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THE STUDY AWAY STANDARD AT NYU GLOBAL SITES

By enrolling in an Academic Center, a student assumes not only the rights and privileges of membership, but also the duties of citizenry associated with maintaining the values of New York University and respect for the culture, customs and laws of the nation in which the student is a guest. Each student studying away is expected to show both within and without the University such respect for order, morality, personal integrity, and the rights of others as is expected of good citizens. Failure to adhere to this Standard will be sufficient cause for disciplinary action and possible removal from the University and Study Away Programs.

The Study Away Standard is applicable in a variety of situations. Actions, which may be in violation of it, include, but are not limited to:

» Behavior which causes injury to one’s self or others or creates a condition that presents a credible threat to the health and safety of one’s self or others;

» Behavior which unduly compromises the psychological or academic well-being of others;

» Property damage and attempts to damage University, third party or public property;

» Theft of University and non-University property, such as street signs, furniture or personal belongings;

» Forgery, plagiarism or cheating;

» Sexual harassment and other sexual misconduct;

» Harassment or other misconduct predicated upon the victim’s gender, gender identity, race, religion, ethnicity, marital status or another protected status;

» Misrepresentation in seeking financial aid, University housing, or other University benefits;

» Misuse of University computer equipment or systems;

» Behavior which reflects negatively upon the University or compromises the University’s interest and/or relationship with the host community in which it is located;

» Behavior involving the misuse or abuse of alcohol or drugs;

» Sending threatening or obscene messages to another student via the Internet, e-mail, telephone or voice-mail;

» Behavior that represents a serious affront to the culture, laws, or customs of the host community in which the site is located.

Because of the global nature and individual customs of NYU Study Away Programs, there is no absolute common response or penalty which applies to violations of the Study Away Standard. Infractions may lead to penalties ranging from formal warning and community service to dis-missal from the site. In each case the determination as to the appropriate intervention may take into consideration the following: the nature and seriousness of the offense not only in terms of University policy but also with respect to the laws and culture of the community in which the site is located; the impact of the behavior upon the campus and local community; the motivation underlying the offense; precedents in similar cases; the behavioral record of the student(s) involved; and any unique mitigating and/or aggravating factors associated with the matter.
Students who are involved in incidents at an academic center may be charged with violating not only the applicable site specific policies but also with violating the fundamental principles of the Study Away Standard. Students determined to have violated the Study Away Standard, whether or not expelled from the site at which the violation occurred, may have admission offers to future study abroad sites rescinded at the sole discretion of the University.
ACADEMICS

At NYU Abu Dhabi, a commitment to excellence, fairness, honesty, and respect within and outside the classroom is essential to maintaining the integrity of our community. By accepting membership in this community, students, faculty, and staff take responsibility for demonstrating these values in their own conduct and for recognizing and supporting these values in others. In turn, these values create a campus climate that encourages the free exchange of ideas, promotes scholarly excellence through active and creative thought, and allows community members to achieve and be recognized for achieving their highest potential.

Grading

The following letter grades may be awarded: A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, and F.

W = Withdrawal I = Incomplete P = Pass

Adding and Dropping Courses

Within the above specified deadlines, a student may add or drop a course (or section) without record on the student’s permanent transcript. Any student who adds a course after the first day of instruction is fully responsible for all work previously assigned in that course. No course or section may be added after the stated deadlines. After the stated deadlines, courses may only be dropped in accordance with the NYUAD policy on withdrawal, below.

Withdrawal From Courses

After consulting with one’s home school advisor and within the published time frames, a student may withdraw from a course and receive a grade of W.

After the published deadlines, no student may withdraw from a course without a direct appeal to the Vice Provost of Academic Administration. All relevant circumstances will be taken into consideration – and your home school will be consulted – but there is no guarantee that a late withdrawal will be allowed.

Incompletes

Incompletes will be permitted only in extraordinary circumstances that prevent a student from completing the required coursework on time.

Requests for a grade of Incomplete must be submitted to the course instructor and the Vice Provost of Academic Administration. Students should note that leaving a course unfinished will not automatically result in an incomplete. The Vice Provost of Academic Administration will coordinate with the student, the course instructor, and the student’s home school advisor to develop a resolution plan. Outside of truly exceptional cases, NYU Abu Dhabi requires that all work be completed early in the academic semester following an incomplete.
Students who wish to withdraw from all courses and/or take a leave of absence should make an appointment with the Dean of Students.

**Pass/Fail**

A Pass grade is equivalent to a letter grade of D or higher. Students should consult with their home school to determine if pass/fail is an option for them in a given course. Students considering the Pass/Fail option in their area of study or in pre-professional courses should consult with their mentor about the effect of such grades on admission to graduate and professional schools.

Classes that receive a Pass are counted for credit toward the degree, but are not calculated into the GPA. Classes that are failed are registered as an F for purposes of GPA calculation. For applicable courses, a student may opt to change to or from pass/fail grading during the add/drop period associated with that particular course.

**Textbooks and Course Materials**

Required textbooks and course materials – listed as such in the course syllabus – are included in the tuition fee. Course supplies—as well as NYUAD-branded merchandise—can be purchased from the bookstore. Located on the street level of the Saadiyat Campus in the West Administration Building (A3), the bookstore is open from 9am–6pm Sunday through Thursday and 9am-5pm on Saturday.

**Library**

The NYUAD library is located on the third floor of the Campus Center (C2) building. The library has rich print and e-resources. Students are able to acquire books from the NYU New York collection through an online request system. The Digital Studio, located in the NYUAD Library, offers a collection of information technology services to students working on a wide range of projects. Students can visit the Digital Studio to use digital media equipment, receive assistance, and gain access to various supported technologies. Students can also check out a range of electronic equipment through the Service Desk within the Digital Studio.

**Writing Center**

NYU Abu Dhabi provides students with resources designed to support their development as compelling communicators, scholars, and global citizens who are able to articulate their ideas to a 21st century international audience. The Writing Center is a great example of this support.

Located in the Library, the Writing Center is the place writers go for one-on-one consultations with NYUAD’s team of Writing Instructors. The NYUAD Writing Center believes that every writer needs a reader and our writing Center consultations are designed to aid and develop the writer’s project at any stage of the process—from brainstorming to fine-tuning; from developing a motive and a thesis; to integrating sources ethically. The NYUAD Writing Center offers support for writing (in and across the disciplines), oral expression, and English Language Learning related aspects. Writing Instructors consult on all types of writing assignments, papers, and projects. Students can make appointments as walk-ins or via the Writing Center Website under the student portal.
The Writing Center is a co-curricular initiative designed to implement the pedagogy of the Writing Program. It serves the wider undergraduate student population, and is crucially positioned to serve the needs of writers across a range of disciplines. Writing consultants are experienced readers and writers who work with students in dedicated writing conferences, helping to develop strategies for revision of assignments or papers, teaching specific writing skills, or facilitating a deeper understanding about the student's own writing process. Students from any field or discipline are welcomed, Visit The Writing Center or make an appointment online (https://nyuad.mywconline.com).

Learning Disabilities

NYUAD encourages students to participate fully in all aspects of campus life. In support of this goal, NYUAD works in close partnership with The Moses Center for Students with Disabilities (CSD) at NYU in New York City to provide reasonable and appropriate accommodations for students with documented disabilities. Students qualify as persons with disabilities if their diagnosed physical, learning, or psychological impairments limit them in one or more life activities. Reasonable accommodations are adjustments to policies, practices, or procedures that facilitate equal access for students with disabilities to NYUAD’s programs, activities, and services.

The staff at The Moses Center for Students with Disabilities in New York City (mosescsd@nyu.edu), are available to advise students about NYUAD’s policies, procedures, and resources, and oversee compliance with agreed-upon accommodations. Please don’t hesitate to contact them with questions. Any information provided by a student is voluntary and will be kept confidential.
The Location

A city of 1.2 million, Abu Dhabi is located on the southern coast of the Arabian Gulf. It is the capital of both the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and the United Arab Emirates. International residents from 120 countries make up 80 percent of the population and join the Emirati citizens who trace their history back to the settling of Abu Dhabi in 1760. You'll hear English, Hindi, Malayalam, Urdu, Farsi, Tagalog, and French spoken as often as Arabic in this global crossroads.

The hereditary rulers of the Emirates form the UAE’s Supreme Council of Rulers, the body that sets federal policies. The late president of the UAE, H.H. Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan was president of the Council from the formation of the UAE in 1971 until his death in 2004.

Upon the late president H.H. Sheikh Zayed’s death, his oldest son, H.H. Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, became ruler of Abu Dhabi and President of the UAE. At the same time, H.H. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, became Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and chairman of the Abu Dhabi Executive Council, which governs the Emirate. The Crown Prince is also Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces of the UAE.

H.H. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan and NYU President John Sexton are committed to the partnership of NYU Abu Dhabi. NYUAD is a 21st-century university and a world-class center of cutting-edge research, scholarship, and cultural activity in the Middle East. NYUAD will link Abu Dhabi and New York City, two innovative idea capitals, with NYU sites around the world in the first Global Network University.
Language

Arabic is the official language of government and business in the UAE, although English is also widely used. All signs (road signs, stores, restaurants) are either in English or both English and Arabic. It is quite easy to navigate the city using English.

Useful Arabic Phrases

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<td>Áhlan biilk</td>
<td>Response to hello (to man)</td>
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<td>Áhlan biiki</td>
<td>Response to hello (to woman)</td>
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<td>Má’a Saláamah</td>
<td>Goodbye</td>
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<td>Ismi...</td>
<td>My name is...</td>
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<td>Na’am</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Laa</td>
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<td>Zain</td>
<td>OK, Good</td>
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<td>I am sorry</td>
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Culture

The UAE is an Islamic country, which is a dominant fact of life for the local Emirati population and flavors everyday life for Abu Dhabi’s other residents as well. Much like any cosmopolitan metropolis, both street and pedestrian traffic are lively, as locals and expats frequent shopping malls, restaurants, sports facilities, and the waterfront area known locally as the Corniche. Despite what may be thought to prevail in other Middle Eastern countries, women should face few if any problems when traveling in the UAE. Guidebooks and conversations with colleagues offer many suggestions for polite and appropriate behavior in Abu Dhabi. For example, learn a selection of Arabic phrases and use them when greeting new people. When you are seated, make sure the sole of your foot is not pointing directly at anyone, as this would be insulting. Use your right hand to offer an item to another person or to receive items. For example, offer your business card with your right hand; you can receive one with both hands. The business week is Sunday through Thursday.
Climate

December through March is considered the mild season with average temperatures ranging from 20 to 22 Celsius (about 68 to 72 Fahrenheit). August is the hottest month of the year with an average temperature of 40 Celsius (104 Fahrenheit). There is very little rain in Abu Dhabi from May to October; January is the wettest month, typically yielding about 22 mm (about 1 inch) of rain.

Time Zone

The UAE is in Greenwich Mean Time plus 4 hours, or 9 hours ahead of New York, Eastern Standard Time. During Daylight Savings Time, Abu Dhabi is 8 hours ahead of New York.

Religion

96% of the population of the UAE is Muslim. The majorities are Sunni and about 16% are Shia. Most of the citizens of the UAE are Sunni Muslims who adhere to the Maliki legal tradition. Some Sunnis of the Wahhabi sect (followers of a strict interpretation of the Hanbali legal school) live in the Al Buraymi Oasis, and some who follow the Shafii legal school live along the Al Batinah coast. The foreign population includes Sunni and Shia Muslims, Hindus, and Christians.

National Dress

Native men folk of the Arabian Peninsula have a distinct form of dress. They wear an ankle-length shirt (dishdasha), usually white (or colored or striped in winter), a white, or sometimes red-chequered, headcloth (ghutra) and the twisted, black rope piece (agal), holding the gutra in place. Men of distinction and the Sheikhs also wear on top of their dishdasha a flowing cloak (abba or bisht) edged with gold braid. It may be black or brown. UAE women are very particular about their dress. They generally cover themselves from head to feet with a black cloak called an abaya.

Dress Code

Abu Dhabi is considered conservative but tolerant when it comes to dress. Given the diverse nature of the population, one can see many different types of dress: jeans, saris, business suits, dishdashas, and abayas. Visitors are free to wear the same clothes that they would wear at home, but men and women typically refrain from wearing excessively revealing clothing out of respect for the local culture and customs. There is no requirement for non-Muslims to cover their heads, unless visiting a mosque. Sleeves of any length are preferable to sleeveless blouses and dresses. For most of the year, lightweight summer clothing is suitable. Warmer clothes are needed during the winter months, especially in the evening. Because the air conditioning is strong in restaurants, hotels, and other indoor venues, jackets, sweaters and wraps are useful. When visiting government offices, it is best to cover arms and legs.
Matters of Culture

Abu Dhabi and the United Arab Emirates are moderate and progressive Muslim states, and many non-Muslim beliefs and ways of life are tolerated and accepted. However, there are some rules of which every resident and visitor should be aware.

Alcohol
It is against the law for Muslims to drink alcohol. Non-Muslims may legally drink only in specified locations which have licenses, such as restaurants located within hotels, or through purchase of alcohol on the basis of a liquor license, obtainable under strict conditions.

Drunkenness is a serious offense in the UAE and Abu Dhabi and there is a zero tolerance policy for driving after consuming alcohol.

Drug Possession
Illicit drugs are not tolerated. Drug possession and trafficking are extremely serious offenses, with offenders receiving penalties for prohibited substances, regardless of the amount.

Using Profanity
Swearing or making rude gestures is not only disrespectful but may lead to criminal charges.
Criticism of the Government and Islamic Religion
Criticism of the UAE Government, UAE leaders, and/or the Islamic faith may be illegal and could lead to criminal charges if it has the potential to incite social or political unrest, or is interpreted as taking the form of insult, defamation, slander, or libel.

Protest and Dissent
Organized protests and demonstrations are allowed only on the basis of a valid governmental permit having been obtained in advance.

Public Displays of Affection
Public shows of affection, regardless of marital status, are ill-advised, and can potentially cause offense. If a complaint is made against you, the outcome may lead to criminal charges.

Sexual Relations
Sexual contact outside of marriage is illegal, as is any public exhibition of sexual activity.

Communal Eating
When taking food from communal dishes, it is the cultural norm for people to use their right hands.

Formal Greetings
There are many ways of greeting a person in the UAE. Some men and women choose not to shake hands upon meeting, which should not be considered an insult or offensive. It is generally most polite to begin with a verbal greeting, and to then allow the person you are greeting to indicate whether hand shaking is welcome.

Typically, men stand when a woman enters the room, and everyone stands when new guests arrive at a social gathering or business meeting, and when an elderly or high-ranking person enters or leaves.

Sitting
Sitting in a manner that allows the sole of one’s shoe to face another person is considered an insult.

Taking Photos
It is always courteous to ask before photographing people. Please avoid photographing women in general, and particularly national women, without their permission.

There are some restrictions on photography in the Emirate. This includes military, government and airport buildings and facilities, which are not allowed to be photographed. Such building and facilities are often marked with signs stating “no photography.”
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Integration in the Abu Dhabi Community

Abu Dhabi integration events will be planned throughout the semester. A calendar of these events will be provided at the onsite orientation.

