Park, monthly studio rental for students on a shoestring budget starts from US\$450 in purpose-built shared accommodation, with other affordable options found in strategic locations near popular educational hubs.

**Where:** Dubailand

**Why:** Just 15 minutes from Dubai International Academic City, Dubailand is home to a smattering of high-rise apartment blocks that come in at affordable rents. Skycourts Towers' six buildings are popular options with all mod cons onsite and annual rents in the area starting from US\$8,170 (studio) and US\$10,900 (one-bed). Great for Dubai International Academic City.

**Where:** Dubai Silicon Oasis

**Why:** An affordable residential community just a few minutes' drive from Dubai International Academic City where Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Road meets the Dubai-Al Ain Road. Apartment style living with excellent facilities and local amenities, and student budget-friendly rents starting from studios at US\$725 with a one-bed unit averaging US\$1,300 per month.

**Where:** International City

**Why:** Another self-contained low-rise residential community that's student friendly on all counts, modestly-priced apartments include studio and one-bedroom options priced at US\$6,800 and US\$8,170, per annum respectively. Sharing with friends? Two- and three-bed apartments are also freely available. It's also a stone's throw from the Dragon Mart retail complex. Best for Dubai International Academic City access.

**Where:** Uninest Student Residences

**Why:** On the doorstep of Dubai International Academic City this is purpose-built student accommodation with a raft of amenities including a large gym, WiFi, laundry facilities, shuttle bus services and utilities included. The perfect starter home for first-timers to Dubai, a twin en suite room in a seven-bed apartment costs around US\$450 on a sharing basis.

**Where:** Jumeirah Lakes Towers (JLT)

**Why:** Tall towers dominate the skyline of this humongous Sheikh Zayed Road development and there's an infinite number of apartments on offer, many with fantastic views. Two metro stations, a pedestrian bridge connecting you to Dubai Marina Mall, supermarkets, pharmacies and endless restaurants add to the appeal as does its relative affordability with a studio yours for just US\$16,400 annually. Best for Dubai Knowledge Park access.

**Where:** Jumeirah Village Circle (JVC)

**Why:** A 15-minute drive from Dubai Knowledge Park, this is a wallet-friendly option in a landscaped community offering apartment and townhouse living. Go solo in a studio from US\$800 per month or a decent one-bed from US\$1,200 per month. Shopping and dining at Dubai Marina is a short ride away and there's also a direct bus route to Mall of the Emirates.

**Where:** Business Bay

**Why:** Fantastic views with a reasonable price tag, Business Bay offers easy access to Downtown Dubai, and all its marvellous offerings, including The Dubai Mall, Dubai Opera, Dubai Water Canal, and plenty of trendy restaurants and entertainment hotspots. Studio apartments from as little as US\$13,000 annually.

## FIND YOUR PLACE

*Real estate brokers are everywhere in Dubai but your first stop for apartment hunting advice should be your university admissions department. Online property portals such as bayut.com, propertyfinder.com and dubai.dubizzle.com are helpful resources with up-to-date listings and area guides.*



# CITY SNAPSHOT



## TECHTASTIC DUBAI

Download the Visit Dubai mobile app for access to live entertainment news and events to find out what the city has to offer when you're done studying. Gamers should head to Hub Zero in City Walk where you'll find a LAN gaming area with 70 stations, VR rides and laser tag or take the controls of an Emirates A380 in a simulator experience with a choice of 12 different airport landing scenarios at The Dubai Mall. The city is also taking technology into its green spaces and onto the beach with Smart Palm stations offering free mobile phone and tablet charging capability. A hotspot for experiential technology, check out the latest innovations at the annual STEP Conference, Ai Everything exhibition, GITEX Technology Week and GITEX Shopper retail event (home to the latest must-have gadgets).

