

Study Guide For Dubai



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About Dubai

Dubai is an emirate in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) federation. The main city of the emirate is also called Dubai. The emirate is located on the southeast coast of the Persian Gulf and is one of the seven emirates that make up the country. It has the largest population in the UAE (2,109,274) and the second-largest land territory (4,114 km²) after the capital, Abu Dhabi.

The city has become symbolic for its skyscrapers and high-rise buildings, in particular the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa.

Capital: Abu Dhabi

Currency: UAE dirham (AED)

1 AED = 16.31 INR

Time zone: (UTC+4)

Population: 2,106,177 (2013)

Climate :

- In the winter it has an average daytime temperature of 25°C
- In the summer, the weather in Dubai is very hot and humid, with temperatures reaching mid 40's.
- Rainfall in Dubai is infrequent and does not last for a long period. It mostly rains during the winter period On average, rain falls only five days a year.

Language:

- **Arabic** is the national and official language of the United Arab Emirates.
- **English** is used as a second language.

Study In Dubai

- Its truly cosmopolitan, hospitable, secure and caring.
- Its one of the fastest growing economy in the world.
- Its offers plethora of opportunities for the career growth.
- Learning is comparatively cheaper.
- Master's degrees are available in a wide range of subjects, with the most popular programs being information technology (IT), business, management and marketing.
- Many programs offer both full and part time studies, evening classes and accelerated programs with year-round attendance.
- Master's programs are aimed at non-UAE professionals who work in the UAE and are taught in languages other than Arabic, primarily English

Education Structure in Dubai

- Dubai has an extensive education sector.
- Government in Dubai offers free education from kindergarten to university to all its citizens and about 40% of children attend private schools.
- For all children older than 5 years full-time education is compulsory and all primary and secondary schools in Dubai, public and private, up to ninth grade also have to follow universal and compulsory program bases.
- US, UK and International Baccalaureate curricula are taught in English, but students not of Arab heritage must take Arabic language classes, and Muslim and Arab students are required to take Islamic studies.
- At public universities in Dubai, the medium of instruction is Arabic, with emphasis on English as a second language, while almost all private universities in Dubai teach in English

Courses Offered

- **At Undergraduate levels:**

Business, Management, Accounting, Finance, Human resources management, Hospitality Management, Tourism, Psychology with counselling, Global social science, Advertising public relations Media, Business information systems, Information technology, Early childhood education, Fashion designing, civil engineering. Duration for the undergraduate program will be 3 to 4 years.

- **At Postgraduate levels:**

MBA, Retailing, Advertising, Supply chain management, International Business, Petroleum Engineering, International relations, Quality Management, Engineering Management, Strategic Marketing, Human resources management, Marketing communications., Marketing.

Tuition and Program Duration

- Public universities are free at all educational levels to UAE citizens. Tuition varies widely at the international universities depending upon school and type of master's program. Typical annual tuition runs from about 10,000 US dollars to about 24,000 British pounds.
- Most master's degrees require 1-2 years to complete with full time attendance. Part-time programs can take up to 5 years; however, some accelerated part time programs can be completed in as little as one year.

Fee Structure

Living Costs

- ▶ International students should budget at least AED 3000 to AED 6000 per month, depending on whether you stay on or off campus. This will include utilities, accommodation, transport, food, and entertainment.

Accommodation Costs

- ▶ Campus accommodation cost approximately 3000 AED whereas private rented accommodations are approx. 5000 AED.

Academic Year

- The typical academic year includes **two semesters**, although some accelerated programs use a three- semester system with somewhat compressed schedules.
- **Fall semester** runs from **September through December or January**
- **Spring semester** runs from **January or February through June.**

Admission Procedure

Entrance Exams :

TOEFL , IELTS

Intakes:

January, May, July, August, September, November.