Getting Around In Abu Dhabi

Abu Dhabi Transport
There is a city bus system in Abu Dhabi. Metered taxis are inexpensive and readily available throughout the city.

NYUAD Transportation
NYUAD transportation includes a free, shuttle bus service for students between campus and various points within Abu Dhabi. Transport routes and times are subject to change, but are published monthly.

Ground Transport around Abu Dhabi
There are city-wide bus routes, with stops in many residential areas. Bus service may not always be a convenient alternative- because buses tend to be crowded. Taxi service is inexpensive relative to cities like New York; the law requires drivers to use their meters. Depending on the time of day and rush hour conditions, taxi service can be sporadic. Other than at hotels and malls, it may be difficult to hail a cab. Drivers generally do not speak very good English; be sure your driver knows exactly where you wish to go. Street names and numbers are rare and not used; cite a landmark, such as a store or government building as your destination. If a person is to sit in the front seat, it should be a male.

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»» Make a copy of your passport and credit card(s) and pack these to bring along with you.
»» Bring email confirmations of all reservations and arrangements you have made.
»» Write down the address of your destination and other basic locations in the host location language to show to a local if you need help. Also, print out directions of how to get to your hotel and other locations.
Things To Do In Abu Dhabi

Many sites can be visited individually and reached via taxi. Descriptions with estimated times for visits are below and unless otherwise noted, all sites are free and open to the public.

Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque
The majestic Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque is a national landmark in Abu Dhabi. The construction began in the late 1990’s, and was built by more than 3,000 workers! The mosque is open to the public, and entrance is free. It is most important, when visiting the mosque, that you respect the fact that you are in a place of worship, ladies will be asked to wear Abaya (which is provided) and gentlemen to be respectfully dressed. www.szgmc.ae/en/

The Abu Dhabi Urbanism Tour
A metropolis that blends modernity and traditional Arabian culture, Abu Dhabi is constantly reinventing itself. Striking glass and steel skyscrapers intertwine with a city full of mosques, cultural centers and luxury hotels. Wide roads lined with palm trees and green boulevards pave the way through a sleek glass jungle, overpassing roundabouts of concrete traditional Arabic artifact replicas. The tour will also highlight the eight iconic architectural landmarks being built on Saadiyat Island, poised to become an international cultural hub for the Middle East. So don’t miss out on the Cultural District Exhibition where there are models and explanations of all the designs, such as the Guggenheim Abu Dhabi Museum and Louvre Abu Dhabi to name a few, giving you an insight into the city’s visionary future. www.visitabudhabi.ae

Louvre Abu Dhabi
The Louvre Abu Dhabi is an art and civilization museum inaugurated on November 8th 2017. It is part of a thirty-year agreement between the city of Abu Dhabi and the French government and is located on the Saadiyat Island Cultural District. With 8,000 square metres of galleries making it is the largest art museum in the Arabian peninsula. https://www.louvreabudhabi.ae/

Abu Dhabi Bus Tour
The tour is a hop-on, hop-off sightseeing tour of Abu Dhabi, taking you to all of the city’s famous landmarks. The Tour provides a personal commentary in a choice of languages, explaining Abu Dhabi’s rapid development and cultural history. The hop-on, hop-off facility gives you access to the best things to do in Abu Dhabi and the 24-hour ticket provides plenty of time to explore Abu Dhabi’s popular attractions. Your sightseeing tour of Abu Dhabi also includes a Shuttle to Abu Dhabi’s entertainment capital, Yas Island and free entrance to the Sky Tower at Marina Mall. https://www.bigbustours.com/en/abu-dhabi/abu-dhabi-bus-tours/

Abu Dhabi Corniche
Covering almost 6k in length, the Corniche follows the island city’s coastline and is dotted with parks, fountains and greenerly. With wide pavements, you can cycle, rent bicycles, stroll along and stop at some of the many café’s and ice cream kiosks. You can take a picnic to the public beach; where there are shaded areas and lifeguards should you decide to swim.

Abu Dhabi Heritage Village
If you’re looking for a sense of how Abu Dhabi life was before oil, drop by the Abu Dhabi Heritage Village, which showcases Abu Dhabi’s rich cultural heritage, located near the Abu Dhabi Breakwater. You’ll experience the replica of the traditional Bedouin way of life, such as a goat hair tent, a desert campsite complete with camels and the falaj irrigation system. A demonstration of traditional crafts and falconry display are part of the program.

Kayaking in the Mangroves
Kayak through beautiful lagoons, narrow channels and under the canopy of the mangroves. http://noukhada.ae/
Falconry
Experience the noble art of falconry at the Abu Dhabi Falcon Hospital. Falconry is another age-old heritage sport that existed in the country for thousands of years. Originally used by the Bedouins for hunting small game, the falconry developed into a traditional sport with specific rules and practices, especially among the ruling class, making UAE nationals as 50% of the world’s falconers according to some figures. Guided tours offer a visit to the Falcon Museum, a falcon show, and lunch in a Khaima, a traditional Arabian tent.

Camel-racing at Al Wathba Camel Track
The camel racing season runs from October until March, and these fiercely-contested races have long been a part of traditional Bedouin life. It’s a serious business in Abu Dhabi, with racing tracks found all over the Emirate. Some of the best races are run at the Al Wathba racetrack on Thursdays and Fridays. It is 45 kilometers east of the city, with races free to watch – an un-missable experience.
Arabian Saluki Centre
The saluki gazelle hound is reckoned to be the first domesticated dog, closely related to the wolf, and used for hunting by Bedouin for millennia. These highly-prized hounds are known for their exceptional intelligence, loyalty and stamina but the traditional desert lifestyle that called for them is changing fast. The Saluki Center was established in 2001 to help preserve the breed, and a visit lets you come face to face with these beautiful, graceful, yet powerful dogs.

Traditional Fish Market
Head to Abu Dhabi's Dhow Wharf and Fish Market to watch fishermen unload their catch, as boats come in day and night. Soak up the atmosphere as market traders, fishermen and supper bustle around this traditional market, where you can get a real feel of the old Abu Dhabi. Buy a fish straight from the dhows, get it cleaned and have it charcoal grilled before your eyes for the freshest fish supper you've ever had.

Abu Dhabi Souks
Picking up a bargain at the souk is a must do when in Abu Dhabi. A souk is an open air market where a collection of stalls sell a variety of nik naks. Newer souks now specialize in different products such as the fruit and vegetable souk, spice souk, Afghan souk, and gold souk. The popular main souk – Central Souk, Abu Dhabi which was a local favorite for 40 years has been demolished and in its place a new Central Souk has been built.

The Mina souk, which is an old and traditional type souk houses the Iranian souk which has imported goods from Iran such as rugs, bedding and crockery, the Afghan souk has great oriental carpets and the food souk selling dates galore.

Qaryat Al Beri offers traditional style shopping with modern design.

Ferrari World
Ferrari World is a Ferrari themed amusement park on Yas Island in Abu Dhabi. The park is situated under a 200,000 square roof making it the largest indoor amusement park in the world. Ferrari World officially opened on November 4, 2010. The theme park is home to Formula Rossa, the world’s fastest roller coaster. You can spend a whole day at Ferrari World, with many rides and experiences to be had. There are lots of activities to do inside the buildings, with a theatre and museum pieces, so the summer heat is not a big problem. The restaurants aim to provide you with genuine Italian cuisine, with a range of food and beverage outlet options. http://www.ferrariworldabudhabi.com/
Dining Out

Cuisines from around the world mingle in Abu Dhabi, with restaurants offering a mix of international flavors and impressive culinary standards, there really is something to suit every taste and budget.

All food outlets are regularly inspected for hygiene by Abu Dhabi Food Control Authority. Non-Muslims can consume pork in certain outlets – any dishes using pork ingredients will be prepared separately from non-pork dishes, and clearly marked on the menu.

Service Charges and Tipping
Many fine dining and high-end restaurants may add a service charge (usually around 10%) and a tourism levy of 6% (in hotel restaurants only) to your bill. These charges are often included in the menu prices and the menu will denote when they are. You may choose to reward your waiter directly with a tip – the usual is 10%.

Restaurants
Visit timeoutabudhabi.com/restaurants or www.eatingabudhabi.com for menus and phone numbers of over 200 restaurants. Double-check the prices, as some information may be out of date. Here are a few dining options near the Campus that deliver.

Avasa, St. Regis Hotel 02-6742221
Shakespeare and Co. at the St. Regis Hotel 02-6445515
Fanr Restaurant on Saadiyat Island 02 657 5888

Other Dine-Out Options at Saadiyat Island:
Caramel Restaurant, St. Regis Hotel 02-6783344
Abd El Wahab, St. Regis Hotel 02-6772238
55 & 5th The Grill, St. Regis Hotel 02-4988001
Baskin Robbins, St. Regis Hotel 02-6447646
Suggested Outings In Abu Dhabi And The Emirates

Abu Dhabi

» Enjoy a city tour on the Big Red Abu Dhabi Tourist Bus. [Order tickets online at bigbustours.com - pick up at Marina Mall]
» Visit the Meena Port Fish Souk: buy a fish; have it cleaned; have it grilled; and eat it on the beach.
» Go on a Dhow Dinner Cruise at sunset. [Tel: 055-635-0598]
» Get a group together for go-karting at Al Forsan International Sport Resort. [alforsan.com, Tel: 02 556-8555]
» Spend the day at the beach. [Don’t forget sunblock and water!] http://www.saadiyat.ae/en/hospitality-and-leisure/SaadiyatPublicBeach.html
» Splurge on breakfast out at Shakespeare’s; Jones the Grocer; La Brioche; or Pain Quotidien.
» Watch Camel Races at Al Wathba Camel Race Track.
» Go to Marina Mall’s Vox Cinema and try the caramel popcorn.
» Create your own bowling tournament at Khalifa International Bowling Center. [http://www.zsc.ae/en/14/facilities/khalifa-intl-bowling-centre/ Tel: 02-403-4200]
» Rent a bike for a ride on the Corniche and end it with an ice-cream treat at Coldstone Creamery.
» Order take-out from your favorite place and dine al fresco at the public park off 32nd Street facing the Corniche.
» See a different kind of mall ~ the Central Souk: taste honey from Yemen; sample chocolates; purchase flower tea at Al Wadi.
» Ride your bicycle around the Yas Formula 1 Circuit on Tuesday night. [yasmarinacircuit.com, Tel: 02-659-9999, 02-659-9800]
» Bake a Mug – make your own out of clay with a visit to Abu Dhabi Pottery. [http://www.abudhabipottery.com/ Tel: 02-666-7079 for details]
» Check out L’Atelier at the Marks & Spencer Mall and sign up for an art class. [latelierarts.ae, Tel: 02 639-7104]
» Take a cab to Saadiyat Beach Golf Club, show your NYU Abu Dhabi ID, ask for a set of NYUAD golf clubs and hit golf balls as long as you want on the driving range or chipping and putting area for free
» Have a true royal experience with an afternoon high tea at Le Café, Emirates Palace Hotel [Tel: 02 690 7999]
» Experience close up to wild life and nature at its best by feeding the giraffes at Emirates Park Zoo [www.emiratesparkzoo.com/ Tel: 02 5633100]
Dubai (90 minutes away)

» Go see Dubai’s old city wall from the 19th century.

» Go to Dubai Mall and see the underwater zoo; visit the largest bookstore in the UAE: try a camel burger at Switch Restaurant; window-shop on fashion row; visit the Souk Al Bahar; take a shuttle bus to other sights in Dubai; try the rides at Sega Republic; ice-skate; or sit in the sun and read a book on an outdoor promenade bench.

» Take a walk down the Jumeirah Beach Residence (JBR) and have a picnic on the beach.

» Try indoor skydiving at iFly Dubai in Mirdif City Center. [iflyme.com]

» Spend a day at Wild Wadi Water Park. [jumeirah.com/hotels-and-resorts/Wild-Wadi, Tel: 04-348-4444]

» Ski on snow at the Mall of the Emirates Ski Dubai! »» Walk down the creek all the way into the Old Souk.

» Take the Abra water taxi and cross the creek to the other side.

» Or arrange for an Abra water taxi tour of the creek on your own by bargaining at the water taxi station.

» Walk through the Bastakiya area in Bur Dubai and enjoy the architecture of the traditional courtyard and wind-tower houses.

» Enjoy a traditional Cultural meal at the Sheikh Mohammed Centre for Cultural Understanding, Bastakiya. [booking required; cultures.ae, Tel: 04-353-6666]

» Visit Madinat Jumeirah; take an Abra Tour; followed by an outdoor meal at a restaurant of your choice at Souk Madinat Jumeirah.

» Try the world famous Pakistani restaurant “Ravi” in Satwa, Dubai. Recommendation: Haleem – a slow-cooked dish of wheat, lentils and meat (usually lamb) the consistency of porridge – and the Nihari – slow-cooked beef so tender it falls from the bone, and served in a delicately aromatic sauce, served with hot flatbreads.

» Visit the Shooting Club at the Jebel Ali Golf Resort and Spa and try clay shooting. [Tel: 04-883-6555]

» Visit the XVA Art Gallery, Tashkeel Gallery, Basta Art Café, Majlis Gallery, and many others at the Bastakiya.

» Visit the world’s largest flower garden at Dubai Miracle Garden [http://www.dubaimiraclegarden.com/home/]

» Enjoy an indoor live Dolphin and Seal show at the Dubai Dolphinarium at Dubai Creek Park. [http://dubaidolphinarium.ae/index.aspx]
Sharjah (2 hours away)
» Visit the Heritage area in Sharjah and explore the traditional wind-tower houses.
» Visit Sharjah Heritage Museum district. [sharjahmuseums.ae for hours and info; 5-8Dhs each museum]
»» Al Eslah School Museum; Calligraphy Museum; Al Naboodah House; Museum of Islamic Civilization; Maritime Museum.
» Don’t miss the Sharjah Aquarium.
» Have a delicious meal at Sammach, a seafood restaurant by the Aquarium. »» Visit the Sharjah Central Market also known as the Blue Souk.
» A visit to Sharjah is incomplete without a ride on the "Eye of the Emirates" [http://www.alqasba.ae/eyeofemirates.aspx Tel: 06-5560777]

Al Ain (2 hours away)
» Pleasant destination for a day trip, or a long weekend.
» City of great natural beauty; from the mountain range on the border of Oman, to the oases and mineral Falls, to the date plantation at the center of the city.
» There are several forts that are open to the public. The Eastern Fort, located within the compound of Al Ain Museum, and Jahili Fort are the most popular.
» There is also an enjoyable zoo that is undergoing continual expansion and renovation.
» Take a public bus to the city of Al Ain for a day of sightseeing. Visit the Palace Museum, go up the peak of Jebel Hafeet, or try a camel burger at Khafayef Al Ain Cafeteria
Travel Around the UAE and Surrounding Countries

Buses leave from the Abu Dhabi Bus Station, the large green building at the corner of 4th (Mu-roor) and 11th (Defense). To Dubai, tickets are approximately 25 dirhams; to Al Ain, about 25 dirhams. Taxis can take you between cities as well. All taxis can go to Dubai for about 200 to 250 dirhams, depending on traffic.