## SPORT FOR ALL

Access to a healthy lifestyle is part of Dubai's quest to become the world's most active city and outside of the classroom there is a huge variety of activities to try, whether you're a keen athlete or weekend workout type. On Dubai's beaches you'll find plenty of watersports centres where you can jet ski, paddle board, parasail, and flyboard. Water parks are a big deal here with Wild Wadi, Laguna Water Park and Aquaventure being the top rated spots. Gyms are everywhere in the city from CrossFit boxes to well-known international brands, with MMA gyms and yoga studios also popular. An Olympic standard ice rink is housed in The Dubai Mall, while Ski Dubai is the city's dedicated ski and snowboarding slope. Football, basketball and tennis courts are plenty and if adrenalin adventure is your thing, zip line thrills, hot air ballooning, parkour and sky diving are also on the menu. The city also hosts the annual Dubai Fitness Challenge, 30x30, an initiative that motivated over 1 million Dubai participants to take on 30 minutes of activity a day for 30 days in 2018. Definitely one for the diary!

## DINE THE WORLD

Food is fuel for the brain and all appetites, cultures and budgets are catered for in Dubai with a choice of literally thousands of cafés, food trucks and restaurants reflecting the multicultural cuisine of its 200+ resident nationalities. Halal, vegetarian, vegan, gluten free, carnivore or pescatarian - take your pick. Five-star hotel venues with celeb chefs are perfect for when parents are in town while affordable local eats throughout the city are on offer from shawarma stands to food truck finds on the beach.

## LET US ENTERTAIN YOU

Cultural pursuits come in many forms and Dubai is spoilt for choice. Home to state-of-the-art venues including the new Coca-Cola Arena and stunning Dubai Opera, as well as cosy local alternatives, the city is a world tour stop-off for bestselling international musicians, theatre troupes, ballet companies and top DJs. Be enthralled by popular homegrown attractions such as the mesmerising La Perle by Dragone stage spectacle and The Dubai Fountain's awe-inspiring light, water and sound show, laugh your socks off at a comedy night, catch a Hollywood, Bollywood or Nollywood movie and cherry pick your entertainment scene.

## CONNECT TO THE WORLD

A global transit hub with a transportation infrastructure that takes you from A to Z in the world with ease, Dubai outranks most megacities when it comes to connectivity. The city also leads in terms of mobile connectivity with free public WiFi and 5G already being rolled out ... great news for keeping in touch with mum, dad and your friends back home!

Dubai International airport (DXB) is one of the busiest airports in the world and connects to more than 240 destinations through over 100 airlines with regular and student budget-friendly low-cost airlines to choose from, with Dubai World Central (DWC) the city's second airport.

## A CITY FOR EVERYONE

Home to over three million people from 200+ nationalities, Dubai is a fascinating cosmopolitan fusion of cultures, beliefs and values united under a banner of tolerance and diversity that is the envy of the world.

The city, and indeed the whole country, walks the talk with a National Tolerance Programme that underpins the UAE's active commitment to ensuring that every one of its residents is able to live life to the full, express themselves freely and pursue activities close to their hearts and at the heart of their own culture.

It also means that you get to experience the food, fashion and traditions of people from around the world without ever having to travel - how's that for multiculturalism? And we also have a Happiness Agenda that's making sure Dubai is an even more awesome place to live.

Take a stroll around Dubai's wildly diverse neighbourhoods for a snapshot of the cultural nuances from ethnic street food to shopping; check out the edgy local arts, gallery and performance scene; hang out with the hipster crowd at a parkour hotspot or skate park; and be free to follow your faith with mosques, churches and temples located across the city.



## SOAK UP SOME LOCAL CULTURE

*Tap into the city's rich cultural heritage or explore its eclectic arts scene with a vibrant landscape of locations and activities to choose from. Get a sense of Dubai's 50-year history along the Dubai Creek, or at one of its many museums. Art fans have a wealth of established and emerging galleries to browse, from the industrial warehouses of Al Quoz to Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood plus annual showcases including Art Dubai, Dubai Design Week and Dubai Art Week.*

# MANAGING YOUR FINANCES



# SUPER STUDENT SAVINGS

Student life and learning to live on a budget go hand in hand and there are plenty of ways to make sure every dollar goes that little bit further in Dubai from exclusive student discounts on education and living essentials to scholarships, paid internship opportunities and access to legal part-time employment.

## STUDENT SAVERS

Many of Dubai's universities have student discount programmes in place with negotiated discounts at major retailers, attractions, hotels, medical centres, gyms and restaurant chains that simply require you to show your official university ID at point of purchase.

