

AL AKHAWAYN UNIVERSITY FACT SHEET

FALL 2026 – SPRING 2027





ACADEMIC PROGRAM INFORMATION

Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane is an independent, public, not-for-profit, coeducational, Moroccan university committed to educating future citizen-leaders of Morocco and the world through a globally oriented, English-language, liberal arts curriculum based on the American system. The University enhances Morocco and engages the world through leading-edge educational and research programs, including continuing and executive education, upholding the highest academic and ethical standards, and promoting equity and social responsibility.

Al Akhawayn University follows a North American Curriculum.
Normal Course Load: **15 Credits (5 classes) / 1 Course = 3 scholastic credit hours (SCH) 1 SCH = 15 contact hours. Minimum Credits per semester: 12 undergraduate, 9 graduates.**

Semester/Program Timeline (see Academic Calendar online)

- **Semester 1 (Fall):** End of August/Beginning of September to 3rd week of December
- **Semester 2 (Spring):** Mid-January to 3rd week of May

APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR EXCHANGE OR STUDY ABROAD

- **Semester 1 (Fall):** 01 March (nominations), 15 March (online applications)
- **Semester 2 (Spring):** 01 October (nominations), 15 October (online application)

The learning environment is as follows:

- **Orientation:** Mandatory
- **Class size:** Average class size: 19; Range 15-40
- **Language class size:** Usually no more than 12
- **Pre-Registration in classes:** Done during the pre-registration period as specified on the AUI academic calendar
- **Attendance:** Mandatory class attendance

Arrival, Departure and Orientation

Arrival: International students should arrive at AUI in time to take part in the new student orientation program. Exchange and study abroad students can be pickup up at Fez airport or train station.

Orientation: Students pay the orientation and other relevant fees upon arrival at AUI. Attendance is mandatory for all incoming international students.

Departure: Students should plan to leave AUI within 2 days after the regularly scheduled last day of final exams.

IMPORTANT DATES

FALL SEMESTER 2026

September - December

New and International Students' Registration and Orientation

September 2-6

Classes Begin. First Day of late registration

First Day of Add/Drop (schedule revision)

September 7

Last Day of Classes

December 11

Final Exams (including Common Exams)

December 13-21

SPRING SEMESTER 2027

January - May

New and International Students' Registration and Orientation

January 15-17

Classes Begin. First Day of late registration

First Day of Add/Drop (schedule revision)

January 18

Last Day of Classes

May 5

Final Exams (including Common Exams)

May 8-15

SUMMER SESSION 2027

June 2 - July 14

Final Exams (including Common Exams)

July 15-16

ESTIMATED COSTS AND FEES

Costs and fees (Waived Based on specific agreements)	Exchange Agreement	Study Abroad
International Tuition (15 SCH)	waived	48,000.00 MAD
Books deposit (estimate)	2,000.00 MAD	2,000.00 MAD
Housing	6,762.00 MAD or waived	6,762.00 MAD
Housing Deposit (refundable)	1,000.00 MAD	1,000.00 MAD
Pre-registration fees	5,100.00 MAD or waived	5,100.00 MAD
ID Card	200.00 MAD or waived	200.00 MAD
Health Insurance	550.00 MAD	550.00 MAD
Orientation	160.00 MAD or waived	160.00 MAD
Residency Document Service	160.00 MAD	160.00 MAD
Printing Fee	100 MAD	100.00 MAD
Full Meal Plan	12,100 MAD or waived	12,100.00 MAD
Total	3,810.00 MAD NOT waived	76,132.00 MAD
Fez Airport or Fez train station Pickup (Optional)	200.00 MAD	
Pocket money (recommended)	\$1,500 USD per semester recommended	

HOUSING AND CAMPUS LIFE

Living on the campus is one of the most exciting parts of moving to AUI. Being a member within the community provides opportunities for students to attend, participate and organize a wide array of programs and activities. On-campus housing helps you become more involved in the college experience, coherently incorporating classroom work with co-curricular activities that support your ambition and goals. Our student dormitories feature modern amenities and stunning views of the surrounding cedar forest. They also include heating systems, wired and wireless internet, kitchens, laundry services, and study lounges.