Personal travel may lead you to neighboring countries to see Nizwa “Pearl of Islam” in Oman, the awe-inspiring ruins of Petra in Jordan, or Istanbul, the largest city in Turkey. A significant advantage of living in this part of the world is the easy access to some wonderful destinations that might be too far away to explore if traveling from Europe or North America. Countries such as Cyprus, Greece, Ethiopia, India, Sri Lanka, Jordan, Turkey, Kenya, South Africa or Thailand can be visited within relatively short flying times. Please note that NYU Abu Dhabi does not offer sponsored excursions to all of these destinations.

We highly recommend that you research in advance the countries and the sites you want to visit and plan your trips accordingly. Consult travel blogs and communities; ask friends and family who have traveled in the region; read location-specific guidebooks like Lonely Planet, Let’s Go, Rough Guides, Rick Steves, Frommer’s.

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Bibliography of Suggested Readings

The bibliography of suggested readings lists a number of articles related to various topics about the United Arab Emirates. The full list can be found in Appendix D.

Below are a few additional resources that provide useful information about living in Abu Dhabi:

Ask Ali

Ask Ali is a great source for information prior to arrival as well as once you have landed written by a UAE National-. In addition to mini guides for Abu Dhabi and Dubai that are available for purchase at local bookstores, Ask Ali also has an extensive website: http://www.ask-ali.com/

Cross-Cultural Considerations for Business and Life in the Gulf


UAE Interact (Official News Website): http://www.uaeinteract.com/
PREPARE TO GO

Passport and Visa

Unless you are a UAE national, you will need a UAE Student Residence Visa to study at NYU Abu Dhabi. The visa process does not require you to submit paperwork to a consulate or embassy to apply for the visa. You will work directly with the staff from the NYUAD Office of Global Education to complete the steps for the visa.

Obtain a Valid Passport

If you haven’t done so already, we urge you to get a passport or renew it as soon as possible if your current one is not valid for six month from your program end date. US citizens can check out travel.state.gov for more information.

Complete Paperwork

Complete the student information form online by the specified deadlines.

Obtain Your Entry Permit

NYUAD will obtain an Entry Permit for each student, which grants students permission to enter the UAE for the purposes of becoming a resident student. We will send you a copy of your Entry Permit via email prior to your travel. All students have to receive this regardless of citizenship. You will have to print out the emailed Entry Permit and carry it with your passport as your travel to Abu Dhabi. You will be required to present the Entry Permit copy upon arrival at the airport in the UAE along with your passport. NYUAD will deposit your original Entry Permit at your arrival airport terminal to notify the UAE authorities of your pending entry into the country.

You will enter the UAE on your Entry Permit. Upon arrival at the airport in the UAE, you will be met by an airport welcome service representative who will escort you to collect your original Entry Permit from airport immigration officials.

IMPORTANT NOTE: At this point, you must remain in the UAE until the completion of the visa process (at least two- four weeks.) Of course, you will be here for the entire semester, so this should not be a problem.

Undergo a Medical Test (In Abu Dhabi)

Each student will have a medical test in Abu Dhabi, including a blood test and chest x-ray. This test is administered by the Abu Dhabi government on campus. The appointment will be scheduled by NYUAD within the first two weeks of the semester. NYUAD staff will to assist with this simple and safe procedure.

Abu Dhabi Visa Health Requirements

A medical check is a required part of the immigration and visa process. The medical check may consist of a physical exam, blood tests, and a chest X-ray to screen for conditions such as HIV (AIDS), hepatitis B, hepatitis C, leprosy, tuberculosis (TB), and syphilis. If results and/or findings are positive for any of these conditions, the student may be required to receive immediate treatment or possibly return home.
If you have concerns about any of these conditions, we strongly urge you to be screened for them prior to your departure for Abu Dhabi. You should also discuss with your healthcare professionals (or with NYUAD Health and Wellness Center at nyuad.healthcenter@nyu.edu) whether such pre-departure screening would be beneficial. Regardless of what tests are done in your home country, all tests must be performed in the UAE after arrival in order to obtain a residence visa. The results of testing or physical examinations done in home countries are not accepted for the fulfillment of the visa requirements.

If you believe that these health requirements may pose an issue, we would like to hear from you as soon as possible. For a confidential consultation with a healthcare professional at NYU, contact the NYUAD Health and Wellness Center at nyuad.healthcenter@nyu.edu as soon as possible.

**Receive a Student Residence Visa**
Typically within 5-7 business days of receiving the medical test results, the government will grant the Student Residence Visa. NYUAD will collect the students’ passports, bring them to the government agency, have the Student Residence Visa stamped into the passports, and return the passports to the students. Later students will also receive an Emirates ID Card issued by the government.

**Arrival and Departure**
Any early arrival or late departure costs and arrangements are the responsibility of the student. Early check-in and/or late check-out of the residence hall are not allowed.

**Plane Tickets**
Please keep in mind that you MUST book a flight arriving in Abu Dhabi. Due to local visa requirements, you must arrive in Abu Dhabi (and not in Dubai or another Emirate).

Students must send their flight itineraries to the NYUAD Office of Global Education by email (NYUAD.StudentTravel@nyu.edu). Students should arrange flights that get them to Abu Dhabi by the specified arrival date. From the United States, students should consider the time difference and will need to leave the day before.

**Travel Delays**
Unforeseen circumstances (weather, missed flights, equipment problems, etc.) may result in unforeseen expenses. Students should travel with emergency funds in the event of unavoidable delays in transit.
Where to Meet the Program Staff
A program representative will be at the airport in Abu Dhabi to meet students. The program representative will be holding a sign “NYU Abu Dhabi.”

If your plans change in transit, please call or email the Office of Global Education in Abu Dhabi.

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Mobile: +971-50-619-2695
Email: aa162@nyu.edu

Getting to NYUAD Housing Independently from the Airport
We will arrange a pick-up for you from the airport, but if for some reason you need to reach campus from the airport independently or you are arriving before or after the official arrival date, you may take a taxi directly from the Abu Dhabi airport telling the driver to take you to Saadiyat Island. The approximate taxi fare is 100 AED (approx. 30 USD).

If Your Passport is Lost or Stolen
It is always wise to keep a photocopy of your passport in your luggage or with your on-site program representatives. If your passport is lost or stolen, the photocopy will expedite the renewal process.

If your passport is lost or stolen while you are abroad, report the loss immediately to the staff at NYUAD and the nearest embassy or consulate of your home country. In addition, if you are a US citizen, you should report your passport lost or stolen by visiting the US Department of State’s website.
Packing Suggestions

Essential Documents and Items to Pack

» Your passport, which must be valid for at least six months beyond the end of the study away program. You should make two photocopies and carry them separately from your passport in other suitcases or wallets. Leave an additional copy at home with your parent or guardian.

» Your airline paper ticket or itinerary (and a photocopy carried separately)

» Traveller’s checks, credit cards, and ATM cards (and photocopies carried separately).

» A copy of your entry permit for the UAE.

» Your HTH insurance card and information.

» Contact numbers for your home institution (NYU and NYUAD). It is extremely important that you prepare for any contingency.

What NYUAD Provides

» Furniture: bed, desk, chair, and dresser

» Bedding: mattress covers, sheets, blankets, bedspreads, and pillow

» Bathroom accessories: shower curtain, bathmat, and toilet brush/stand

» Appliances: small refrigerator and microwave

» Laundry facilities, irons, and ironing boards

» Towels and washcloths

» Laundry basket with lid

» A wastebasket

» Clothes hangers

» A mirror

Clothing and Miscellaneous

What you choose to pack is an individual matter. It depends on what you may want to buy in Abu Dhabi, how much luggage you want to carry (the lighter, the better), and what you plan to do while in the UAE. Virtually everything you might need is available in Abu Dhabi. We suggest that you pack light—traveling becomes much more enjoyable as your amount of luggage goes down. Whether you bring it with you or buy it in the UAE, the following items are suggested.

Luggage

» Money belt – for around the waist or neck

» Day pack or duffle bag

» One regulation size carry-on bag

» A bigger suitcase or backpack to check on the plane

*Note: It is wise to confirm the luggage allowance with your airline(s) before you travel. NYU and NYUAD do not cover charges for additional luggage.
Clothing

- Jeans, long trousers
- T-shirts
- Light jacket, sweater, or wrap
- Underwear and socks
- Walking shoes
- Bathrobe and slippers
- Swim wear (if you plan to visit the beach)
- A business style outfit with dress shoes.

Toiletries

All possible items are available in Abu Dhabi but if you’re attached to a particular kind of deodorant, for example, you should bring it with you. Please observe the packing restrictions and requirements of your airline(s).

If you have contact lenses or glasses, you should bring a copy of a valid prescription from your doctor and an extra pair of lenses or glasses. A doctor’s note should be obtained for all medicine that you will be bringing with you.
General Packing Tips

» DO bring an overnight bag as a carry on. Pack everything you’ll need for at least two or three nights: underwear, pajamas, a clean shirt, socks, toothbrush, deodorant, hairbrush... so you’ll be prepared if your luggage gets lost or delayed. (This happens more than you think!)

» DO bring enough prescription medication (with a doctor’s note) to last your entire time abroad, and consider bringing over-the-counter medicines as well (for stomach ailments, headaches, sleep, colds, etc.). Some of these may be difficult to find or may be different from what you’re used to.

» DO pack according to climate conditions and realize that room temperature standards vary from country to country. Room temperatures are often kept much cooler than in the U.S., and the heat is often turned on later too.

» DO pack light! You’ll never use half the stuff you bring and you’ll most likely acquire new clothing and other items while you’re abroad. Keep airline baggage limits in mind.

» DO bring comfortable shoes. You will likely be walking more than you are used to, and the cobbled-stoned streets of many cities will make you regret bringing high heels or sandals.

» DO bring preferred brand-name personal products that you rely solely upon (e.g. feminine hygiene, condoms, over-the-counter medicines). Particular brands and reliability vary from country to country and you may be unhappy with other versions.

» DON’T pack large quantities of toiletries (shampoo, lotion, etc.), unless you can’t live without a particular brand. You’ll be able to find these things abroad.

» DON’T bother bringing posters, prints, and other decorations. It takes up space and is not worth the effort.

» DON’T bring electrical appliances. Laptops, digital cameras, and MP3 players are generally fine, but check with the manufacturer to be on the safe side. You can buy small appliances such as hair dryers when you arrive to your host country.

» DON’T carry everything in one place. For example, never pack essential documents, medicine, or anything you can’t do without in your checked luggage. Put them in your carry on or just keep them on you!

» DON’T bring anything you would hate to lose.

» DON’T pack money, credit cards, or traveller’s checks in your suitcase. Carry these in your wallet or carry-on.
Money And Banking

Currency and Exchange Rate
Local Currency: Dirham

Denominations: Coins come in 1 dirham as well as 10, 25, and 50 fils
Notes come in 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500, and 1000 dirham denominations with Arabic printed on one side and English on the other

Exchange Rates: 1 USD ≈ 3.67 AED

Cards and Currency Used
Nearly all major retail establishments in Abu Dhabi accept credit card payment; however, it is advisable to carry cash in local currency (dirhams) to use at smaller local convenience stores. There are numerous money exchange bureaus and ATM machines located conveniently around the city. Look for internationally recognized logos like ‘Cirrus’ or ‘Plus’ on your bank card to ensure it can be used at check-out counters. International Credit cards like American Express, MasterCard and Visa are most commonly used in Abu Dhabi.

You should be aware that the banks that issue credit cards normally charge an additional 3-4% for international credit card use, and exchange rates on credit cards are generally far less favorable than those for cash or traveller’s check transactions. If you do bring a credit card, be sure to leave your card number and “Lost or Stolen” 800-number at home. In the unlikely event that your credit card is lost or stolen, this information will help your parents and friends cancel your card quickly.

For a brief stay in the UAE on a pre-determined budget, you may find it easier to make most of your purchases using cash.

Exchanging Money
Cash and traveller’s checks can be exchanged at banks and at exchange stalls in the mall. Be sure to compare rates, fees, and commission rates. Don’t exchange more money than you need, because it may be difficult to change it back to your home currency, but remember that some places charge per transaction.
**Bank Working Hours**

Most banks operate five days a week, Sunday to Thursday, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm while a few are also open on Saturdays from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm. Branches located in public buildings and malls typically open at 9:00 am, and remain open until early evening.

**Recommendations**

Money matters can seem complicated. Here are our recommendations: first of all, it is probably best to avoid opening a local bank account. You will be abroad for a short period of time. Instead, we recommend that you maintain a bank account in the U.S. and use ATMs to retrieve local currency from your U.S.-based account. If you take our advice and plan to use your ATM card abroad, here are a few things you should do ahead of time:

» Find out if your bank charges a fee for international withdrawals and check to see if they have partner banks abroad—that will help ensure that ATM withdrawals are as inexpensive as possible.

» Inform your bank of your change in residence and the length of your stay abroad to prevent them from blocking your purchases or placing a “hold” on your account.

» Set up online banking; you are unlikely to find a branch of your bank abroad and will want to keep track of your spending and ensure that all your purchases are legitimate (unfortunately, fraud can happen anywhere).

» Make sure your debit/credit card has a 4-digit PIN number – other lengths of PINs often will not work abroad.

Credit cards are also a great option, and like ATM cards, they allow you to get the most up-to-date exchange rates. Just keep in mind that credit cards may not be accepted outside of major cities.

Some students feel more comfortable arriving in their host country with some local currency to cover initial expenses at the airport and over the first few days. To do this, you should contact your bank a few weeks before you need the money—requests for foreign currency can take several weeks to process, and certain currencies (such as UAE dirham) may be unavailable. You can also exchange U.S. dollars at the airport when you arrive. In both cases—buying local currency in the US or changing dollars at the airport—the exchange rates are notoriously bad, so if you are planning to do this it’s probably best to take out as little money as possible ($100 worth of local currency or less). Many travellers find that the best compromise is to withdraw money from an ATM machine at the airport, although there is always a chance that an ATM machine will not be available. With all that said, we offer pick-ups at the airport on arrival day so you will not necessarily need money for the first few hours.

**Personal Budget**

Students should budget for additional personal expenses if they plan to shop, travel locally, or dine out while in Abu Dhabi. We recommend that students plan on having $1,000-2,000 USD for a semester abroad in Abu Dhabi although everyone’s individual budget will differ depending on their habits and plans.
Electric Devices, Laptops And Phones

Have you ever seen the scenes in the movies where the uninformed traveler plugs a hairdryer into a foreign outlet and—a shower of sparks later—the entire room fills with smoke and a fire breaks out? Well, as funny as these scenes are and as exaggerated as they seem, the general message is correct: electricity voltage, electricity frequency, and electrical outlets are different abroad, which can create a hazard.

Here are your main options for staying safe with your electronic gadgets abroad:

»» Buy a plug adaptor that allows electronics to fit into any foreign outlet. These are available at travel stores, airports, and many other places. These do not convert the electricity, so…

»» You can also purchase a converter that changes the voltage from foreign outlets to make sure the right amount of voltage is used to power your appliance. The problem with these, however, is that there is no device that converts “frequency.” Often travelers bring appliances abroad that require a different frequency than their local electrical standards or their converter can provide, resulting in the famous blow-out scenes from the movies. So without getting into an in-depth physics lesson, here’s what we recommend:

»» Bring travel-friendly devices like laptops, camera chargers, and MP3 players. These devices usually travel well and tend to have built-in voltage converters with compatible frequencies (though you should always double-check with the manufacturer to be on the safe side). These appliances will still require plug adaptors for use (see #1), but they should be fine abroad. All other appliances—especially those that heat up, like hairdryers and irons—should be left at home. Really. Besides, you can always buy small appliances cheaply when you get there and save money on plug adapters and converters.