An International Student Identity Card (ISIC) is globally recognised and offers more than 125,000 benefits/discounts in over 130 countries, including the UAE. Apply online ([isic.org](http://isic.org)) or via a local issuing office to take advantage of deals and discounts on everything from software licenses, digital communications and magazine subscriptions to music streaming, dining, festivals, public transport, theme parks, sporting events and world heritage sites.

Dubai Metro is a lifeline for students without their own vehicles or who don't want to rely on taking taxis everywhere. Get a Blue Nol card for 50% off the already super low-priced fare.

If Apple is your technology brand of choice, the global Apple Education pricing initiative will net you a student

discount on your next laptop or PC (with the discount also available for parents) at any of its Dubai stores.

Big screen student discounts are a staple at Novo Cinemas and Vox Cinemas with weekday deals and if you choose to go with either a Du or Etisalat telecoms package for your mobile and home Internet then Du Tuesdays and Etisalat Wednesdays equal half price tickets at selected cinemas.

Popular restaurant delivery sites like [talabat.com](http://talabat.com) and [zomato.com](http://zomato.com) offer every kind of cuisine under the sun and run frequent promotions for cash-conscious students. The Zomato Gold programme is an added value membership programme packed with even more discounts and perks at hundreds of Dubai eateries.

It's also worth considering investing a few hundred dirhams on The Entertainer app for access to fabulous dining, fitness and hotel discounts for 12 months or sign-up for meal deals, wellness offers and discounted experiences on [groupon.ae](http://groupon.ae) and [cobone.com](http://cobone.com).



# EARN AND LEARN

## WILL I GET PAID?

There is no legal requirement for a UAE based business to pay an intern, but most reputable companies do. Paid internships vary wildly when it comes to salary and can range anywhere between US\$270 to around US\$2,400 per month.

Make the most of a Dubai education and put a little money in your pocket at the same time with a part-time job or boost your career prospects by signing up for an industry-specific internship.

## FUND YOUR FUTURE

Dubai Development Authority, which controls the Dubai Creative Clusters (DCC) free zones, has a no-fee Student Part-Time Work Regulation permit that gives young creative talent the opportunity to get industry experience to complement their fields of study and increase employment prospects post-graduation.

The 'Earn while you Learn' campaign covers students at DCC licensed universities located within Dubai International Academic City and Dubai Knowledge Park and provides connections to 1,000s of ICT, media, entertainment, human capital development, education, life sciences, energy, environment, fashion, design and outsourcing companies.

Students at other tertiary education hubs can also pursue part-time employment opportunities by obtaining a no objection letter from their university and applying to the UAE Labor Department for a temporary work permit.

## INTERN ADVANTAGE

Internships offer unique insight into the world of work and a window on a potential career path. Dubai is a fantastic city to find an internship that matches your specific interests, with established programmes and seasonal opportunities covering almost every industry sector.

Your first port of call is the university careers department to explore opportunities through local partnerships. There's also a number of handy online resources to check out, including [oliv.com](http://oliv.com), [studentjobs.ae](http://studentjobs.ae), [edarabia.com](http://edarabia.com) and [naukrigulf.com](http://naukrigulf.com).

Popular internship programmes and placements include Al Tamimi & Company, Art Dubai, Bosch, Dubai Airports, Dubai Design & Fashion Council, Dubai Film Commission, Habtoor Group, HSBC, IBM, Jumeirah, Mercedes-Benz, Procter & Gamble, PwC and Thomson Reuters.

## LEGAL LOWDOWN

- Student visa holders can legally apply for an internship
- Your employer (the company you intern with) is responsible for sorting out a (temporary) work permit
- Dubai Creative Clusters issues its own Student Part-Time Work Regulation permit to businesses operating in its free zones

## ON-CAMPUS JOBS

Most universities in Dubai let you pursue on campus work opportunities and view it as a valuable extension to academic life and way to gain some real-world experience. Roles in admin departments, the library, onsite retail outlets and other areas are usually overseen by the student employment co-ordinator. You'll need to be a star student to be considered, so keep those grades up to be in with a chance!