Application Process:

- All the applicants must submit certified true copies of relevant documents along with the application form.
- The university will decide on the recognition of your academic background and will decide at which level you can qualify to enter.
- Once the application is successful you will receive a conditional/ confirmation offer letter from them which can be used to apply for student resident visa.
- Visa procedure takes a week after you apply for visa.
- As you get approval for visa you can book your tickets.

Eligibility

Undergraduate Study

- ▶ Minimum of 12 years of schooling.
- ▶ Some universities like the Al Ghurair University, University of Wollongong in Dubai and Middlesex University Dubai requires a minimum percentage of 50% to 60% if you are coming from CBSE or ISC board.
- ▶ The student must also fulfill English language requirements by either obtaining a cut-off score in IELTS and TOEFL or securing 70% marks in English.

Postgraduate Study

- ▶ To get admission to any postgraduate program, one must have a bachelor's degree that is recognized in Dubai and the home country.
- ▶ Foreign universities with branches in Dubai look for qualifications similar to that in their country.
- ▶ For admission to programs other than an MBA, one needs bachelor's degree along with TOEL or IELTS.
- ▶ If a student wants to seek admission to an MBA program in Dubai, he/she should have relevant work experience of 2-4 years depending upon the program and the university they have applied.

Visa Requirements

- ▶ Students who hold passports from Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries do not require a visa.
- ▶ All other students must obtain a student visa which requires that they be sponsored by a university or educational institution recognized by the UAE Ministry of Higher Education. The application can be made via an electronic form and requires a photo of the student. In addition to visa fees, a deposit of AED 1000 (about \$300 US) is required that is refunded when the student departs the UAE.
- ▶ *The university applies for a student visa in Dubai. To process the student visa the student must hold an unconditional offer of acceptance and should have accepted the offer.

Part time work during studies

International students are **not allowed to work part time** in Dubai. Currently, UAE labor law does not allow international students to undertake paid work.

Work opportunities after studies

Students with full time work offer after studies must change from the university sponsored visa to an employer sponsored visa to work full time in Dubai. Employer sponsored visas are not given for part time work.

Universities in UAE

- The UAE has 116 institutions of higher education, including 3 public institutes and about 30 international branches of universities from all over the world such as the University of Exeter and Michigan State University.
- Most of the international universities are located in Abu Dhabi or Dubai.

Top MBA Universities

- Al Ghurair University (AGU)
- University of Dubai (UD)
- Zayed University
- Biotechnology University College Dubai (BUC)
- The Higher Colleges of Technology (HCT)
- American University in Dubai (AUD)
- University of Wollongong in Dubai (UOWD)
- British University in Dubai (BUiD)
- American University in the Emirates (AUE)

Scholarship/Bursaries

- The UAE universities generally only offer scholarships to their own nationals. However, the international campuses in the UAE do offer some form of scholarship or bursary; for example, University of Wollongong-Dubai and Murdoch University do offer scholarships to international students.
- Students may take up unpaid internships but must obtain permission from the university before commencement. Students might also be able to take up unpaid work for a maximum of 20 hours per week. Some of the institutions are located in special educational zones and unpaid internships might be allowed within the zones
- Universities with campuses in Dubai and Universities of Dubai have more or less similar entry requirements for their graduate and postgraduate study.

FAQs

1. What are the requirements to study in Dubai?

Ans. : All the applicants must submit certified true copies of relevant documents along with the application form. The university will decide on the recognition of your academic background and will decide at which level you can qualify to enter. Once the application is successful, you will receive a conditional/ confirmation offer letter from them which can be used to apply for student resident visa. Visa procedure takes a week after you apply for visa. As you get approval for visa, you can book your tickets.

2. Can A student study for a degree from Dubai colleges by distance or online education?

Ans. : There are colleges in Dubai which provide distance and online education offering various courses like Business Management, Engineering, and many more. If you don't have the budget to visit the country, you can still have a degree from a university of Dubai in your kitty.

For admission requirements you need to contact the particular college offering distance education. Also, always check with AICTE if a university is authentic or not. There are various institutions that have collaborated with Indian colleges as well.

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