»» Buy converters/adapters before arrival online or at electronics stores. Local staff can help direct you to get what you need once you arrive, but there may be a delay in being able to buy an adapter upon arrival.

Laptops: To Bring or Not to Bring?
If you have a laptop, it is highly recommended that you bring it with you.

Using a Mobile Phone from Another Country While in the UAE
Mobile phones in the UAE use the GSM network, so if you are coming from a country that also uses GSM phones, you may be able to bring your existing phone from home and simply use an Etisalat SIM card. If you are unsure of whether or not you have a GSM phone, the most obvious way to tell is if you need to use a SIM card in order to have the phone function. You can also consult this website for a list of countries that use GSM phones: https://www.gsma.com/membership/who-are-our-gsma-members/

Some countries, including the US, use multiple networks. For US students: if you have a phone with either AT&T or T-Mobile, then you have a GSM phone; certain phones with Verizon and Sprint are also compatible with GSM networks, but you should confirm this with your carrier.

If you are hoping to bring a phone from home, you need to make sure that your phone isn’t “carrier (or SIM) locked.” Many telecommunication carriers “lock” their mobile phones so that they are only usable on that specific network. If you are unsure if your phone is locked you should check with your local carrier, and also see if they are willing to unlock your phone so that you can use it with a SIM card from another carrier. Many wireless companies are willing to unlock phones for customers who have fulfilled their contracts, or are otherwise in good standing.
Purchasing an “Unlocked” Phone
If you do not have an unlocked phone, you can either purchase one in your home country, or wait until you
arrive in the UAE. Depending on where you live, it may be much less expensive to purchase an unlocked
phone prior to your arrival in the UAE.

If you are coming from a country in which the cost of phones is subsidized by the carriers (which is usually
why they get locked), the price of an unlocked phone will seem very high – but the benefit is that it can be
used in any country with GSM service, with a local SIM card.

Calling Rates and Plans
Etisalat is the local Abu Dhabi phone company. Etisalat’s website has full information on prepaid
calling rates, including charges for voice calls, text messaging, and data (which will be necessary if you
decide to get an iPhone, Blackberry, or other data-capable device). You can also see a range of
different calling options, including a “Favourite Country Plan” which provides a 30% discount on calls to
a single specified country, although users then pay somewhat higher rates for other calls. You should
determine what makes the most sense for you.

The prepaid plan will ultimately make the most sense for most of you. While the monthly plans do tend to be
a bit less expensive, they also require annual contracts, which means they are not a good option for J-Term
or semester abroad.

Students will also have full access to the Internet at all NYUAD locations, which means they will be able to
access a wide range of Internet-based communication programs from their personal computers, WiFi-
enabled mobile phones, and other devices with WiFi capabilities including many iPods and the iPad.

We hope this information provides enough of an overview to enable you to determine what is best for
you. If you have any further questions, email us at nyuad.students@nyu.edu (and parents can email
nyuad.parents@nyu.edu)
International Communication

Communicating with friends and family at home is simple. Technology options include: telephone, email, instant messaging (most popular IM systems will work in the UAE), Skype, and social networking sites (Facebook, Twitter, and many other popular social networking sites are accessible from the UAE). These options offer a variety of ways to post photos and thoughts about your NYUAD experiences, and allow your friends and family to enjoy them at their convenience.

Calling an Abu Dhabi landline

From outside of Abu Dhabi:
Dial the international prefix (usually 00) + 971 (country code for the UAE) + 2 (Abu Dhabi city code for a land line) + the number (7 digits)

From a local Abu Dhabi Phone:
Dial 0 + 2 (Abu Dhabi city code for a land line) + the number (7 digits)

From your home cell phone* when in Abu Dhabi:
Dial “*” or 00 + the international prefix + 971 (country code for the UAE) + 2 (Abu Dhabi city code for a land line + the number (7 digits)

*Be sure to check the rates of your home phone plan while traveling. This is often a very expensive option*

Calling an Abu Dhabi mobile number

From outside of Abu Dhabi:
Dial the international prefix (usually 00) + 971 (country code for the UAE) + 50 or 55 or 56 (UAE mobile dialing codes) + the number (7 digits)

From a local Abu Dhabi Phone:
Dial 0 + 50/55/56 (UAE mobile dialing codes) + the number (7 digits)

From your home cell phone* when in Abu Dhabi:
Dial “*” or 00 + the international prefix + 971 (country code for the UAE) + 50 or 55 or 56 (UAE mobile dialing codes) + the number (7 digits)

*Be sure to check the rates of your home phone plan while traveling. This is often a very expensive option*
Personal Mail
The mailing address for standard mail is:

New York University Abu Dhabi (NYUAD)
Your Name
P.O. Box 129188
Abu Dhabi, UAE

Please be sure that New York University Abu Dhabi (NYUAD) is clearly marked on any mail or mailings. This will help the mailing clear customs in Abu Dhabi. Any issues with or questions about mail should be sent to mail.nyuad@nyu.edu.

The Best Ways to Reach You in Abu Dhabi
The best way to reach you in Abu Dhabi is by Skype, email, or by your cell phone if it works in Abu Dhabi. If none of the above work and family or friends need to communicate with you immediately, they can call the NYU Office of Global Education (00971-2-628-4128), but this should not be seen as a regular means of communication.

If you don’t have Skype downloaded on your laptop, we recommend you do so before you travel to the UAE.

In case of emergency at home, please ask your family to call a staff member from the NYUAD Office of Global education in Abu Dhabi (see Appendix A).
IT Support

NYUAD Information Technology Services (NYUAD-ITS) is NYUAD’s central source for computer, network, telephone, and Internet services and works in conjunction with the central NYU ITS services in New York City to provide technical support for the whole NYUAD community.

If you require IT support, contact the IT Service Desk through any of the channels below:

   Email: nyuad.it.help@nyu.edu
   Phone: +971 02-628-8888 (x8-8888)

You will be provided with IT assistance during on-site orientation.
NYU Abu Dhabi Communication Policy
You are expected to check your NYU email regularly. NYU Abu Dhabi will use this email address to send you notifications and other relevant information throughout your stay in Abu Dhabi.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
Among its several purposes, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) was enacted to protect the privacy of students' education records, to establish the rights of students to inspect and review their education records, and to provide students with an opportunity to have inaccurate or misleading information in their education records corrected.

1. Each student has a right to inspect and review his or her education records.
2. Each student may request that any such record be amended if he or she believes that it is inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of his or her privacy.
3. The University will obtain the student’s written consent prior to disclosing personally identifiable information about the student from his or her education records, unless such consent is not required by FERPA and the FERPA regulations.
4. Each student has a right to file a complaint with the Family Policy Compliance Office of the Department of Education if he or she feels the University has failed to comply with the requirements of FERPA and the FERPA regulations.
5. Each student may obtain a copy of the University’s Guidelines for Compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

The guidelines are available at [http://www.nyu.edu/apr/ferpa.htm](http://www.nyu.edu/apr/ferpa.htm).
CAMPUS LIVING

Campus Description

In summer 2014, NYU Abu Dhabi relocated from downtown Abu Dhabi to its permanent home on Saadiyat Island. This state-of-the-art campus provides students, faculty, and staff with world-class facilities in which to teach and learn. It is a vibrant cultural space for NYUAD and the wider community.

Just a short drive from the center of Abu Dhabi, the campus on Saadiyat Island is located in the Marina District, envisioned as a downtown area on an urban grid with a marina on the south side of the island.

The campus has outdoor soccer fields and tennis courts, indoor basketball courts, a 50-meter swimming pool, squash courts, a fitness center, climbing wall, and multipurpose rooms for yoga, aerobics classes, and other fitness activities. There are restaurants and dining facilities, and loads of academic and classroom space. The campus center, the signature building with the circular, metal-clad roof visible from the road, houses a sun-lit library with study rooms. The center also has a marketplace with various dining options in addition to the main dining hall and two cafes on campus, one next to the Bookstore, and the other in the Experimental Research Building. Student housing is divided into four courtyards, for now called A1, A2, A5, and A6, with three buildings surrounding each courtyard. All students are required to live in campus housing. More information will be provided at the on-site orientation.

Campus Housing

Saadiyat, the new NYUAD campus, is a modern and new state of the art campus built to meet the needs of NYUAD students, faculty, and staff. NYU Abu Dhabi’s Saadiyat Island campus is a pedestrian campus that combines traditional and modern architectural elements to reflect the University’s three identities: Abu Dhabi, New York, and the world. The new campus at Saadiyat offers students space to explore their interests, exercise their bodies and minds, hone their skills, study and relax. The Residential Education Staff serves as a resource and plays a pivotal role in facilitating community development activities and programs for all Saadiyat residents.

With three residential colleges housing approximately 750 undergraduate students, Saadiyat features multiple on-campus dining halls featuring international menu selections, new fitness facilities, spiritual life resource center, career development center, study lounges, computer rooms, campus lounge and student lounges, and multipurpose rooms.

The residential colleges at Saadiyat offer an array of living options. Students can select Coed buildings, buildings separated by gender, and non-visititation floors for both males and females. The student suites at Saadiyat consist of two-double room suites and four-single room suites. All suites include a common area, kitchen, and bathroom(s).

Amenities

Saadiyat Campus features student lounges equipped with a kitchen, microwave, water cooler, laundry room with washers and dryers, an iron and ironing board, and an LCD television. There is a 24-hour security staff as well as a controlled electronic entry system and CCTV.

Student Spaces

There is a room reservation process for a number of student spaces, some are available on a first come first served basis, and are open and available 24 hours. If you have any questions, please contact nyuad.campuslife.facilities@nyu.edu.
Key
Students will sign a Housing Agreement when they arrive at the welcome center of the Saadiyat Campus. Attached to the agreement is an envelope that contains your room key.

Elevator Access
The student floors are restricted to students only. The student’s NYU ID Card will already be programmed to allow student to access the student floors. Please be sure to bring your ID card with you.

Housing Issues
Students should notify their Resident Assistant with any facilities concerns.

Maintenance and Housekeeping
Students are responsible for the daily upkeep of their living quarters. This includes taking responsibility for one’s own personal effects and maintaining proper upkeep of private and common areas. Students are responsible for taking out the garbage, washing their own clothes, sheets, dishes and kitchenware, cleaning regularly, etc. Please keep your living space as clean as possible. Housekeeping is provided once a week to maintain the bathrooms only. It is expected of all students to maintain their apartment’s cleanliness.

Internet in Student Rooms
Wireless Internet is provided in every student room. Printing stations are available in the student lounges.

Environmental Awareness and Sustainability
Simple steps to follow:

» Switch off lights when they are not in use - bedroom, bathroom, kitchen and desk lamps

» Don’t leave your computer on - make sure that you switch it off if it is not being used

» Boil only the amount of water in a kettle that is needed

» Turn off the tap when you brush your teeth

» If you have a dripping tap, make sure that you report it immediately.

Checking Out
Before checking out of the residence hall, students are expected to remove all personal items from their living- quarters. Please leave your room clean and leave the utilities NYU Abu Dhabi offers in good condition. Make sure all furniture is in its original position.

Campus Life
A fully-staffed Campus Life department is on site to provide guidance, support, programming and residential life activities. The Office of Residential Education is committed to the holistic growth and development of every student. Resident Assistants (RAs), who are upper-class students, live in the student residences and serve as easily accessible peer advisors and resources. RAs also play an important role in planning study breaks, floor meetings, and social, cultural, and educational programs and activities.
Dining
All students are required to enroll in the meal plan. NYUAD has several on-campus dining venues that provide a variety of international menu selections. Available options also meet most dietary considerations including Halal.

If you have specific dietary needs that you’re having a hard time managing, please let us know so we can ensure that you have appropriate dining options.

Housing Policies and Regulations
See Appendix B and C for more information on health and safety violations, residence hall alcohol policy, residence hall illegal substance policy, guest policy, and administrative violations.

Alcohol and Illegal Substances
NYUAD is committed to creating and maintaining a campus environment free of alcohol and substance abuse, and one that complies with local laws. NYUAD views the abuse of alcohol and prescription drugs and the use of illicit drugs as antithetical to the pursuit of educational excellence and the realization of one’s full potential as a student and as a responsible member of the NYU community.

The minimum age to consume alcohol is 21. In addition, there are licensing requirements and religious based restrictions. Drinking to excess is considered a serious offense and there are significant consequences that could occur with any alcohol or illegal drug usage. Students should be mindful of the fact that they may be in an unfamiliar setting and should carefully consider how the use of alcohol and other illicit drugs can compromise their safety and ability to remain in Abu Dhabi. If you need help talking about these important issues, please do not hesitate to contact the Health and Wellness Center in Abu Dhabi at wellness.exchange@nyu.edu or +971 2 628 5555.

Policy on Alcohol
It is the policy of NYUAD that the possession, consumption or use of alcohol is limited to those who meet the requirements of UAE law for the possession and consumption of alcohol. It is against the law for Muslims to drink alcohol. Non-Muslims may legally drink only in specified locations which have licenses, such as restaurants located within hotels, or through purchase of alcohol on the basis of a liquor license, obtainable under strict conditions.

Drunkenness is a serious offense in the UAE and Abu Dhabi and there is a zero tolerance policy for driving after consuming alcohol.

Therefore, most students will be prohibited from possessing or consuming any alcoholic beverage at NYUAD, including in the residence halls, or at any event sponsored by the University or by a University organization, whether the event is at the University or not.

No person shall present any written evidence that is false, fraudulent, or not actually his or her own in order to purchase or be served, or to try to purchase or be served, any alcoholic beverage or in order to gain access, or to try to gain access, to any event or activity at which any alcoholic beverage is being sold or served. Further, no person shall in any way misrepresent any other person or help any other person so that such person can purchase or be served, or try to purchase or be served, any alcoholic beverage or gain access, or try to gain access, to any event or activity at which any alcoholic beverage is being served or sold.
The sale or service of alcohol at NYUAD affiliated events shall be governed by the care for the safety and well-being of guests. For the purpose of this policy, to serve alcoholic beverages shall mean to give away, deliver, or otherwise provide alcoholic beverages to any person by any means other than by sale to such person.

Policy on Illegal Substances
NYUAD has a zero tolerance policy on the use, possession, distribution, or trafficking of illicit drugs. Reported violations of this policy will be dealt with swiftly.

Students need to be aware that medications that may be legally available in a student’s home country might be restricted in the UAE. Students are strongly advised to visit the UAE Ministry of Health website (http://www.moh.gov.ae/en/Pages/default.aspx) for information about the personal import of such items, and the Ministry of Health’s Drug Control Department list of controlled medications and medicines.