### TOP TIP

Check out government-approved job site [oliv.com](http://oliv.com) for student employment opportunities. Gain invaluable real-life experience and bank some cash with part-time jobs in the fashion industry, working at a major exhibition, as a meet and greeter at a theme park, and even with Dubai Police.

# SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

Dubai's higher education community recognises the investment burden required to pursue a degree on foreign shores, and many international university branches offer a number of financial incentives, rewards, aid and scholarships to new, continuing and meritorious students each year.

Read on to see if you could qualify for a financial head start with our list of active scholarship and grant programmes from some of Dubai's top tertiary education institutes.

## DISCOUNTS

### Financial aid disbursements

- 10-50% off tuition fee costs depending on circumstances and merit
- Family study discounts averaging around 10% for siblings
- Early application discounts
- Full advance fee payment
- Corporate discount for multiple students from the same company

### Grants

- Postgraduate and professional study grants
- Alumni study grants offering discounts of up to 20% on further study

### Scholarships

- Academic excellence awards of 20-90%
- Sports scholarships
- International student scholarships covering up to 50% of tuition fees
- Merit scholarships
- Community engagement scholarships (up to 30% on average)



**DUBAI ESSENTIALS**

# GETTING AROUND

## BEST FOOT FORWARD

Meander along the Marina boardwalk or experience authentic Emirati life at Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood, where you can wander through the traditional neighbourhood and get a taste of old Dubai. The winter months in the UAE are ideal for enjoying a stroll in the city, and there truly is something for everyone.

## ON YOUR BIKE

There are plenty of locations across Dubai for cyclists to enjoy their hobby, so make sure to bring your bike! There are a number of professional tracks for serious cyclists, and it is not unheard of for students to bike to class in the winter months when the weather is pleasant.

## HOP ABOARD

**Bus:** Major bus routes operate from around 5am to 11.30pm, with some high demand routes running 24/7.

**Taxi:** Government-registered Dubai Taxi cabs are plentiful and can be hailed on the street or booked via the RTA free S'hail app. Taxis are metered and air-conditioned, with cash or card payments accepted. Pink roofed taxis are for women only. Uber and Careem also operate throughout the city that often come with free water and phone chargers.

**Dubai Metro:** An advanced, driverless metro bisects the city, with stations close to major attractions, commercial centres, and at Dubai International Airport. Women only coaches are available plus access for wheelchair users.

**Dubai Tram:** The Dubai Tram system links up with Dubai Metro stations and covers Dubai Media City, Dubai Knowledge Park, Dubai Marina, and up to the Palm Monorail.

## SELF DRIVE

All the major car hire companies operate in Dubai and with petrol prices extremely affordable, car rental is easy and reasonable.

If you intend to drive a car once you have your residency permit, you need to apply for a UAE driving license exchange or you may need to take a specified number of lessons and pass the UAE driving test to qualify.

For short journeys around the city, you can also rent one of the RTA's 400 smart cars through the Udrive or ekar apps, with rental prices starting from just USD\$0.14 per minute or USD\$8.17 per hour.

# ESSENTIAL APPS

## DUBAI CALENDAR

Get hot off the press info on the latest events and happenings in the city with this easy to navigate app, for details and tickets for concerts, sporting tournaments, cultural activities and lots more.

## UBER AND CAREEM

Uber and Careem offer different classes of ride from economy to VIP plus loyalty partner discounts. If you're travelling around the region, Careem also operates in 12 other Middle East and North Africa destinations.

## DUBAI METRO

Stay up to date with what's happening across the Dubai Metro network with station info, train times and information to streamline your next journey.

## DHA

Find a doctor or clinic and book an appointment through the Dubai Health Authority (DHA) free app. Registered users can also view lab results and other personal medical info.

## RTA DUBAI

The Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) app is packed with info from information on bus station locations, public transportation schedules and access to the mParking service to one click taxi bookings.

## CLASSPASS

A monthly subscription-based fitness app with access to hundreds of gyms and classes across the city from yoga, CrossFit and pilates to MMA and beachfront action.

## THE DUBAI MALL

Explore all that the 1,200+ store mall has to offer and opt in for tailor-made notifications about your favourite attractions, fashion outlets, foodie find and more. There's also a handy map.

