

AL AKHAWAYN UNIVERSITY FACT SHEET

FALL 2024 – SPRING 2025



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 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 met 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.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

FALL SEMESTER 2024

September - December

New and International Students' Registration / Orientation

August 28- September 1

Classes Begin. First Day of late registration / First Day of Add/Drop (schedule revision)

September 2

Last Day to Revise Schedule - courses dropped will not reflect on the transcript / Last Day of Late Registration

September 5

Holiday: Eid Al Mawlid (to be confirmed)

September 16-17

Last Day for faculty to return the Mid-Semester evaluations

October 25

Last Day to Drop a Course with "W". Beyond this date "WP" or "WF"

October 29

Mandatory Pre-Registration for Spring 2025

November 4-15

Holiday: Green March

November 6

Last Day to Drop a Course with "WP" or "WF"

November 14

Holiday: Independence Day & long weekend

November 18-19

Last Day to Withdraw from the University

December 6

Last Regular Class Day

December 13

Review Day

December 14

Final Exams (including Common Exams)

December 15-23

Final Day for Faculty to Submit Semester Grades

December 27

SPRING SEMESTER 2025

January - May

New and International Students' Registration / Orientation

January 15 - 17

First Day of late registration / First Day of Add/Drop (schedule revision). Classes Begin.

January 20

Last Day to Revise Schedule - courses dropped will not reflect on the transcript / Last Day of Late Registration

January 23

Long weekend break

February 21

Last Day for faculty to return the Mid-Semester evaluations

March 13

Last Day to Drop a Course with "W". Beyond this date "WP" or "WF"

March 17

Spring Break -Students and Faculty-

March 24-28

Holiday: Eid Al Fitr and break (to be confirmed)

March 31 - April 1

Last Day to Drop a Course with "WP" or "WF"

April 9

Mandatory Pre-registration for Summer and Fall 2025

April 7 - 18

Last Day to Withdraw from the University

April 29

Holiday: Labor Day

May 1

Last Regular Class Day

May 8

Review Day

May 9

Final Exams (including Common Exams)

May 10 - 18

Final Day for Faculty to Submit Semester Grades

May 22

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	5,880.00 MAD or waived	5,880.00 MAD
Housing Deposit (refundable)	1,000.00 MAD	1,000.00 MAD
Health Services	700 MAD.00 or waived	700.00 MAD
Internet Access	900.00 MAD or waived	900.00 MAD
Student Activities	1,500.00 MAD or waived	1,500.00 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	200.00 MAD	200.00 MAD
Restaurant Access Fee	2,000.00 MAD or waived	2,000.00 MAD
Printing Fee	100 MAD	100.00 MAD
Full Meal Plan	12,100 MAD or waived	12,100.00 MAD
Total	3,850.00 MAD NOT waived	74,930.00 MAD
Fez Airport or Fez train station Pickup (Optional)	200.00 MAD	
Pocket money (recommended)	\$1,000 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 the campus housing helps you become more involved in the college experience, coherently incorporating classroom work with cocurricular 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, cable television service, 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.

COURSES OFFERING

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 in Arabic, French, Spanish and 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 foreign 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 Catalog online for description of all courses. Please note that not all courses are offered every semester.

Arabic as a foreign language (ARA)

Arabic for native speakers (ARB)

French as a foreign language (FRE)

French as a second language (FRN)

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

Economic Development in the Middle East and North Africa

Macroeconomics

International Marketing

International Trade

International Finance

International Marketing

International Law

Computer Science

Chemistry

Biology

Physics

Electric Circuits

Linear Algebra and Matrix Theory

Materials Science

International Marketing

International Finance

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS CONTACT INFORMATION

Director for Internationalization & Partnerships

Dr. Brian Seilstad

✉ : oiptd@auim.ma ☎ : +212 535 86 2905

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

Inbound Study Abroad Advisor

Khadija Benmansour

✉ : oiptm@auim.ma ☎ : +212 535 86 2056

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

Asmae El Mahdi

✉ : oiptp@auim.ma / ☎ : +212 535 86 2270

a.elmahdi@auim.ma

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.

Administrative Assistant

Abderafie El Maktoub

✉ : oipt@auim.ma ☎ : +212 535 86 2010

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

Outbound Study Abroad Advisor

Youssef Sayagh

✉ : oiptc@auim.ma ☎ : +212 535 86 2065

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 85 2000 (English Speaking staff on duty except at night and holidays.)

Personnel at these numbers can connect callers to the Executive Officer on duty.

Address for Regular Mail and Courier Services:

Office of International Programs
Al Akhawayn University Avenue Hassan II,
53000, Ifrane,
Morocco