For information, see NYU Alcohol and Substance Policy in Appendix C.
STUDENT LIFE AND RESOURCES

Career Development Center

The NYU Abu Dhabi Career Development Center (CDC) is committed to helping all NYUAD students develop into global citizens and future leaders. As an integral part of the global net-work university, the CDC fulfills this promise by delivering quality and tailored career guidance and assistance. The CDC engages students through career exploration, providing them access to competitive opportunities and preparing them for premier graduate programs. In addition to student-centered career advising, the CDC connects with faculty, employers, alumni, and other organizations to maximize our students’ personal and professional success. The Center is located in the Saadiyat Campus Center (C2), Ground Floor.

Community Outreach

NYUAD Community Outreach has developed deep and rich partnerships with local non-profit organizations; government agencies, local high schools and universities, and private corporations offering volunteer or outreach opportunities. The organizations with which we have established partnerships will only continue to grow as the NYUAD student body grows and diversifies.

Approximately 40 percent of the NYUAD students volunteer every year. Service opportunities range from short-term to longer-term activities and often provide students with the opportunity to make a weekly commitment to a specific organization. As a result, volunteers can grow in their roles and responsibilities and build a stronger connection with the organization and people.

Examples of volunteer opportunities include tutoring high school students, working with special-needs children, raising environmental awareness, interviewing UAE artisans, participating in global education conferences and competitions, teaching English and computer skills to youth, students and laborers, and many others.

You are encouraged to explore the Community Outreach pages, and to speak with students leading Advocacy, to learn more about how NYUAD students have participated in the UAE community, and how you can contribute over the next academic year.
Intercultural Affairs

The Office of Intercultural Affairs (OIA) connects NYUAD’s educational and intercultural goals by creating seamless, inter-connected, and student-centered co-educational opportunities exploring matters of diversity.

Through collaboration with units across NYU Abu Dhabi, the global network university, and the local community, the OIA develops a comprehensive co-educational framework for ensuring cross-cultural understanding and social justice that contextualized for NYUAD.

The office is located in the Student Life Office, Campus Center West (C2-W). For further information email: nyuad.intercultural@nyu.edu.

Spiritual Life

NYU Abu Dhabi recognizes and supports the spiritual development of its students, and seeks to create an engaging environment for their personal development through participation in a variety of campus activities and community engagement.

Students come to the Office of Spiritual Life for support in many ways: some come seeking a deeper connection with their faith traditions, others seek to explore alternative spiritual paths; and still others need assistance discerning the inner foundations of their outward commitments. The Office of Spiritual Life assists students by providing guidance in contemplative inquiry, opportunities for dialogue and exchange of ideas, and offering a host of opportunities that enable students to explore and practice their beliefs.
SPORTS AND ATHLETICS

Fitness Challenges
At the NYUAD Fitness Center, we promote a fit and healthy lifestyle by hosting fun and social activities throughout the year. Monthly fitness challenges are held off campus where the students of NYUAD can participate and win prizes. The final event of the year, called “NYUAD’s Fittest Person”, is a culminating event to highlight the hard work of the students. These challenges are a great way to meet fellow fitness enthusiasts, achieve your goals and have fun.

Group Fitness Classes
The NYU Abu Dhabi Fitness Center offers various exercise, dance, and fitness classes throughout the academic year for NYU Abu Dhabi students, faculty, and staff. Specialized trainers with a diverse range of fitness expertise make each visit to the center one that brings the individual much closer to achieving their personal health and fitness goals.

Classes are generally catered to a smaller group which means you get a personalized experience after every class. Each session is structured differently, promising a new workout experience and challenge.

Some of the more popular group fitness classes are Boxing, Zumba, TRX / Circuit, Spartan, Big M.A.C, Kettlebells, Yoga and Capoeira.

Personal Training
Part of your fitness experience can include one-on-one personal training sessions to help meet individual goals. All of our Personal Trainers are highly qualified which will ensure planned and personalized workouts catered to each person’s targets.

Recreational Opportunities
Weekly recreational athletic activities are offered by the athletic department throughout the year. The offerings are wide in variety and cover a multitude of interests. The following are a sample of the recreational opportunities offered:

- Archery
- Bio-Karting
- Bowling
- Camping
- Golf
- Horseback Riding
- Ice Skating
- Karting
- Kayaking
- Paddle Boarding
- Paintball
- Rock Climbing
- Sailing
- Shooting
- Skiing
- Spectator Sports
- Wakeboarding
Intramurals

All student, staff, and faculty are encouraged to join one of our Intramural sports. Competition is open to the NYUAD community and leagues are formed to ensure regular play in both competitive and recreational settings. Students can join an existing team or create their own in Badminton, 3 v 3 Basketball, 6 v 6 Football, Ultimate Frisbee, or Volleyball. All abilities and levels are welcome to join.

The following Intramural sports are offered to students, staff, and Faculty, to participate in during both Fall and Spring semesters.

» Badminton
» Basketball
» Football
» Ultimate Frisbee
» Volleyball

Competitive Sports

Competitive sports at NYU Abu Dhabi is comprised of teams who consistently train throughout the academic year and engage in at least six external competitions against universities in the Abu Dhabi Inter-University Sports League, or ADISL, clubs, and other teams. They also participate in tournaments throughout the year. They are led by student captains and dedicated coaches.

Interscholastic

As we are able to evaluate student interest, we’ll be able to determine which sports we can participate in outside of the NYUAD setting on a competitive level with other educational institutions. Based on student interests, we hope to offer competitive tennis, swimming, soccer, and cross country teams.
HEALTH AND WELLNESS

At NYUAD, students will immerse themselves in new academic, social, and cultural opportunities. This will be a wonderful time of discovery that will provide knowledge and experiences to last a lifetime. As with all experiences, there are also potential stressors which the NYUAD Health and Wellness Center is prepared to assist you in addressing.

Students may need the support of medical and mental health professionals. In particular, students who are currently experiencing physical or emotional difficulties — or who have experienced such issues in the past — will benefit from ongoing professional assistance while away from home. Students who should receive particular attention include those:

»» With chronic medical conditions (such as asthma or diabetes)
»» Currently or recently engaged in psychotherapy
»» With eating disorders

Our philosophy is that students need to take responsibility for their health and welfare, with our support, by planning for and following through on their individual medical routines. Also important in the transition to NYUAD is recognizing that the range of services available at home may not be fully replicated at NYUAD. Our Health and Wellness Center will help you fully understand and navigate any transitions in health care.

NYUAD Health and Wellness Center

The NYU Abu Dhabi Health and Wellness Center is a fully accredited, on-campus health care facility committed to providing comprehensive high quality student-centered health care and wellness services for all currently registered NYUAD students.

Health and Wellness Center clinicians are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week during the academic year.

The Health and Wellness Center is located in the Campus Center (C2), Ground Floor, W046.

A multidisciplinary staff comprised of physicians, registered nurses, psychologists, clinical social workers, and administrative and technical personnel provide a comprehensive array of services.

You can schedule an appointment by calling +971 2-628-8100 (or 8-8100 from campus.) For medical emergencies after 5pm, you may call the After-Hours Nurse at +971 56-685 8111.

Medical Services
Medical services at the Health and Wellness Center include:

» Identifying and treating common medical conditions.
» Assessing the urgency of your medical problems and directing you to the best place for care.

» Providing preventive and health education.
» Making referrals to medical specialists when necessary.
Counseling Services
The Health and Wellness Center offers confidential counseling services. Counseling — or psychotherapy — is a professional relationship that focuses on personal problems. The counseling relationship differs from both social friendships and patient-doctor contacts. Unlike friends, counselors are able to be objective; they are not involved in your daily life. Unlike most doctors, counselors don’t give specific advice or tell you what to do. Instead they serve as skilled listeners, who help you clarify issues, discover your true wishes and feelings and deal effectively with problems.

You can schedule an appointment to see a counselor by calling +971 2-628-8124 (or 8-8124 from campus) between 9am-5pm. For mental health crises after hours, you may call the After Hours Counselor +971 56-685-8444 or you may call the Wellness Exchange +971 2-628-5555 (8-5555 from campus).

NYU Wellness Exchange
Phone:02-628-5555 | Email: wellness.exchange@nyu.edu

The Wellness Exchange is the constellation of the University's expanded and enhanced programs and services designed to address the overall physical and mental health needs of our students. Students can access this service through a private hotline, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, which will put them in touch with professionals who can help them address both day-to-day challenges as well as any other crises they may encounter, including depression, sexual assault, anxiety, alcohol and drug dependence, sexually transmitted infections, and eating disorders. The Wellness Exchange is also available for students who just need to talk or to call about a friend.

If at any time a parent or fellow student suspects or becomes aware that a student may be in need of health and wellness assistance, please contact the NYU Wellness Exchange immediately by calling +971-2-628-5555 (02-628-5555 from within the UAE, or simply x85555 from a campus phone) or +1-212-443-9999 (in the US), or by emailing wellness.exchange@nyu.edu. The NYU Wellness Exchange is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Medications
Some medications available in your home country may not be available in Abu Dhabi, while others may be strictly controlled. There are also certain medications that may be legal in your home country, but that are illegal in the UAE. The US Embassy’s website is a valuable resource and we encourage you to visit it to learn more about medication regulation:

http://abudhabi.usembassy.gov/restricted_medications.html

If a medication is strictly controlled in Abu Dhabi, the US Embassy recommends a protocol that is helpful to those traveling to the UAE: “…patients or travelers carrying prescribed prescription medications must have their prescriptions issued by licensed US doctors, attested by a notary public, and duly authenticated by both the secretary of state of one’s US state, and finally also authenticated by the Secretary of State of the US Government in Washington, DC.”

For students from countries other than the US, we suggest a similar approach to that recommended by the US Embassy. It is important to note that local customs agents may confiscate medications if it appears that the amounts are greater than required for personal use or if the medications are not licensed in the UAE. If this occurs, please cooperate with the local authorities and comply with their instructions. NYUAD will assist you in obtaining new prescriptions once you arrive on campus.
It is important to note that prescriptions written outside the UAE will not be filled in Abu Dhabi — you should discuss with your local health professional whether you should secure enough medication for a smooth transition and then see local medical or mental health professionals who can prescribe refills or recommend alternatives once you arrive in Abu Dhabi. If you are bringing medication with you into the UAE, please:

» Have your health professional state both the trade and generic name for your medication(s) on the prescription (in case a specific brand is not available)
» Keep the medication in the original prescription bottles and, if it is a psychotropic or controlled medication, have a letter signed by your health professional supporting its use for your condition
» Always transport medication in your carry-on luggage
» Be sure to follow airport security guidelines, particularly if the medicine is in liquid form
» Be aware that prescription medications mailed internationally may not be received, or may be received later than planned due to customs restrictions
» To minimize any possible problems bringing medications, prescription or non-prescription, to NYUAD, please contact the NYUAD Health and Wellness Center at nyuad.healthcenter@nyu.edu as soon as possible.

Immunizations

Minimum immunization requirements are:

Evidence of vaccination with at least two doses of combined measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine (if not immune by documented history of having these illnesses or by blood titer)

Evidence of vaccination with one dose of meningococcal meningitis vaccine within the past ten years

Additional vaccinations for you and your healthcare provider to consider for travel during your time at NYUAD:

» Hepatitis A
» Hepatitis B
» Influenza
» Polio (completion of original series and an adult booster if you are 18 or over)
» Varicella
» Tetanus

Please contact the NYUAD Health and Wellness Center at nyuad.healthcenter@nyu.edu if you believe you will have difficulty securing the required vaccinations listed above.
Precautionary Measures

The important thing is to be in control of your own health. Here are the key points to remember for staying healthy:

Have a complete physical examination before you go. Be aware of and prevent possible problems.

Let NYUAD know if you are on any medications, have any allergies, or any other medical conditions that could possibly require accommodation while you are abroad. Take adequate supplies of any medications and copies of medical prescriptions with you.

Make sure that your childhood immunizations are complete and up to date. Booster shots for tetanus are required every ten years, it may be time for another.

Visit your dentist and have a check-up to ensure that your teeth are in good shape before you leave.

Eat well over the break, exercise and get plenty of sleep so that you are rested and fit as you depart and your body can better fight off disease. Do not exhaust yourself with packing and preparations at the last minute. Plan ahead so that you can make your departure as stress free as possible.

On the long flight, bring along a bottle of water and drink plenty of fluids as you travel. Avoid alcoholic beverages. They lead to dehydration. Do isometric exercises in your seat and get up to walk up and down the aisle periodically to stretch your muscles. During flu and cold season, you may want to consider a breathing mask since the recycled air in planes can easily spread contagious diseases.

Follow all guidelines provided by your program about food and drink and personal hygiene. They are making these recommendations for a good reason.

Students in Need

NYUAD will assist you if you are experiencing medical or mental health challenges. On very rare occasions, the University will make the decision that you are too ill to continue your studies. Under these circumstances, it may be necessary for family to travel to NYUAD to assist you and/or accompany you back home. In the unlikely event that family travel becomes necessary, it will be important that you have a valid passport and have provided a contact number in case of an emergency. Of course, if a student makes the decision to end his/her academic career at NYUAD or take a temporary leave of absence for whatever reason, we will assist him/her in navigating any academic and/or travel issues.

NYUAD realizes that the support and supervision a student receives from family is irreplaceable. If students demonstrate the need for continued close involvement from their families, we encourage you to do your best to maintain it, using all mechanisms available to you, such as telephone, email, and video chats. Please let us know if you anticipate any barriers in maintaining this contact. NYUAD is fully committed to providing students the support they need during this important time in their lives.

Should parents or guardians have any general questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us either by emailing nyuad.parents@nyu.edu, or by calling our Department of Public Safety in Abu Dhabi at +971-2-628-8777 (02-628-7777 from within the UAE) or in New York at +1-212-998-2222.
Culture Shock

Remember: The effects of adjusting to a new environment so far from your own comfort zone can penetrate several aspects of your life. It can have both emotional and physical effects and several of you may experience anxiety, depression, or homesickness while coping with this change. It is important that you take good care of yourself and don’t be afraid to reach out to friends and NYUAD staff when in need. You are not alone. NYUAD staff can help connect you with the resources you need to enjoy a safe and healthy stay in Abu Dhabi. We are always available should you need to talk.

Health Insurance

Students studying at NYU Abu Dhabi will be enrolled in the GeoBlue Worldwide insurance plan and a local plan. This plan provides you with direct access to medical and mental health services while in Abu Dhabi. This program also covers you for the duration of your time at NYUAD, even while traveling outside the UAE. Before you depart for NYUAD you will receive an email directly from GeoBlue Worldwide with the subject line “NYU---Global Important Insurance Information.”

Please read the email and access the tools and information provided on the website, including the Well-Prepared profile. Print your GeoBlue Worldwide Health Insurance ID card (instructions will be provided in the email). Should you have questions about the GeoBlue Worldwide plan or have trouble accessing and printing the insurance card, please contact their customer service at +1-888-243-2358 (toll free inside the US) or +1-610-254-8769 (a collect call from outside the US). For other insurance-related concerns, please call the NYU Student Health Insurance Office at +1-212-443 1121 (in the US).

You can also download the new iPhone App developed by GeoBlue which will help you locate doctors and medical facilities all over the world which accept GeoBlue insurance. Other smartphone users can access their mobile site at: https://www.geo-blue.com/mobileapp/. All access requires your GeoBlue username and password to login.
SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

In Case of Emergency at the Program Site

NYUAD has a 24/7 team dedicated to assisting students dealing with a crisis, including hospital escort and transportation, coordination of care, counseling and follow-up. In an emergency, contact the program staff as soon as possible. Please call NYUAD Public Safety at 02-628-7777 (or 8-7777 from campus), to access our emergency services team.