## VOX CINEMAS

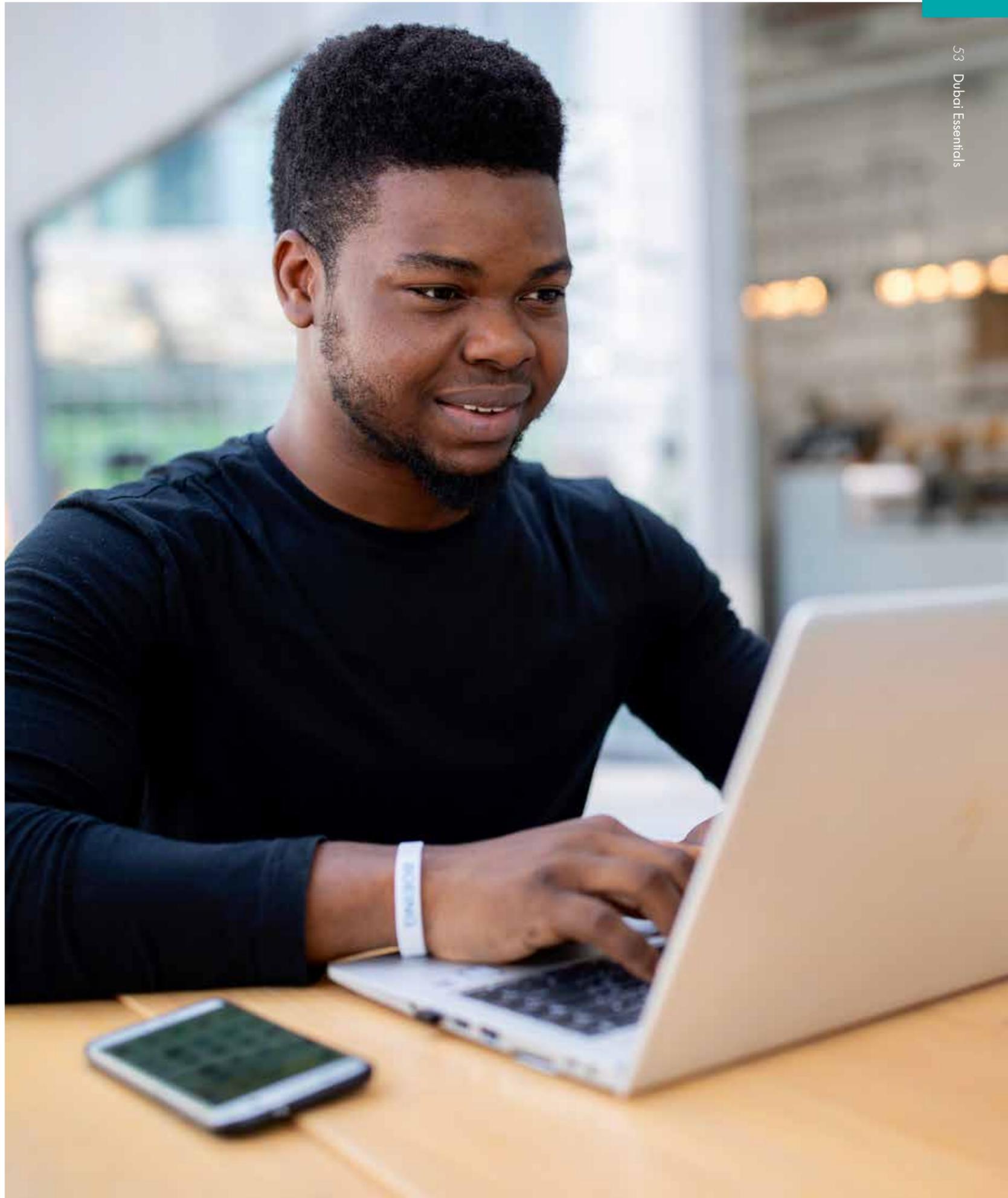
Check showtimes, book tickets, and discover more about the latest movies showing on screens across Dubai. You can also choose your movie by experience (Gold, Max or Plus), pre-order food and drinks and be first to access exclusive ticket offers.