ACCOMMODATION ON CAMPUS

All exchange and study abroad students are, with only very rare exceptions, required to live in university housing on the campus. Normally, housing is based on double occupancy, and every effort is made to pair international students with a Moroccan counterpart. Single rooms are not generally available. Housing for married couples, with or without children, is not normally available but may be possible on a case-by-case basis. There is a charge for housing during end of semester breaks. This fee will be based on the daily rate for the room. Students may be able to store belongings during the break between semesters.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- 1) Strict sex segregation in dormitories; entering opposite-sex dorms results in disciplinary action, possibly expulsion. Exceptions are limited to certain campus areas.
- 2) Prohibition of illegal drugs and alcohol on campus, with violations leading to disciplinary action, including expulsion.
- 3) Weeknight curfew from Sunday to Thursday at midnight; breaking curfew may lead to disciplinary measures.

COURSE OFFERINGS

Al Akhawayn University offers a variety of courses. International students can register in any of the courses offered by the university's schools; School of Science and Engineering, School of Business Administration, and School of Humanities & Social Sciences. Courses offered can be found in the Catalog.

Please note that not all courses are offered every semester.

• LANGUAGE COURSES

Language courses offered: Arabic - French - Spanish - Turkish - German - Korean - sometimes Tamazight are offered each semester.

A placement test during the orientation and registration period is required for any student requesting a language course after the beginning level. If there are **less than 5 students**, a course may not be offered but every reasonable attempt will be made to accommodate international students. Very advanced students of French will be placed into classes of Moroccan students polishing their languages skills in French as second language learners which are labeled FRN. French as a foreigner language are labeled FRE. International students/nonnative speakers of Arabic normally only register in Arabic classes labeled ARA. Very advanced learners of Arabic may be placed in to classes labeled ARB with Moroccan and other students of native or near native ability. Intensive Arabic courses are only offered in the summer as part of the Arabic and North African Studies summer program.

• POPULAR COURSE OFFERINGS

The following courses are popular choices for international students. See AUI Catalog online for description of all courses. Please note that not all courses are offered every semester.

Arabic Language Courses
French Language Courses
Islamic Art and Architecture
ART Classes
Islamic Societies
History of the Arab World
North African Government and Politics
Middle Eastern Politics
History and Cultures of Sub-Saharan
Sex, Gender and Power
Women and Economic Development
Economic Geography
Social Statistics
Media and Society
Photography and Visual Story
Introduction to film Making
Human Resources & Development
Renewable Energy Systems Engineering

Economic Development in the MENA Region
Macroeconomics
International Trade
International Law
Computer Programing
Chemistry
Biology
Physics
Electric Circuits
Linear Algebra and Matrix Theory
Materials Science
International Marketing
International Finance
Special Topics of Business Analytics (Marketing Analytics)
History and the Amazigh Culture
Psychology

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS CONTACT INFORMATION

Director for Internationalization & Partnerships

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Strategic Internationalization, development and follow-up of all academic agreements, partnerships, and networks. Special Projects. Faculty and staff mobility.

Inbound Study Abroad Advisor

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Primary contact with inbound and incoming exchange and study abroad students and their advisors or coordinators. Exchange and study abroad application processing. General advising for inbound students. Pre-registration and registration processing for all Inbound students.

Partnerships and Sponsored Programs Coordinator

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Cultivating collaborations with external organizations, managing sponsored projects, and facilitating academic and research initiatives. This role involves coordinating joint programs, and attracting sponsors to support the university's projects.

Special Dedication to Khadija Benmansour

After 29 years of committed service to AUI, Khadija Benmansour has officially retired. We extend our deepest gratitude for her invaluable contributions and lasting impact on the institution.

Administrative Assistant

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Supports Director and advisors in administrative matters. Logistics for special programs, for visitors, visiting researchers.

Outbound Study Abroad Advisor

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Primary contact with outbound exchange and study abroad students and their advisors or coordinators. Exchange and study abroad application processing. General advising for outbound students. Pre-registration and registration processing for all outbound students.

ADDITIONAL CONTACTS

24 Hour Emergency Contact:

Housing Services: ☎ : (212) 535 86 3333 (24/7 English Speaking staff on duty)

University Switchboard:

☎ (212) 535 86 2000 (English Speaking staff on duty except at night and holidays.) Personnel at these numbers can connect callers to the Executive Officer on duty.

Security Services:

☎ (212) 535 86 2222

Address for Regular Mail and Courier Services:

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