NYUAD Commitment to Safety

Led by a team of highly experienced security professionals and staffed by trained security practitioners, NYUAD Public Safety operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and is committed to ensuring the safety of the University's students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

The NYUAD Public Safety team maintains a visible presence with uniformed security guards stationed throughout all campus locations. The department utilizes state-of-the-art technology at all campus locations to assist in achieving its goal of maintaining a safe and secure campus environment at all times.

In case of certain emergencies, the department has a mass notification system designed to alert the NYUAD community in a matter of minutes by text, email, and voice messages. To ensure the hands-on involvement of Public Safety leadership, senior members of the team reside on or near campus, making them immediately available to respond to incidents at all hours.

The Public Safety team also maintains strong and enduring partnerships with Abu Dhabi law enforcement agencies, and with local embassies and consulates.

What You Can Do to Keep Safe

Abu Dhabi is considered one of the safest large cities in the world. Nevertheless, it is a good idea to take certain precautions. While violent crimes and crimes against property are rare, they do occur. Students who are victims of crimes should immediately contact NYUAD Public Safety at 02 628 7777 (or 87777 from a campus phone). Public Safety personnel will help them contact the police and receive support services. (The number for all emergency services in the UAE is 999.)

The following safety tips are recommended to assist members of the NYUAD community in everyday life and while using university facilities in Abu Dhabi and around the world:

- Do not go out alone at night. Buddy up or go in small groups. There is greater safety in numbers, especially when you are getting to know a new location and its diversity of unfamiliar environments.
- When traveling in a group, be sure everyone in the group comes back together. Don’t leave anyone behind.
- Always plan your trips with the help of an NYUAD staff member. Make sure you have transport back before you go out so that you never become stranded. Let a staff member know where you are going and when you expect to be back. Research the location of your destination and carry a map. Note street names and nearby landmarks. If you need help planning your trip or are unsure about the safety of the destination, please ask an NYUAD staff member for help.
Do not dress in a way that marks you as an affluent tourist. Expensive-looking jewelry, for instance, can draw the wrong attention.

Be aware of your surroundings. Try to minimize the use of headphones and other devices that can jeopardize your recognition of potential dangers.

Knapsacks and backpacks should always be tightly closed and stored on your lap or where they can be seen at all times while in restaurants or other public venues.

Carry a cell phone at all times and ensure that it is charged.

In Abu Dhabi, cell phones should be pre-programmed to automatically dial the NYUAD Office of Public Safety at 02 628 7777 (or 87777 from a campus phone).

Always carry the NYUAD Contact Numbers card, your NYUAD ID card, and a photocopy of the pages of your passport that include your photo and your visa.

Always carry the UAE ID Card, as this is a legal requirement. Students will be issued UAE ID cards after they have obtained resident student visas.

Use university transportation whenever possible.

Travel on streets where there is pedestrian traffic. During evenings, plan a route where streets are well lit. Avoid walking through road tunnels (pedestrian underpasses) on your own at night.

Use silver taxis rather than yellow or white taxis whenever possible. The name of the taxi driver and the number of the cab is displayed on the monitor in the taxi. We recommend that you always jot it down or text it to an NYUAD friend along with your destination. Make sure someone knows where you are going and when you anticipate being back.

Females should never ride in the front of a taxi next to the driver, and women traveling alone should not engage drivers in friendly discussion. It is perfectly acceptable to travel in silence after having given the driver your destination.

If you cannot find a taxi in Abu Dhabi, call 600 53 53 53. That is a taxi dispatch service. Describe as best you can where you are located. Give landmarks and cross streets as part of the description if possible. You will be charged an additional 5 AED on top of your fare for calling for a taxi.

If you get stranded and cannot reach a taxi dispatch service, call NYUAD Public Safety at 02 628 7777 (24 hours a day, seven days a week).

If you find yourself in any situation in which you feel uncomfortable or afraid for your safety, immediately call NYUAD Public Safety at 02 628 7777 for advice and assistance.

Never accept a ride on your own from someone you have just met or do not know well, no matter how helpful or friendly that person may seem. Politely but firmly decline all such invitations.

Never accept a ride in a vehicle driven by someone who has been drinking alcohol. Politely but firmly decline all such invitations.

Know that taxi cab drivers have been known to transport intoxicated passengers directly to the police station.

Lock your apartment at all times.

Avoid counting money on the street after obtaining funds from an ATM, and don’t carry large amounts of cash.
» Do not leave laptop computers or other valuable items unattended in cafes or other public areas.
» Never leave what you are drinking or eating unattended in public places.
» All valuable items should be safely secured at home, including valuable or expensive-looking jewelry, irreplaceable family objects, and all unnecessary credit cards.
» Keep in mind that your behavior here may send messages you do not intent to send. A few reminders to help manage this: If you are wearing a skirt, be sure it falls below the knee. Cover your shoulders. Avoid sleeveless and low cut dresses or tops.
» All valuable items should be safely secured at home, including:
  -- Valuable or expensive-looking jewelry
  -- Irreplaceable family objects
  -- All unnecessary credit cards

Mass Notification
The safety of all members of the NYUAD community is a top priority.

The ability of authorized university administrators to communicate with members of the NYU-AD community in a matter of minutes following an emergency is of critical importance in keeping everyone safe. NYUAD has the capability to send blast text messages to mobile devices in order to provide members of the NYUAD community with direct and timely information. These emergency communications allow recipients to respond safely to emergencies with real-time updates.

NYU Policy on Sexual Harassment and Assault

Sexual assault is prohibited. Behavior including, but not limited to, the following are violations of the University’s policy on sexual assault:

» Conduct of a sexual nature which reasonably would be expected to have the effect of threatening or intimidating the person at whom such conduct is directed;
» Intentional physical contact with an intimate part of the body of another person that involves physical force, coercion, or threat, or in situations in which the victim is physically or mentally incapacitated by reason of drug or alcohol consumption, sleep or unconsciousness.

» Behavior that violates the University’s Sexual Assault Policy may also be in violation of the laws of Abu Dhabi and the UAE, and may subject the accused and/or the reporting party to criminal investigation and action by local authorities.

Any student who believes they have been sexually assaulted should contact the Counseling Office in the Health & Wellness Center for a confidential consultation to discuss support, options and referral to available resources. Students may also consult the Wellness Exchange hotline at (001-212-443-9999 — a US number) for guidance on medical and counseling services.
INDEPENDENT TRAVEL

NYU Traveler

Students are encouraged to register any personal travel in NYU Traveler prior to departure. NYU Traveler has been created as a tool to enhance the safety of students, faculty, administrators, and staff traveling on University-related business. When you book or register through NYU Traveler, your travel plans are routed through Worldcue, a traveler safety service with which NYU has contracted.

Worldcue will provide each member of the NYU community traveling for University-related reasons with up to the minute information about conditions in his or her destination that may affect personal safety and well-being. Worldcue will also hold all your travel plans so that NYU can more rapidly and effectively respond to you in an emergency, remove you or others from a suddenly dangerous location while abroad, or contact you to advise you on your safety and appropriate arrangements before you travel to a dangerous location. More information can be found at the following website: http://www.nyu.edu/life/travel-and-transportation/nyu-traveler.html

Travel with Your WITS (Wise Independent Travel Strategies)

NYU Abu Dhabi understands students may wish to travel throughout the region during academic breaks as well as before or after each semester. Students are fully and solely responsible for the financial and logistical arrangements related to their personal independent travel. The University encourages students to carefully review published information about the countries they wish to visit so that they can be fully informed of the relevant health and safety considerations for their destination(s).

We encourage you to review the WITS handout in Appendix E for helpful suggestions for planning and managing safe, affordable, healthy, and purposeful travel.
ON-SITE ORIENTATION

The on-site orientation is mandatory and will be held in the days immediately after your arrival. You will meet staff from different departments who will reinforce some of the information included in this handbook and will provide additional essential information, such as:

1. Academic expectations
2. UAE Cultural Norms
3. Logistical support (banking, cell phones, internet access, etc.)
4. Getting around the city
   - Maps
   - Transportation options
5. General student policies at NYU Abu Dhabi
6. Important contact numbers
   - How to contact the staff at NYU in Abu Dhabi
   - Who to call in case of emergency in Abu Dhabi
   - How to contact your embassy
   - How GeoBlue insurance works in Abu Dhabi
   - List of recommended clinics and hospitals
7. Specifics about planned events, activities, and field trips
8. Sightseeing and entertainment
9. Sports and recreation
10. Available religious services
APPENDIX A: CONTACT INFORMATION AND USEFUL WEBSITES

The NYU Abu Dhabi staff is available to assist with questions or concerns relating to academic, personal and other issues. You will receive a list of essential contact numbers in Abu Dhabi during the on-site orientation.

Carol Brandt, Associate Vice Chancellor for Global Education and Outreach
Office: +971 2-628-4093
Mobile: +971 50-621-5754
Email: carol.brandt@nyu.edu

Kyle Farley, Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Dean of Students
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Mobile: +971 56-548-7811
Email: kyle.farley@nyu.edu

Katya Grim, Assistant Vice Provost for Global Education Administration
Office: +971 2-628-4128
Mobile: +971 50-641-0911
Email: katya.grim@nyu.edu

Aisha Ali, Assistant Director for Study Away
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Mobile: +971 50-619-2695
Email: aa162@nyu.edu
NYUAD Services

Health and Wellness Center
Daytime Phone: 02-628-8100
After Hours Phone: 056-685-8111
After Hours Counselor: 056-685-8444
Email: nyuad.healthcenter@nyu.edu

Wellness Exchange in Abu Dhabi
Phone: 02-628-5555
Email: wellness.exchange@nyu.edu

Public Safety in Abu Dhabi
Phone: 02-628-7777

Public Safety in New York
Phone: 001-212-998-2222

NOTE: YOU MUST BRING YOUR NYU ID CARD WITH YOU WHILE STUDYING ABROAD.
Useful Websites

NYUAD
http://nyuad.nyu.edu
NYU Home
http://home.nyu.edu
NYU Traveler
https://traveler.nyu.edu/studioabroadapp/

Websites About the UAE

UAE Interact (Official News Website)
http://www.uaeinteract.com/
Abu Dhabi’s Tourism Website
http://www.visitabudhabi.ae/en/
Abu Dhabi Government Portal
http://www.abudhabi.ae
US Embassy in Abu Dhabi
http://abudhabi.usembassy.gov/

Travel Warnings

US State Department
http://www.travel.state.gov/travel/warnings.html
World Health Organization
http://www.who.int/countries/chn/en/
US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

International Calling Codes
http://www.countrycallingcodes.com/

Time Zone Converter
http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/

Currency Converter

For Disabled Travelers
http://www.miusa.org/

For Students of Color
http://www.studyabroad.msu.edu/people/studentsofcolor

For LBGTQ Students
http://www.indiana.edu/~overseas/lesbigay/index.html

Holidays and Festivals Around the Globe
http://www.oanda.com/cgi/world_holidays
Travel Publications

Rick Steves
Lonely Planet
Fielding Travel
Fodors
Frommers
Moon

http://www.ricksteves.com
http://www.lonelyplanet.com/
http://www.fieldingtravel.com/
http://www.fodors.com/
http://www.frommers.com/
http://www.moon.com/

News

http://www.newslink.org
http://www.bbc.co.uk

List of Cyber Cafes

http://www.netcafeguide.com

Newsletters for Sharing Stories as You Travel

http://www.travelmedia.com/
http://www.great-adventures.com/
http://www.artoftravel.com/
http://www.journeywoman.com

For Tips on Taking Better Pictures

http://www.photosecrets.com
APPENDIX B: HOUSING POLICIES

NYU Abu Dhabi is committed to the overall educational and personal development of its students and views the residence halls as an important environment for learning and personal growth. Every member of the residence hall community is expected to uphold certain general responsibilities to ensure that the residential environment is a safe, respectful and constructive venue for living and learning.

Every member of the NYUAD Campus community is expected to uphold certain general responsibilities to ensure the growth and development of the University's mission, including:

» Respecting all members and policies of the NYUAD and Abu Dhabi communities.

» Respecting the customs, culture and laws of Abu Dhabi and the UAE.

» Respecting the physical facilities of NYUAD including the furnishings, equipment, and grounds.

» Respecting the diverse lifestyles, opinions, and pursuits of the individual members of the community.

» Informing NYUAD Administrators or the Department of Public Safety about behavior that is disrespectful to community standards as well as situations that infringe on the safety of the community.

To achieve this goal, the University reserves the right to review all alleged violations of the following NYUAD Campus Conduct Policies and to initiate disciplinary action and impose sanctions when appropriate. Residents will be held accountable for violations of the following policy violations whether committed by themselves or by their guests. Students found to be present while a violation is occurring may be considered participants and may also be subject to disciplinary action.

The following behavior is prohibited in the Residential Colleges:

Health and Safety Violations

1. Tampering with fire safety or other safety equipment.

2. Possessing flammable decorations, appliances, or other property that may be deemed a fire hazard.

3. Failing to respond and evacuate if required at the sounding of the fire alarm system.

4. Possessing weapons, including, but not limited to knives, mace, explosives, fireworks, firearms, or ammunition.

5. Throwing and/or causing objects or any substance to be directed from, into, or onto residential college windows, doors, terraces, ledges, roofs or other areas.
6. Possessing, consuming, distributing, or being in the presence of an alcoholic beverage in violation of NYUAD, UAE, and/or residential college alcohol policies.

Residence Hall Alcohol Policies: In regard to paragraph 6, UAE citizens over 21 years of age can buy alcohol at licensed bars, restaurants, and some clubs for consumption on the premises. Students who hold a student visa (as opposed to a work visa) are not permitted to obtain an alcohol license which allows an individual to purchase and consume at home/campus.

» Alcohol may not be consumed, sold or distributed in the residential college or elsewhere on the NYUAD campus.

» Students are responsible for the behavior of their guests, including any violation of policy.

» Students found to be in an intoxicated state in the residential college may be subject to mandatory meetings with NYUAD administration as well as appropriate disciplinary action.

» Residents are required to abide by all customs and laws of the UAE and New York University Abu Dhabi regulations regarding the use of alcohol. These rules specify that persons under 21 years of age are prohibited from possessing any alcoholic beverage.

7. Possessing, using, distributing or being the presence of an illegal or controlled substance and/or related paraphernalia in violation of UAE, NYUAD and/or residential college substance policies.

Residential College Controlled Substances Policies: In regard to paragraph 7, possession of even trace amounts of illegal drugs has resulted in sentences of four years imprisonment for foreign citizens transiting the UAE. Some drugs normally taken under a doctor’s supervision and even some over-the-counter drugs and medications, are classified as narcotics in the UAE and are illegal to possess. A doctor’s prescription should be carried along with any medication that is brought into the country. A person may be subject to arrest and prosecution if possession of prescribed medicines (especially those containing codeine and similar narcotic-like ingredients) comes to the attention of local authorities.

» Water pipes, bongs, and other paraphernalia commonly associated with drug use are prohibited. Students are expected to obey UAE laws regarding the use, sale and distribution of controlled substances and possession of paraphernalia.