## TALABAT

One of Dubai's most popular food delivery apps, get 24/7 access to hundreds of restaurants, cafés and fast food outlets as well as regular offers and special promotions.

## ZOMATO

A food delivery meets restaurant review app, Zomato is a go-to for city gastronomes. Its Zomato Gold membership programme allows users to unlock extra value deals and promotions.



# YEAR-ROUND EVENTS



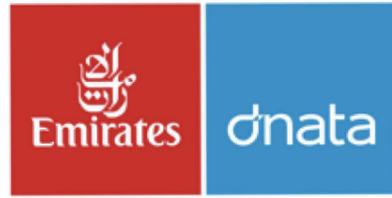
## SAVE THE DATE

There's never a dull moment in Dubai with a thrilling annual calendar of world leading festivals and events. We don't have enough space to list everything but highlights include the world's richest horse race (Dubai World Cup), Emirates Airline Dubai Rugby Sevens, Dubai Shopping Festival, Dubai Summer Surprises, golf championships such as the Dubai Desert Classic and DP World Tour Championship, Dubai Food Festival, Taste of Dubai and December's UAE National Day celebrations.

## TOP TIP

*Go to [dubaicalendar.com](http://dubaicalendar.com) for hot off the press updates on citywide events, attractions, shows and festivals.*

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Emirates Aviation University is the education arm of the Emirates Group (a name known worldwide for its commitment to the highest standards of quality in every aspect of its business) and the Middle East's leading educational institution for aeronautical engineering, aviation management, business management, aviation safety and security studies

The university is headed by the Chancellor HH Sheikh Ahmed Bin Saeed Al Maktoum - Chairman and Chief Executive Emirates Airline & Group and Vice-Chancellor Professor Ahmad Al Ali.

Licensed by the UAE Ministry of Education – Higher Education Affairs and the Knowledge and Human Development Authority (KHDA), EAU offers an extensive range of programmes designed to provide students with the best aviation related specialisations.

EAU values the strong partnership and collaboration that has been developed over the years with leading

international university Coventry University (UK). All postgraduate and undergraduate programmes are dual awarded by Emirates Aviation University and Coventry University.

Students can choose undergraduate programmes combining the highest academic standards with the latest aviation industry developments and knowledge, additionally, an experienced faculty, multi-national student body and our purpose-built campus in the heart of Dubai ensures a vibrant and effective learning environment.

#### **BBA – AVIATION MANAGEMENT**

A unique specialisation that is offered by only a few universities around the world and is tailored to meet the needs of the job market in the fast-growing aviation industry. It is a four-year programme designed in line with international standards that aims to provide high quality business education with a focus on the aviation industry. The curriculum is carefully designed to integrate core business courses with specialised major courses that focus on topics related to airline and airport management.

#### **BSc in AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING**

Emirates Aviation University's branch of mechanical engineering that deals with the design and development of aircraft. This can range from the cutting-edge technology of today's modern fighter aircraft, to aircraft designed to carry many hundreds of people thousands of miles around the world in comparative luxury and with extraordinary efficiency. Students will fulfil what are called liberal or general studies requirements for introductory knowledge in several subjects. It is designed in line with international quality standards. It covers the four classical areas of aerospace vehicle design; namely: aerodynamics; structures, propulsion, and flight stability and control.





*“We are very proud of our mission of excellence and strong commitment to the success of our students. Our faculty and staff are well qualified, experienced and dedicated to help achieve student academic goals. Our education at EAU is an investment that will provide a lifetime of value and enable you to fully develop your potential.*

*All programmes offered by the university have been developed to ensure that you are equipped with the knowledge and skills that are in high demand in today’s job market. During student time at the university you will be able to enjoy some of the extracurricular opportunities to help promote your continued growth and development.*

*I hope students will take full advantage of the opportunities offered by the University for personal, intellectual and professional growth. We are delighted to offer a six month internship within Emirates Group to students in their third year of study. We will always be ready to serve student needs in any way we can. I hope the students join us in shaping the future of Higher Education and tomorrow’s business environment.”*

**VICE-CHANCELLOR PROFESSOR AHMAD AL ALI**



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