8. Possessing unauthorized furniture.

9. Tampering with devices and furnishings, such as window screens, cranks, stops, locks, door closing devices or furnishings in a residential college room.

10. Installing an unauthorized lock on a bedroom, bathroom, or suite door.

11. Inadequately securing one’s residential college room and/or failure to lock room doors.

12. Failure to present a valid NYU AD ID card or properly identify oneself when entering a residential college or when requested to do so by any authorized University staff member.
13. Unauthorized entry, access or use of restricted areas in or about residential college, including but not limited to roofs, ledges, terraces, basements, storage areas or emergency exits.

Guest Policy and Violations

Violation of the Residential Education Guest and Visitation Policy as set forth below:

1. Short-Term Guests: A resident is permitted to have a short-term guest (whose stay is for a few hours, but not overnight) at any time, provided that there is no interference with the rights of a roommate. The following procedures and conditions must be met:
   a. A resident may sign-in no more than four (4) short term guests at the same time unless prior permission is obtained from the Office of Residential Education.
   b. Guests must present a valid acceptable form of photo ID in order to be signed in to a Residential College.
   c. There may be certain times of the year, when visitation policies may be restricted or modified. Students will be notified in advance when these changes occur.

2. Overnight Guests: Residents may allow guests to stay overnight in their rooms in accordance with the following terms and conditions:
   a. All overnight guests must be of the same sex as the host/occupant.
   b. An overnight visit is defined as a stay of seven hours or more, which includes any of the hours between 11:00 pm and 8:00 am. However, other visits not meeting these exact criteria may also be considered overnight, and may be left to the discretion of the residential college staff.
   c. A resident may not have more than three (3) overnight guests at one time and for more than three (3) consecutive nights.
   d. Exceptions to these procedures must be approved by the Office of Residential Education.

3. Non-visitation Areas: Particular areas within the residential colleges have been designated as a “non-visitation area”. Residents and guests of the opposite sex may not visit the floor at any time.

4. Administrative Violations
   a. Moving to another room/residential college or occupying residential space assigned to another resident without authorization.
   b. Failing to properly complete with the check-in/out procedure.
   c. Unauthorized possession or use of a key to property or premises owned and/or operated by the University.
   d. Unauthorized painting, construction, or other modification in a residential college room or common area.
e. Failing to abide by, comply, or fulfill terms of an administrative directive or sanction issued by a University office or representative.

**Community Standards Violations**

1. Disorderly, disruptive, or aggressive behavior that interferes with the general comfort, safety, security, health or welfare of the residential college community, and/or the regular operation of the University.

2. Engaging in, or threatening to engage in, any other behavior that endangers the health or safety of another person(s) or oneself.

3. Vandalism or damage to personal or University property.

4. Theft or unauthorized use or possession of personal or university property or services.

5. Quiet Hours:
   
   i. Begin at 11:00 P.M. Saturday through Wednesday
   
   ii. Begin 1:00 A.M. Thursday and Friday
   
   iii. Residents must observe 24-hour quiet hours during University designated examination periods.
   
   iv. No excessive or intrusive noise at any time. Musical instruments may be played only in designated practice areas.

6. Failure to maintain acceptable standards of personal hygiene or room cleanliness to the extent that such failure interferes with the general comfort, safety, security, health or welfare of a member or members of the community.

7. Keeping or caring for pets or animals. Exception: A student may keep fish in a tank no larger than ten gallons.

8. Unauthorized solicitation, recruitment for membership, subscription, polling, posting, canvassing or commercial sale of products, services, or tickets in a residential college.

9. Smoking is prohibited in all areas of all residential colleges.

10. Exhibiting or affixing any unauthorized sign, advertisement, notice or other lettering, flags or banners, or hanging any projections that are inscribed, painted or affixed to any part of the outside of a building or the inside of the building which may be viewed outside of one’s room.

11. Filming or videotaping in or into any area of a residential college without authorization.

12. Gambling is prohibited in the residential colleges.
Guiding Philosophy and Approach

The University considers the abuse or inappropriate use of alcohol and other drugs to be hazardous to an individual’s health and safety and an impediment to his/her academic and personal success. Furthermore, the behavior frequently associated with the use of alcohol and other drugs can be disruptive and can compromise the interests of others within the University community. Therefore, the University views the use/abuse of alcohol and other drugs as a matter of personal and community wellness and believes that any such behavior warrants decisive intervention within the University’s Wellness Paradigm.

The University’s response to incidents involving the use, possession, or distribution of alcohol and other drugs within the University community will be formulated on a case-by-case basis. In doing so, the University will strive to balance the interests of individual students who may be engaged in the use, possession, or distribution of alcohol or other drugs with that of the larger community that may adversely be affected by such behavior. As the circumstances warrant, the University may elect to implement educational, administrative, medical, counseling, disciplinary action, or a combination of interventions. In addition, in appropriate cases, the University may (in accordance with the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act FERPA) choose to contact parents or legal guardians of students who have violated University policies on substance abuse or may elect to involve local law enforcement agencies.

The University will implement a comprehensive set of interventions to address the issue of the use, possession, and distribution of alcohol and other drugs among students. Strategies will include efforts to:

» Create a campus coalition to unify and implement intervention initiatives

» The University will continue to expand the role of the Student Health Advisory Committee that is comprised of representatives from various academic, administrative, and student affairs units.

» Reduce access to alcohol and other drugs on campus.

» Educate students, parents, faculty, and staff on the issues associated with the use of alcohol and other drugs.

» The University will enhance its education, prevention, and treatment initiatives to promote students’ awareness of the issues of substance abuse, encourage positive behaviors, create a network of treatment services, and familiarize students with campus resources. The University will provide comprehensive and culturally sensitive information, advocacy, skill building, and referrals through educational programs, peer education programs, one-on-one consultation, and other activities.

» Support students who may be struggling with an alcohol or other drug problem through referral to mental health and medical services.
The University will have an open door policy regarding treatment for those who voluntarily seek help from health and mental health professionals for an issue associated with substance abuse. Confidentiality in these circumstances will be protected in accordance with University policy and applicable law (e.g. FERPA, HIPAA, etc.).

Identification of related health or mental health issues through assessment will be integral to the University’s response in each case. The University recognizes that there may be medical or safety emergencies in which the potential for judicial action by the University may be a deterrent to students who want to seek assistance for themselves or others. A student’s willingness to come forward and alert staff to such situations will be taken into consideration in determining whether judicial action will be initiated by the University.

Modify the assumptions of students about the relationship between alcohol and other drugs and campus life.

Notify and involve parents/families as appropriate to partner with them in addressing students about whom we are concerned.

Utilize data to understand the scope of the problem, inform intervention strategies, and measure success.

Enforce University policies regarding the use, possession, and distribution of alcohol and other drugs.

The University will draw distinctions between the possession, use, abuse, and distribution of alcohol and of illegal drugs and will take decisive and potentially more severe action, in matters involving the distribution of illegal drugs. The University will consider various factors when determining its response to cases involving the distribution of illegal drugs including the type of substance being distributed and the nature and magnitude of the distribution. Removal of a student from the residence halls and/or suspension or dismissal from the University is likely outcomes where it is determined that a student is engaged in the distribution of illegal drugs.

When allegations of the distribution, use, and/or possession of alcohol and other drugs in violation of University policies or federal, state, or local laws are presented to University officials (i.e. administrators, faculty, and staff members) who are not health and/or mental health professionals, the University may act on that information, including using it in disciplinary or administrative responses, in accordance with the nature and severity of the circumstances.

When requested by the complainant, the University will attempt to maintain the confidentiality of the complainant’s identity consistent with the goal of conducting a thorough and complete investigation. While every effort will be made to preserve the privacy of all persons involved, anonymity cannot be promised when the information is disclosed to a non-confidential source and/or when the wellbeing of an individual student or of the University community is at serious risk.
Reporting Incidents Involving Possession, Use, or Distribution of Alcohol and Other Drugs

Students who have concerns about their personal use of alcohol and/or other drugs, or students who are concerned about a friend's use, are encouraged to seek assistance through one of several University support services that may be accessed through the University’s Wellness Exchange by calling (212) 443-9999. Confidentiality in these circumstances will be protected in compliance with University policy and applicable law (e.g. FERPA, HIPAA, etc.)

Any member of the University community who feels that a student’s possession, use, or distribution of alcohol or other drugs places that student or the University community at risk, and who wishes the University to intervene is encouraged to report the situation to one of the following officials:

» Department of Public Safety

» Student Affairs officials: Vice President, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Director of Student Activities, Coordinator for Greek Life, Director of the Student Resource Center, and the Director of Judicial Affairs.

» Deans of Students in the Schools and Colleges

» Residence Hall officials: Assistant Vice President for Residential Education, Director of Administration for Residential Education, Director of Community Development, Assistant Director for Community Development, Community Development Educators, and Assistant Community Development Educators.

» Athletics Department officials: Director of Athletics and Coaches.

When a report of the possession, use or distribution of illegal drugs and/or abuse of alcohol by a member of the NYU community is received by one of the above officials, the University will take into account the particular circumstances of the situation, including the preferences of the individual making the report, the wellbeing of the student whose behavior is of concern, and the interests of the University community. If information is credible, the University will endeavor to identify and confront student/s who are illegally possessing, using, abusing, and/or distributing drugs or alcohol. In doing so, the University will strive to protect the anonymity of the person reporting the matter, but cannot guarantee that anonymity will be preserved in all cases.

Guidelines for Responding to Alcohol and Other Drug Violations

Actual responses and sanctions may vary in accordance with the unique circumstances of each case. When appropriate, the University will consider involving and/or referring a matter to governmental agencies, including law enforcement.

Emergency Amnesty

The University recognizes that there may be medical or safety emergencies in which the potential for judicial action by the University may act as a deterrent to students who want to seek assistance for themselves or others. A student’s willingness to come forward and alert staff to such situations will be taken into consideration when determining the University’s response.
Definitions of Violations

**Possession:** Unlawful holding or controlling of alcohol, other drugs, or associated paraphernalia.

**Use:** Unlawful personal use of alcohol or other drugs.

**Abuse:** Repeated unlawful use of alcohol or other drugs; Or use accompanied by other aggravating behavior, including but not limited to:

- Disorderly, disruptive, or aggressive behavior that interferes with the wellbeing, safety, security, health, or welfare of the community and/or the regular operations of the University.
- Engaging in, or threatening to engage in, any behavior that endangers the health, safety or wellbeing of oneself, another person, or property;
- Physical violence, actual or threatened, against any individual or group of persons.

**Distribution:** The unlawful sale, exchange, or giving of alcohol or other drugs to one or more persons. Factors that will be considered when determining the University’s response include, but are not limited to:

- The health and wellness of the responsible student;
- The interests of the University;
- The impact on the community;
- The type, quantity, and packaging of the substance;
- The number of persons to which the substance was distributed;
- The amount of revenue associated with the distribution;
- The existence of any other aggravating or extenuating circumstances.

Definitions of Responses and Sanctions

**Residence Hall Related Sanctions:** (may be applied to students living in NYU housing)

**Written Warning:** A written summary of the violation is issued to the student and placed in the student’s file with the appropriate office.

**Probation:** The student is placed on this status for a specified period of time, during which he/she is expected to hold a heightened awareness of his/her behavior. A behavioral violation during the probationary period may result in more serious disciplinary sanctions.

**Residence Hall Reassignment:** A residential student is removed from his/her current room and reassigned to a different room within the University Housing system.

**Deferred Suspension from Housing:** A residential student is placed on this status for a specified period of time as a final opportunity to display appropriate behavior. If any behavioral violation occurs while a student is on a Deferred Suspension, the student will be immediately suspended from University Housing.
Suspension from University Housing: The residential student is directed to vacate University Housing immediately and is prohibited from returning for a specified period of time.

Referral to the Division of Student Affairs: The case is referred to the Director for Judicial Affairs in the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs. When this is done, disciplinary action may be taken at the University level in accordance with the Rules for Maintenance of Public Order, as set forth in the New York University Student’s Guide.

Referral may be made as an alternative or in addition to the residential judicial procedures, if applicable.

**General and University Level Sanctions:** (may be applied to all students)

Educational Project: The student is assigned a project designed to increase awareness about alcohol or other drugs and one’s responsibilities within the community. Common educational projects include short reflection papers or creating community awareness materials.

Campus Service: The student is required to complete a specified number of hours of service to the University community. A specific administrator is designated to coordinate the service and ensure its satisfactory completion.

Persona Non Grata: The student is prohibited from entering a specified campus building for a designated period of time.

Mandatory Health Evaluation: The student is required to participate in individual sessions with a professional staff member from the Student Health Center to assess the circumstances of his/her use of alcohol and other drugs for the purpose of determining whether such use represents a significant hazard to the health and safety of that student or other members of the University community. The student and staff member will discuss health and wellness issues related to the student’s use of alcohol and/or other drugs and collaborate to develop strategies for making more effective and healthy decisions. The results of the evaluation may be shared with University administrators and considered in determining the University’s response, as appropriate.

Parental Notification: In an effort to provide support or assistance to students, the University (in accordance with the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act FERPA) may notify the parents or legal guardians of students who have violated University policies or federal, state, or local laws pertaining to alcohol or other drugs or in situations in which there is a health and safety emergency. The decision to notify parents or legal guardians will be made according to the professional judgment of the appropriate staff. Whenever possible, students will be consulted in the notification process. The primary goal of notifying parents or legal guardians is to promote the health and wellness of the student and others in the community.

Referral to Law Enforcement Authorities: The University reserves the right to refer any case that involves criminal activity to local law enforcement agencies.

Warning: A notice to the student, orally or in writing, that continuation or repetition of the conduct found wrongful, or participation in similar conduct, within a period of time stated in the warning, shall be a cause for disciplinary action.
**Censure:** A written reprimand for violation of specified regulation, including the possibility of more severe disciplinary sanction in the event of conviction for the violation of a University regulation within a period of time stated in the letter of reprimand.

**Disciplinary Probation:** Exclusion from participation in privileges or extracurricular University activities as set forth in the notice of disciplinary probation for a specified period of time.

**Restitution:** Reimbursement for damage to or misappropriation of property. Reimbursement may take the form of appropriate service to repair or otherwise compensate for damages.

**Monetary Fine:** For any offense.

**Suspension/Restriction of Privileges:** Exclusion from extracurricular activities or other privileges as set forth in the notice of disciplinary probation for a specified period of time. (E.g. Sign-in guests to a residence hall, participate in a student club activity or event, etc.)

**Suspension from the University:** Exclusion from classes and all related student privileges as set forth in the notice of disciplinary probation for a specified period of time.

**Dismissal from the University:** Termination of student status at the University.
APPENDIX D: BIBLIOGRAPHY OF SUGGESTED READINGS

The United Arab Emirates:
A Select Bibliography

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History/Archaeology


Political Science/Sociology/Urban Planning


Anthropology/Ethnography


Journalism/Travel/Memoir


Edited Volumes/Arab Gulf


APPENDIX E: TRAVEL WITH YOUR WITS (WISE INDEPENDENT TRAVEL STRATEGIES)

PRIOR TO TRAVEL

Give Your Trip a Plan and a Purpose
- There are a thousand places to visit. Why do you want to go here? Why do you want to go there now?
  - Think about your academic, professional, and personal interests
  - Take travel advisories and health precautions seriously. If a certain country is experiencing a period of unrest or if conditions make you wonder about your safety, it might be best to save that trip for another time.
- Find the balance between seeing lots of different places and really getting to know one place in particular
  - When you’re going to a new country or new region for the first time, you may be inclined to want spend a little time in several different cities so you can see as much as possible. You may get to see more landmarks this way, but you’re less likely to really engage with the local culture. Also, keep in mind the extra costs and logistics associated with moving around more often.
- Be prepared but allow for flexibility
  - You can spend months planning the perfect trip and have all that hard work disrupted by unexpected events or circumstances: museums could be closed for renovation; public transportation could be shut down due to a strike; or events could be cancelled due to weather conditions.
  - Always be sure you leave yourself some extra “cushion” in your budget for these types of unexpected issues.
- For more ideas about where to go, check out: www.travelindependent.info/topplaces.htm

Research Your Destination
- Check travel and health advisories for destination
  - US State Dept.: travel.state.gov/content/travel/english.html
  - Centers for Disease Control: www.cdc.gov
  - Check for information from your home country as well
- Get necessary vaccinations/medications in advance
  - The NYU Abu Dhabi Health and Wellness Center may be able to provide certain vaccines for you. Other vaccines and medicines should be available at hospitals in Abu Dhabi or your home country
  - Also check to make sure that all of the medications you take regularly are legal in your intended destination
- Research visa requirements and plan ahead
  - Start this process at least a month in advance. Search for a country’s embassy in the UAE and follow visa directions or contact the embassy by phone if necessary. Be prepared to provide passport photos that meet certain specifications, your original passport and UAE visa as well as copies of the same, applicable visa fees, and any other required documents. Many countries now require you show proof of your financial means. This is normally in the form of a bank statement showing the balance available in your account.
- Review maps of the cities you will be visiting
  - Identify major landmarks you can use to orient yourself while walking around
  - Figure out how long it will take you to move from place to place and how best to do this
  - Locate your hotel and try to learn something about that particular neighborhood
- Consider buying a local guidebook
  - Be sure to find a guidebook that is up-to-date. Cities change quickly and businesses/attractions may change their hours, change their prices, or even go out of business from one year to the next.
**Route Logistics and Arrangements**

- **Book accommodations in advance**
  - You can always figure out meals and activities on the spot, but it’s good to know in advance where you’ll be sleeping each night. If you arrive in a city without having pre-booked a hotel, you also run the risk of being taken advantage of by taxi drivers or scam artists.

- **Determine how you’ll move from place to place**
  - Do some research in advance about train schedules or other ways you could travel between cities and be certain you can arrive in plenty of time for your airplane flights or other pre-arranged activities.
  - One easy way to store all of the important information about your trip is to simply email it to yourself. Attach all of your itineraries, reservations, and confirmation numbers to one email and you’ll always be able to find it in case something gets lost.

- **Make a budget** (Use [www.xe.com/ucc](http://www.xe.com/ucc) for currency conversion)
  - Be sure to include your airfare, hotel, meals, local transportation, activities, and other personal expenses.
  - Also be sure to keep extra money available for any unexpected costs or problems that might occur.

- **Have at least two ways to access your money and keep them separate**
  - If you’re carrying cash, also carry a credit card. If you’re planning to only use a credit or debit card, be sure to have at least two different cards.
  - Keep one source of money with you, but safely store the other one somewhere else. This way if one gets lost or stolen, you still have access to money.

- **Explore local discount cards for popular attractions**
  - Many large cities sell special tourist passes which will admit you to multiple major attractions. These are generally much less expensive than paying for each attraction individually. Contact the local tourist information office for more information once you arrive.

- **For more information, check out:** [www.travelindependent.info/b4yougo.htm#cost](http://www.travelindependent.info/b4yougo.htm#cost)

**What to Pack**

- **Some great suggestions are available here:** [www.travelindependent.info/whattopack.htm](http://www.travelindependent.info/whattopack.htm)
  - In general, pack lightly and in luggage you can carry easily on your own.

- **Most importantly, don’t forget:**
  - Passport and visa (if applicable)
  - HTH Insurance Card (covers you outside the UAE)
  - Original prescriptions and necessary medications
  - Copies of itinerary, reservations, and local contact info
  - Copies of important documents (passport, credit cards, IDs)
  - In the event that anything is lost or stolen. You’ll need to immediately block your credit cards so they can’t be used inappropriately.
  - **Keep these with you, not in your checked luggage**

- Make sure your luggage is clearly marked with tags listing your name, address, phone number, and email address.

**Communication and In Case of Emergency**

- **Think about how you’ll stay in touch and how others can reach you**
  - Will you have easy access to the internet while traveling? Can you use email, Skype, or Facebook to keep in touch? Will your mobile phone work in another country? Do you have an international calling card you can use from public pay telephone or in your hotel?

- Let family, close friends, and your RA know where you’re going and when you’ll be back
- Register with NYU Traveler: [www.nyu.edu/nyutraveler/](http://www.nyu.edu/nyutraveler/)
NYU Traveler provides several helpful benefits to students while traveling independently. In the event of a major emergency in your destination, the university will be able to quickly locate and attempt to assist your exit from the country. The system can also provide helpful alerts to smaller disruptions such as transit strikes, inclement weather, or civil unrest which may negatively impact your trip. These alerts are automatically delivered to by SMS or through email.

- Leave an extra set of copies of your important documents (passport, credit cards, IDs) at home
- Take along an NYUAD Emergency Card
  - You can pick these up from the Office of Public Safety. They list the contact information for important resources at NYU Abu Dhabi.

- Your NYU Abu Dhabi provided HTH health insurance will cover you anytime you travel outside the UAE. You may also wish to purchase travel insurance. Travel insurance may help to reimburse costs associated with missed flights or other trip expenses in the event you become injured or ill as well as travel disruptions due to natural disasters or unexpected events. Some policies may also provide coverage for lost or stolen belongings. Companies offering travel insurance include:
  - www.worldnomads.com
  - www.insuremytrip.com

SAFE TRAVEL
What You Can Do to Keep Safe
While abroad, as in other settings, you can have a major impact on your own health and safety through the decisions you make before and during your travel and by your day-to-day choices and behaviors. You should:

- Consistently apply informed judgment in your day-to-day choices and behaviors.
- Always keep in mind that no matter how immersed you are in a local community, you are still a foreigner and thus your chances of being a victim of criminal activity may be greater than that for the average local person.
- Remember not to carry around a lot of cash, your passport (unless it is absolutely necessary to carry the original, a photocopy is better), or anything else that you really can’t afford to lose.
- Refrain from visiting establishments where foreigners are widely known to hang out, abstain from protest groups, and avoid drawing unnecessary attention to yourself by dressing outrageously or conspicuously.
- Read and carefully consider materials that relate to safety, health, legal, environmental, political, and cultural and religious conditions in the region you are visiting.
- Assume responsibility for all the elements necessary for your personal preparation for your travel.
- Inform parents/guardians/families, and any others who may need to know, about your travel plans, providing them with emergency contact information, and keep them informed on an ongoing basis.
- Be aware of local conditions and customs that may present health or safety risks when making daily choices and decisions.
- Behave in a manner that is respectful of the rights and wellbeing of others, and encourage others to behave in a similar manner.
- Accept responsibility for your own decisions and actions.
- Become familiar with the procedures for obtaining emergency health and law enforcement services in the host country.
- Plan to travel to events, walk around your neighborhood, and explore the city with a partner or in small groups. Be aware of your surroundings as you travel through the city. Let a roommate or friend know where you are going, and when you are planning to return.

Fitting In
- Understand local laws and customs
  - Check your “vices” and be aware of local regulations about smoking and alcohol. Use of drugs should always be avoided.
• Don’t be paranoid, but be cautious in new environments and with strangers
  o Watch out for scams and opportunities that are too good to be true
    ▪ If you are unsure, the sensible approach is to never go somewhere with anybody who approaches you in the street, on the assumption that they are after something. Make up an excuse or if you have a companion, simply start up a conversation with that person, completely blocking the stranger out. If you’re alone cross the street or try to move away to a public place where they’ll be less likely to continue bothering you.
    ▪ Under no circumstances should you agree to transport drugs, jewelry, or other items for strangers. You may likely be committing a criminal act and could face stiff penalties at home or while abroad.
  o Be polite but firm. Don’t give handouts.
    ▪ After you’ve said “No” once, don’t make eye contact, and don’t keep repeatedly saying “no” or get angry. If you show any more interest this is when touts are particularly determined and most frustrating. Sometimes beggars or children will make body contact, tugging on your clothing. In this case remove their hand and looking them directly in the eye, make your “no” clear.
    ▪ Giving gifts or money to locals may seem like the charitable thing to do, but it can create an unsafe imbalance and atmosphere in the community.
    ▪ Research attitudes towards women
  o This is especially important for women traveling alone or in small groups of only women.

• Know local emergency contact numbers o Inside the UAE, dial 999 if you need to contact emergency responders.

**Being Responsible for Yourself**

• Take situations seriously and don’t try to experience more than you’re prepared for
  o Avoid political demonstrations and protests
  o Avoid large gatherings of people in general

• Know that NYU Abu Dhabi cannot as easily help you in the event of legal trouble, medical emergency, or need for evacuation
  o If your passport is lost or stolen while traveling, immediately report it to your nearest embassy and/or the local police department. It may be possible for the embassy to issue you a temporary travel document with which to return home.

**Money Matters**

• Notify your bank in advance that you’ll be traveling
  o If your bank suddenly sees charges in a foreign country, they may assume you’ve become the victim of identity theft and deactivate your card to prevent further fraudulent charges. This can cause a serious problem when you try to pay for meals or check-out of hotels and can’t afford to pay the bill.

• Exchange some money before you leave, and be aware of fees on cards you use
  o Most credit cards have currency exchange and international transaction fees. Each time you use a debit or credit card while abroad, you could be charged and additional 3-5% (or more) based on the policies of your bank.

• Keep money hidden and safe
  o Keep bags closed or locked
  o Wear a breast bag or money belt
  o Don’t carry more than you really need
AFFORDABLE TRAVEL
Finding Discounts and Bargaining
• Do your research: Read guides, forums, and discussion boards; talk with friends who have been there before
• Take advantage of student perks:
  o Research local options available on site
  o Consider purchasing an STA or ISIC card
• Understand local norms for bargaining
  o Get prices from multiple shops
  o Don’t be afraid to walk away
  o Remember that they have to make a living too

Affordable Travel
• Affordable Airfare
  o Fly Dubai (www.flydubai.com) and Air Arabia (www.airarabia.com) in the UAE
  o EasyJet (www.easyjet.com) and W!ZZ Air (www.wizzair.com) in Europe
  o Jetstar (www.jetstar.com) and AirAsia (www.airasia.com) in Asia
  o Spirit (www.spirit.com) and JetBlue (www.jetblue.com) in the USA
  o Try using other budget airlines when you travel: www.travelindependent.info/links.htm#_Budget_Airlines
  o Search lots of airlines with sites like:
    o www.kayak.com
    o www.skyscanner.com
  o Find good deals on airfare with these websites:
    o www.airfarewatchdog.com
    o www.whichbudget.com
    o www.yapta.com
• Affordable Accommodations
  o TripAdvisor.com is world’s largest travel review site
  o Look for Hostels; Search online with www.hostelz.com
  o Other options include: www.hotels.com, www.laterooms.com, and www.dealbase.com
• Affordable Transportation
  o Do some research to get a sense of public transportation option at your destination and how much you should expect to pay
  o Overcharging on transport, private or otherwise, is common place in many countries and there is little you can do about it. That said, always arrange a price before you get into a taxi or any other mode of transport: ask a local if unsure. Be firm - don't get bullied. If there is no meter, agree a fair price before you set off.

HEALTHY TRAVEL
Medicines
• Always bring prescriptions with your medications
• Bring over-the-counter meds for common ailments
  o Anti-diarrhea
  o Pain reliever
  o Antihistamine (allergy blocker)
  o Motion sickness
• Your preferred brands of medical or personal hygiene products may not be available in every country. Be sure to purchase these at home and bring them with you on your trip.
• Bring enough to last you for your whole trip plus a few extra days, just in case
**Water and Other Drinks**

- Only drink bottled water unless you know for sure that local tap water is safe
  - Use bottled water when you brush your teeth
  - Keep your mouth closed in the shower
- Avoid ice cubes and ice cream as well as other items that may have been made with or come into contact with contaminated water
- Other beverages should always come in original, factory-sealed containers

**Food and Food Preparation**

- If local water is not safe, avoid raw fruits and vegetables. Everything should be cooked thoroughly
  - Only things that can be peeled (bananas, etc.) are safe
- Avoid "street food" and things that have been kept out in the open for long periods of time
- Be sure you receive clean and dry dishes and silverware
  - Water-born contaminants do not survive in the air. If you notice water left on dishes or silverware, dry them off with your napkin and then let them air dry for a few minutes before you are served. This will help eliminate any bacteria present in the water.

**Other Tips**

- Wash your hands regularly with soap
  - You can wash your hands with water which may not be safe to drink. When you're finished, simply make sure you thoroughly dry your hands.
- Use hand sanitizer, but be discreet
- Stay well hydrated
  - During illness (diarrhea/vomiting), dehydration is a risk that cannot be understated and ORT (oral re-hydration therapy) in the form of sachets of salts you add to water are very cheap, widely available even in the remotest of locations, and save thousands of lives every year when serious illnesses (e.g. Cholera) strike in the developing world.
- Get plenty of rest while traveling
  - Consider bringing a small pillow, earplugs, and eye mask
  - Be prepared for lack of AC or ambient noise in your hotel
- Be aware that HIV and other STDs are widespread in both developing and developed countries

**PURPOSEFUL TRAVEL**

**Connecting with the Local Population**

- Find opportunities to talk to and engage with locals
  - Don't get too caught up being a tourist that you miss out on the people around you. Take time to interact with guides, shopkeepers, or people you meet on the street and learn about their lives and their home. A personal connection you make while traveling could wind up being much more memorable than the pictures of a famous landmark. Yet be careful interacting with strangers.
  - Support local businesses and traditional crafts by purchasing locally produced goods and souvenirs
  - The cheap souvenirs you find at the airport may have been made in factories outside of the place you're visiting. When you can, try to purchase real handicrafts made by local artists. These will likely carry more sentimental value for you and help benefit the local community.
- Be considerate
  - Don't point a camera in someone's face without permission
  - Honor local dress and behavior norms
• Be aware of your ecological and cultural “footprint”
  o Turn off electricity and water sources whenever you aren’t actively using them. In some places, tourist hotels may get priority access to these important resources over the local population.
  o Be sensitive to how you are behaving and how you are presenting yourself and your culture. If you leave behind a bad impression, the next person to visit that place may be judged unfairly because of your actions.
  o Try not to make judgments or assumptions about peoples’ lifestyle in the place you’re visiting. What’s considered “normal” in your home country may seem very strange to them or vice versa.

• Bring back memories and share them with others

• Keep a journal with your reflections
WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO ABU DHABI AND OUR UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY!