

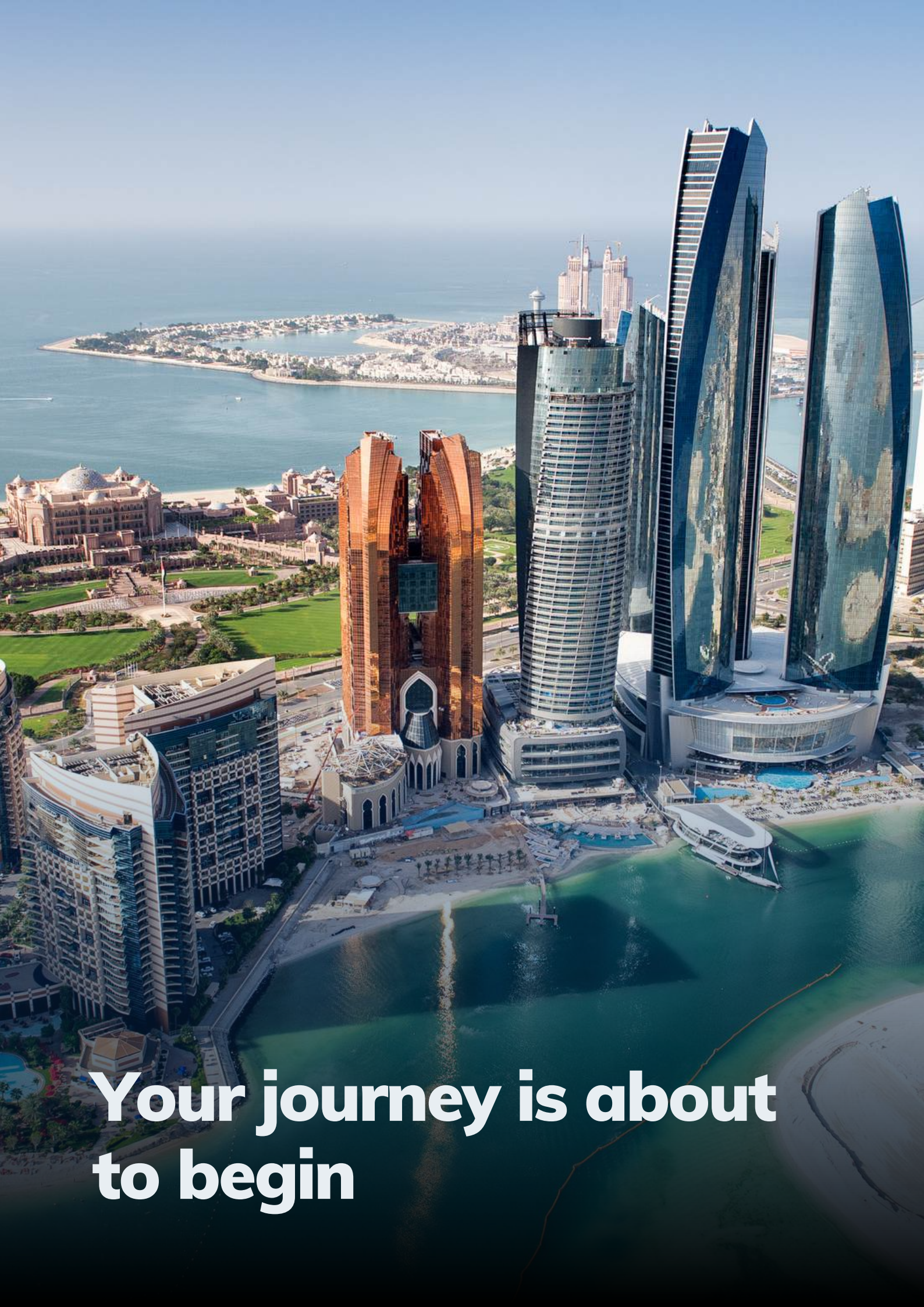


# **Pre-arrival information for international students**

**2025 / 26  
Abu Dhabi**

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**Your journey is about  
to begin**



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## From the admissions team

Dear Student

We are delighted that you will be joining us in the near future and hope that your time with us will be rewarding, enjoyable and fulfilling.

IFG appreciates and enjoys the cultural diversity brought by international students. The majority of our students are from different parts of the world. The aim of this booklet is to give you some practical advice and information to help you prepare for your arrival and for living in Abu Dhabi. We hope this information will help you plan in advance and make your move to the UAE as smooth as possible.

This booklet also contains information on IFG programmes and policies, so you can familiarise yourself with these before you start your course.

If you have any questions or concerns about coming to study in the UAE, please do contact us so that we can help you.

We look forward to welcoming you to IFG Abu Dhabi

With Best Wishes

**The IFG Admissions Team**

# Term dates

## Foundation, Diploma and Advanced Diploma in Business, Postgraduate Diploma, Pre-Masters in Business Management and English Language Courses

### Term One

29th September – 21st December

Reading week: 3rd November – 9th November

Assessment week: 15th December - 21st December

Winter break: 22nd December - 4th January

### Term Two

5th January – 29th March

Reading week: 9th February – 15th February

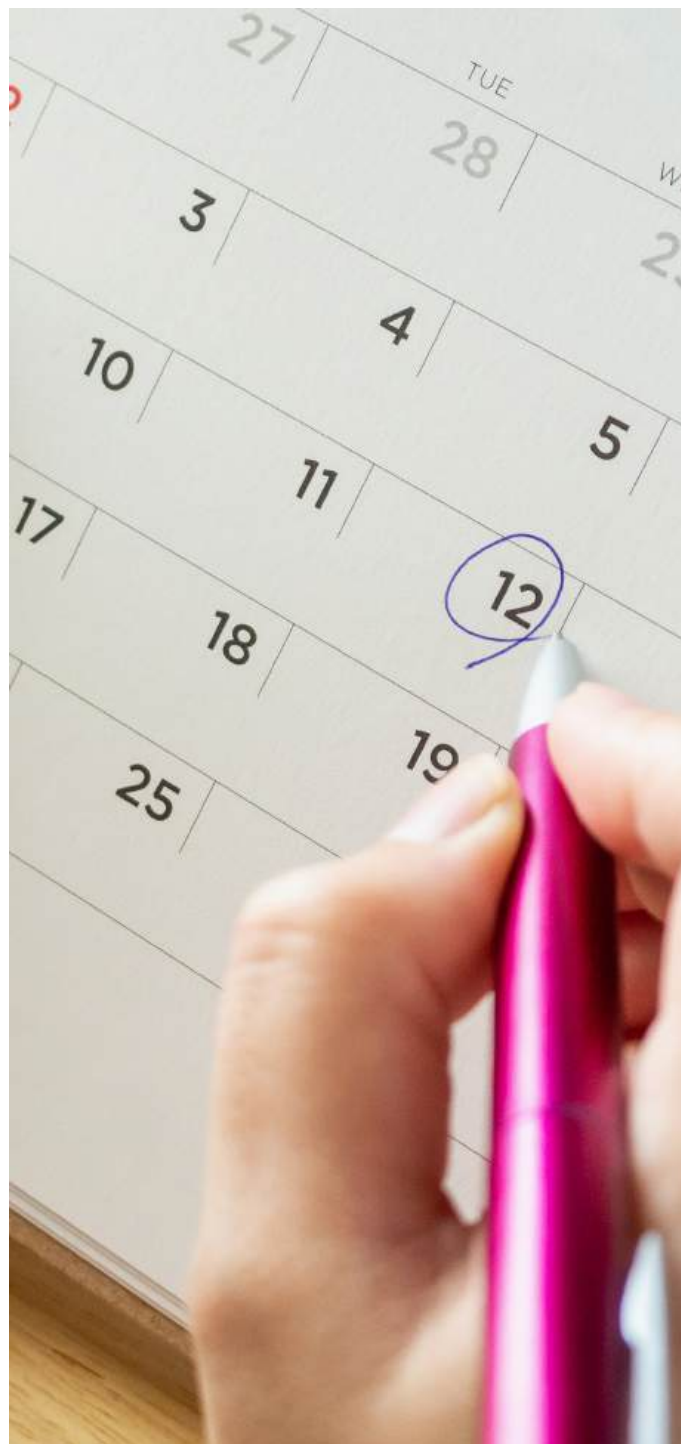
Assessment week: 23rd March - 29th March

### Term Three

6th April – 28th June

Reading week: 11th May – 17th May

Assessment week: 22nd June - 28th June



## Pre-PhD and Pre-sessional for Postgraduate Courses:

Please contact the IFG Admissions Team or check your course confirmation letter.



# Abu Dhabi Campus

## Location

The college is superbly located in the heart of the city, in the Al Nahyan Camp – a quiet and safe area providing a perfect study environment. IFG's campus is in a modern and beautiful building in an area well known for its superb coffee bars and cafes as well as its famous chocolate shops. It is a short walk from the Al Wahda Mall and ten minutes from the bus station. A five-minute walk from Vision Towers accommodation is one of the cheapest supermarkets in Abu Dhabi, Lulu Express. A bigger Lulu Hypermarket is also located in Al Wahda Mall. IFG students get a student e-card which gives them a 20% discount at some cafes near campus (the list is growing).

## Amenities

You will study in bright, spacious and well-equipped classrooms and benefit from the IFG virtual learning environment which has an extensive range of resources to supplement your learning and training sessions. You can also use the books and resources we have at our library - a comfortable space where you can sit and read or even prepare for your presentations and projects. During breaks and free time, IFG students can enjoy free tea or coffee at the students' lounge and play different board games at Board Games Club, take part in table tennis competitions, or even watch films at Film Club.





**Coming to the United  
Arab Emirates**





# General Information

**Coming to the UAE to study will be an exciting time for you to meet new people and learn about a new culture.**

The UAE's official language is Arabic, but English is widely spoken due to the country's diverse nature and economic globalisation, so you do not need to know Arabic since you can communicate in English everywhere.

Official documents in the UAE will be accepted in either English or Arabic. Abu Dhabi is the capital of the UAE, and it is a beautiful city with many tourist attractions.

Unlike other heavily populated cities, Abu Dhabi is extremely safe and it regularly tops the rankings from Numbeo.

It was named the safest city in the world for six years in a row - from 2017 until 2022, and in 2023 it was ranked second.

In 2024 Abu Dhabi was again ranked first, and it is leading the list in the 2025 safety index.



# Activities

There are a lot of activities that you can do and places you can visit during your free time in Abu Dhabi, and here we suggest some:



## Cultural

### Louvre Abu Dhabi

An art museum which runs under an agreement between the UAE and France. It has great collections, nice architecture, different temporary exhibitions, workshops, films, good cafes, & a nice park waterfront. Louvre Abu Dhabi has original works of Vincent Van Gogh, Edouard Manet, and Giovanni Bellini.

### Cultural Foundation Abu Dhabi

This cultural centre is located opposite Qasr Al Hosn and it is a renowned venue for culture and the arts. Visitors can find different exhibitions, workshops on pottery, photography and Arabic calligraphy, as well as many programmes and performances. Make sure you check the programmes' schedule and entry fees.

### Heritage Village

A reconstructed desert village that gives visitors the opportunity to explore the traditional way of living and historical activities of Abu Dhabi citizens. It is designed to offer insight into the city's magnificent past.

### Sheikh Zayed Festival (November - March Only)

This festival provides you with the unique opportunity to explore different traditions of Emirati culture, meet people from all over the world, buy products and food from different countries, and watch traditional performances.



# History / Sight-seeing

## Qasr Al Watan

The Presidential Palace of the UAE. It is more than simply a palace; it's an immersive, interactive experience in a modern environment that sheds light on craftsmanship, knowledge, and governance. It has great architecture, an amazing park and evening light shows.

## Qasr al Hosn

An old castle that shows how Abu Dhabi looked back in the old days. It is a historical landmark and the oldest stone building in Abu Dhabi. It is also a symbol of the UAE's ruling family. Artifacts and archival records from as far back as 6000 BC are shown at Qasr Al Hosn, capturing the evolution of Abu Dhabi from a fishing and pearling-dependent settlement in the 18th century to a modern, international metropolis.

## Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque

The largest mosque in the UAE and third largest in the world. It is a place to experience outstanding Islamic architecture and a masterpiece of classic and modern design. Entrance is free.

## Al Maqta'a Museum

It offers visitors a unique glimpse into the rich heritage and history of the UAE. Originally serving as a customs house and police station overseeing the narrow passage between Abu Dhabi Island and the mainland—long before the construction of Maqta'a Bridge—this site has consistently played a key role in safeguarding the entrance to the capital.



An aerial photograph of Ferrari World Abu Dhabi, showing the large red Ferrari logo on the roof of the main building, surrounded by various roller coaster tracks and other park structures.

# Entertainment

## Ferrari World

Home to the planet's fastest ride, Ferrari World Abu Dhabi is the first Ferrari-branded theme park in the world. Visitors have a lot of fun rides and this theme park is mostly enjoyed by young people.

## Yas Waterworld

A big water park which is home to 45 rides, slides and attractions. It has various seasonal events and shows and is mostly enjoyed by young people.

## Sandboarding

Like snowboarding, but on sand! (IFG can organise it)

## Sea World Abu Dhabi

A marine life theme park and animal researching, rescue & rehabilitation centre. It has over 15 interactive experiences and rides, over 100 animal experiences and presentations including up-close animal encounters, and more than 20 live characters and performances.

## Warner Bros World

The world's largest indoor theme park, features characters from Warner Bros.'s franchises, such as Looney Tunes, DC Comics, Hanna-Barbera, and others. It is mostly enjoyed by young people.

## Desert Safari

It is a unique experience in Abu Dhabi. It has dune bashing, camel rides, sandboarding, food & drinks, traditional Arabian costumes, etc. (IFG can organise it with our transport company)

## Snow Abu Dhabi

Abu Dhabi's first indoor snow park is among the world's largest indoor snow parks with 20 rides and attractions. It has nice decorations and live shows, and offers year-round adventures.



# Nature

## Fossil Dunes Park

An amazing desert park with unique fossil dunes and nice places to relax, have coffee and watch the sunset. The dunes have illumination at night so better to visit at 5 pm - to see the day, sunset, dusk and night.

## Wetland Nature Reserve

A beautiful natural landscape filled with flamingos and lizards' trails. The reserve covers five square kilometres and features a small visitor centre, walking trails, boards with interesting facts about the wild residents, and hides for birdwatching.

## Beaches

Abu Dhabi is famous for its beaches, blue waters and white sand. There are many of them, free and paid, family ones and the ones preferred by students - you can always find a place for you.

## Corniche

A famous embankment in the centre of Abu Dhabi with nice parks, beaches and walking.

## Jebel Hafeet Mountain

The highest mountain in Abu Dhabi. One can take nice pictures and see UNESCO World Heritage tombs there.

## Mangroves

Mangroves are found in multiple places. One can do kayaking and sup-boarding and go walking. Abu Dhabi has many unique mangrove formations and wildlife, especially birds.

## Al Ain Oasis

The biggest oasis in the UAE and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The oasis is known for its underground irrigation system which brings water from boreholes to water farms and palm trees.

## Sir Bani Yas Island

A wildlife park where one can see wild animals. It is located far from Abu Dhabi and can only be visited if you book a hotel there.





# Sport

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## **Corniche Beach**

You can play volleyball, play football, swim and snorkel at a low entrance fee. The Corniche Beach is open from 8 AM until 12 AM.

## **Al Fay Park on Al Reem Island**

You can play basketball, sand volleyball, football and table tennis for free. The park is open from 8 AM until 11 PM.

## **Hudayriyat Island**

A leisure and entertainment district. There is a beach, a mountain bike trail, a cycling track, a splash park, high ropes courses and climbing attractions. One can also play beach volleyball or simply enjoy swimming and sunbathing.

## **Family Park at Corniche Street**

Open 24/7 and free of charge. Here you can walk, play basketball and skate.

## **Active Al Maryah Island**

Home to high-quality facilities for your sports and recreation pursuits. You can play tennis, basketball, handball, netball, volleyball and football on the condition that you pre-book courts/activities. You can visit their website to do the booking and to check the price list and the timings.

## **Horseback Riding**

Enjoy horseback riding lessons at different equestrian clubs in Abu Dhabi.

## **Water Sports**

In addition to swimming and snorkelling, you can enjoy jet skiing, kayaking, SUP and wakeboarding in Abu Dhabi.

# Weather

## Climate in the UAE

The UAE is located in the Middle East, so the climate is hot. The UAE has 2 seasons – winter and summer. Summer begins around the last week of April and ends around the first week of October. This period is characterised by hot weather, hot winds and high humidity.

## Humidity & Temperatures

Due to the capital's close proximity to the sea, Abu Dhabi has high humidity which can make the weather unpleasant in summer. There is almost no rainfall, so the air can get quite sandy. Temperatures regularly rise above 40 °C during this period and fall to around 26 °C overnight. During the hottest days, the temperature can reach 48/49 °C.

## Winter

Winter in Abu Dhabi begins around the last week of October and lasts until the beginning of April. The winter season has the most pleasant weather, making it ideal for outdoor activities. The average daytime high during the winter season is around 26 °C with overnight lows of 16 °C. It can sometimes rain during winter, and there might be some thunderstorms.

## Sun Safety

As the sun is strong, we recommend to always wear a high-protection sunscreen (50+ with both UVA and UVB protection), cover your head and try to stay inside during the hottest time of the day, which is from 12 to 3 pm.





# Diet

The traditional food of the Emirates has always been rice, fish and meat, with lamb and mutton preferred to goat and beef. As the consumption of pork is forbidden under Muslim law, it is not included in most menus. However, specific supermarkets may sell pork in a separate section of the market. Although a lot of dishes contain meat, there are many vegetarian and vegan options as well.

Popular beverages are coffee and tea, which can be supplemented with cardamom, saffron, or mint to give it a distinct flavour.

Dates make up about 60% of the agricultural produce grown in the UAE and are incredibly versatile and nutritious. Still, one can find a lot of diverse fruit and vegetables that are cheap and either home-grown or imported.

Since the UAE is a multicultural country, you can find all kinds of restaurants and cafes, as well as many international supermarkets. The most popular cuisines are Mediterranean, Indian, Turkish, Filipino, American and European.



# Religion

Islam is both the official and majority religion in the UAE. It affirms that all persons are equal before the law and it prohibits discrimination on grounds of religious belief.

The Abu Dhabi government respects the right in practice, and in addition to mosques, one can find churches - both Orthodox and Catholic, a synagogue and a Hindu temple.

Along with Islamic holidays, other holidays are widely celebrated in Abu Dhabi such as Christmas, Easter, Chinese New Year and Hindu ones.





# Ramadan

Ramadan is the holy month in which capable Muslims are required to abstain from eating and drinking from dawn to dusk. Non-Muslims do not have to fast in Ramadan. However, it's a good idea to familiarise oneself with [Ramadan etiquette](#).

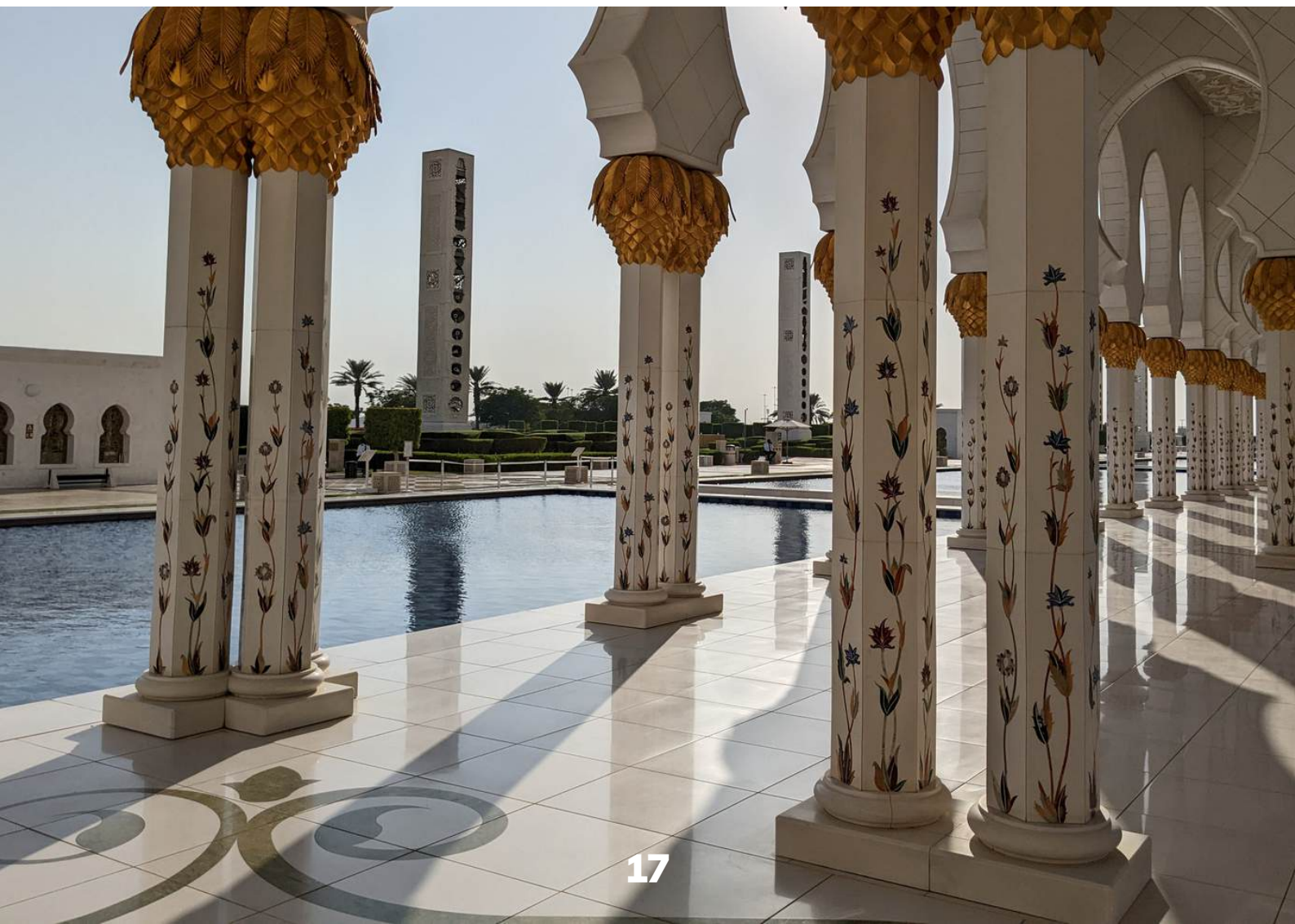
Working hours are reduced by two hours during Ramadan.

Most restaurants adhere to the hours of fasting. They are closed during the day and open after the evening prayers. Some restaurants and cafes are open during the day and people are free to order food for delivery or take away or to dine in within enclosures.

Booking a table for dinner is recommended in Ramadan as restaurants will be busy during the evenings. Supermarkets and grocery shops are open as usual. Malls stay open until late night.

You might find it difficult to find a taxi during evenings as a lot of drivers would be breaking their fast. It is better to book a taxi in advance.

IFG makes reasonable adjustments to the schedule to suit the working hours during Ramadan.



# Rules to consider

- If you were to visit government institutions, mosques, or any formal events, you would be required to cover the shoulders and knees (no shorts allowed), as well as not wear transparent clothing.
- Alcohol is generally only served in hotel restaurants and bars (but not in Sharjah). Although alcohol may be consumed, it is illegal to be intoxicated in public or drive a motor vehicle with any trace of alcohol in the blood.
- There is zero tolerance for drugs-related offences. Possession of even the smallest amount of illegal drugs can lead to a minimum three-month prison term or a fine of between AED 20000 and AED100000. The Emirati authorities count the presence of drugs in the bloodstream as possession.
- Swearing and making rude gestures (including online) are considered obscene acts and offenders can be jailed or deported.
- Take particular care when dealing with the police and other officials.
- Public displays of affection, including cuddling and kissing, are considered offensive.
- Taking somebody's picture without their consent, is considered as an invasion of privacy or family life of that person. Do not take photos of women or families in public places. It is also illegal to take photos of strategic and military locations, government organisations or political buildings for security reasons.
- Eating, drinking and chewing gum is not permitted on all public transport.



## Safety and emergency

If an emergency occurs, dial **999** on the nearest phone. This is a free number, which will put you in contact with the emergency medical, police, fire or coastguard services.





# Preparing to travel

## Visas

You can enter the UAE using different Visa types, and the fees differ according to the type, duration and your country of origin. Please contact us if you need any guidance or further information.

## Medical Insurance

Medical Insurance is obligatory and it is covered in the visa application process automatically. It covers treatment at government-owned and private hospitals across the UAE.

Note: before visiting a clinic/hospital, call the insurance company to check at which clinics/hospitals it is accepted.

## Tourist Visa

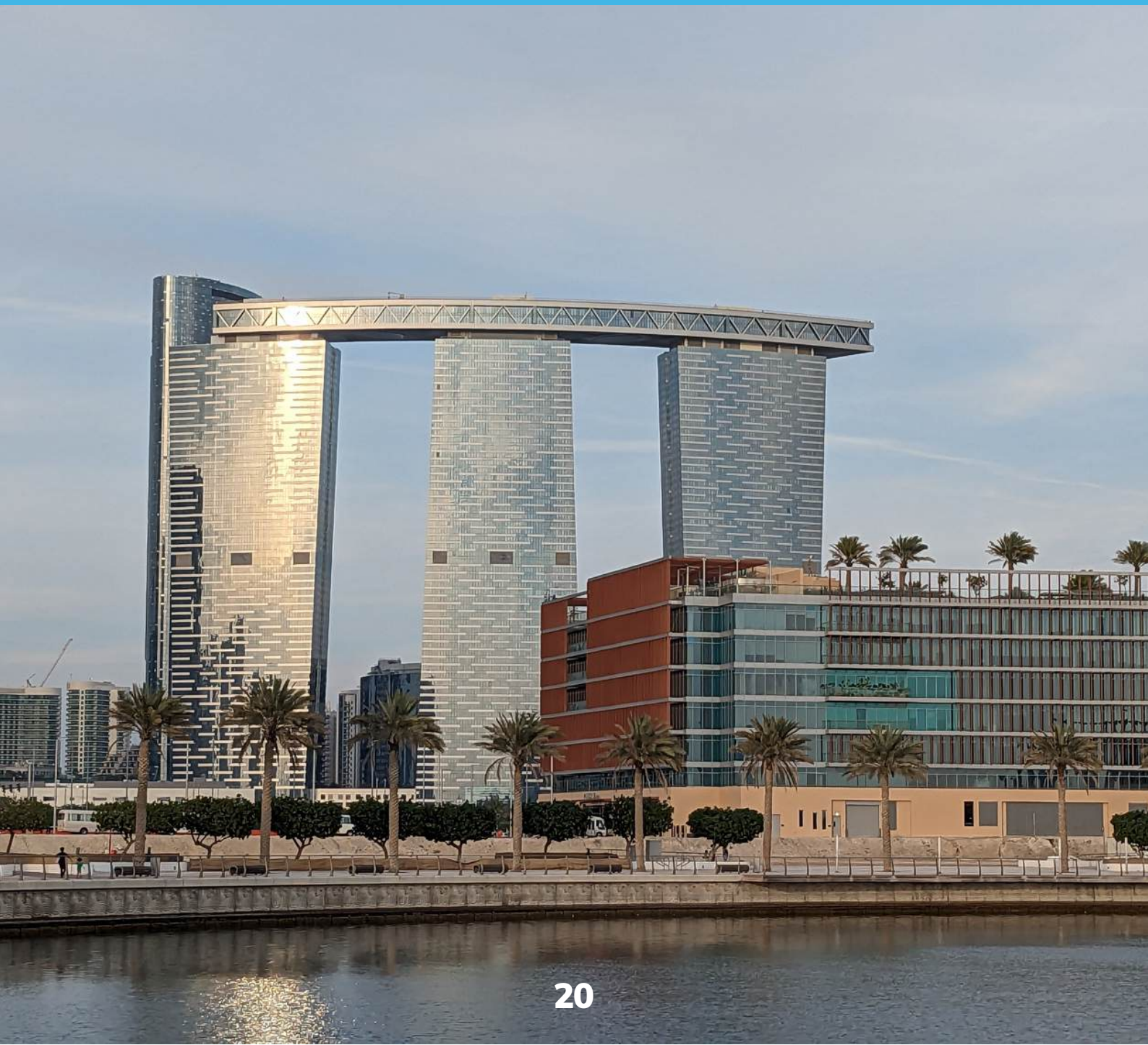
Obtained before or upon arrival depending on your country of origin. The duration of the Tourist Visa can also vary with a maximum of 90 days so please check before arriving in the UAE.

If you are applying for a Tourist Visa and you are below 18, you will need to apply for another Tourist Visa for your parent, who will need to travel with you.

# Documents to bring

You must bring the following documents when you register with IFG:

- Passport
- A passport size photo
- Original copies of your academic transcripts
- Original copy of English language qualification (usually your IELTS certificate)
- IFG Letter of Acceptance





# Packing



## Clothes

You will need summer clothing when you arrive, particularly if you are coming from a cold climate. Be sure to take sunscreen (no more than 100 ml), sunglasses, a cap or a hat, and a pullover in your hand luggage. (You might need the pullover at the airport due to cold air conditioning).

There is no dress code at IFG - most students dress informally, for example in jeans, trousers, shorts or a skirt with a T-shirt.

Bring your normal range of clothes and buy additional items when you are here. There are many cheap shops in the local malls, for example H&M, R&B and Max. Bring clothes for a special occasion, for example a suit, a dress or a national costume.

## Personal Items

You should bring your laptop - it is advisable to get this insured before you travel.

## Controlled Medicines

You are not allowed to bring with you medicines that contain narcotic and psychotropic substances without prior approval from the UAE Ministry of Health and Prevention. You should apply for approval before you travel on [this website](#). You can bring other prescribed medicines freely - keep the medicine in its original package and bring the doctor's prescription.

## Cooking equipment and bedding

We do not advise that you bring cooking equipment to the UAE as this is bulky to carry and can be purchased at IKEA and big supermarkets quite cheaply. As for bedding, if you arrange accommodation via IFG, please read the "Arriving in the UAE - Accommodation" section. If you arrange accommodation on your own, bedding could be provided; if not, you can purchase it upon arrival.

# Money Matters

International bank cards work in the UAE, and there are many ATM machines in malls, exchange offices, airports and many other locations. You need to know that commissions apply on cash withdrawal, so it is better to pay by card; you can do this almost anywhere and you will rarely need to use cash.

## Money Exchanges & Bank Transfers

One of the best exchange companies that are government-regulated in the UAE is Al Ansari Exchange.

For money transfers, your parents, for example, can transfer money directly to your Visa card (if you have one), or use the service of Western Union.





# Living expenses per academic year

On top of your course fees, you will need approximately AED 7000 (~\$2000) per month for living expenses. The cost of living expenses is dependent on so many factors but as a rough guide we have calculated what it could cost you for the major items you will need when you are in the UAE.

## Accommodation

Your accommodation will generally cost around AED 1300 (\$354) per week, with a refundable deposit of AED 3000 (\$817) per apartment/studio for the whole period of stay. IFG Abu Dhabi can arrange accommodation at Vision Tower, an apartment complex which is a 5-minute walk from the campus. Bills (electricity, water & Internet) are included in the accommodation payment at Vision Towers.

## Food

If you buy your own food, try and budget about AED 350-450 (~\$95-122) per week to purchase food supplies. You can of course be smart about this and save much more. If you use delivery applications such as Noon, Talabat or Deliveroo, you can get good discounts on meals.

## Study materials

IFG gives you access to all the main textbooks for your modules, but it is good to have your own copy of some of them. You ought to budget about AED 1000 (~\$275) for these.

## Leisure

A cinema ticket, for example, costs around AED 52 (\$14.5), and a museum ticket is around AED 60 (\$17). A theme park ticket costs around AED 345 (\$94), and the cost of eating out will vary enormously; the range could be between AED 50 (\$14) to AED 150 (~\$41). There are free museums as well, and if you are below 18, there are usually reduced ticket prices.

## Travel

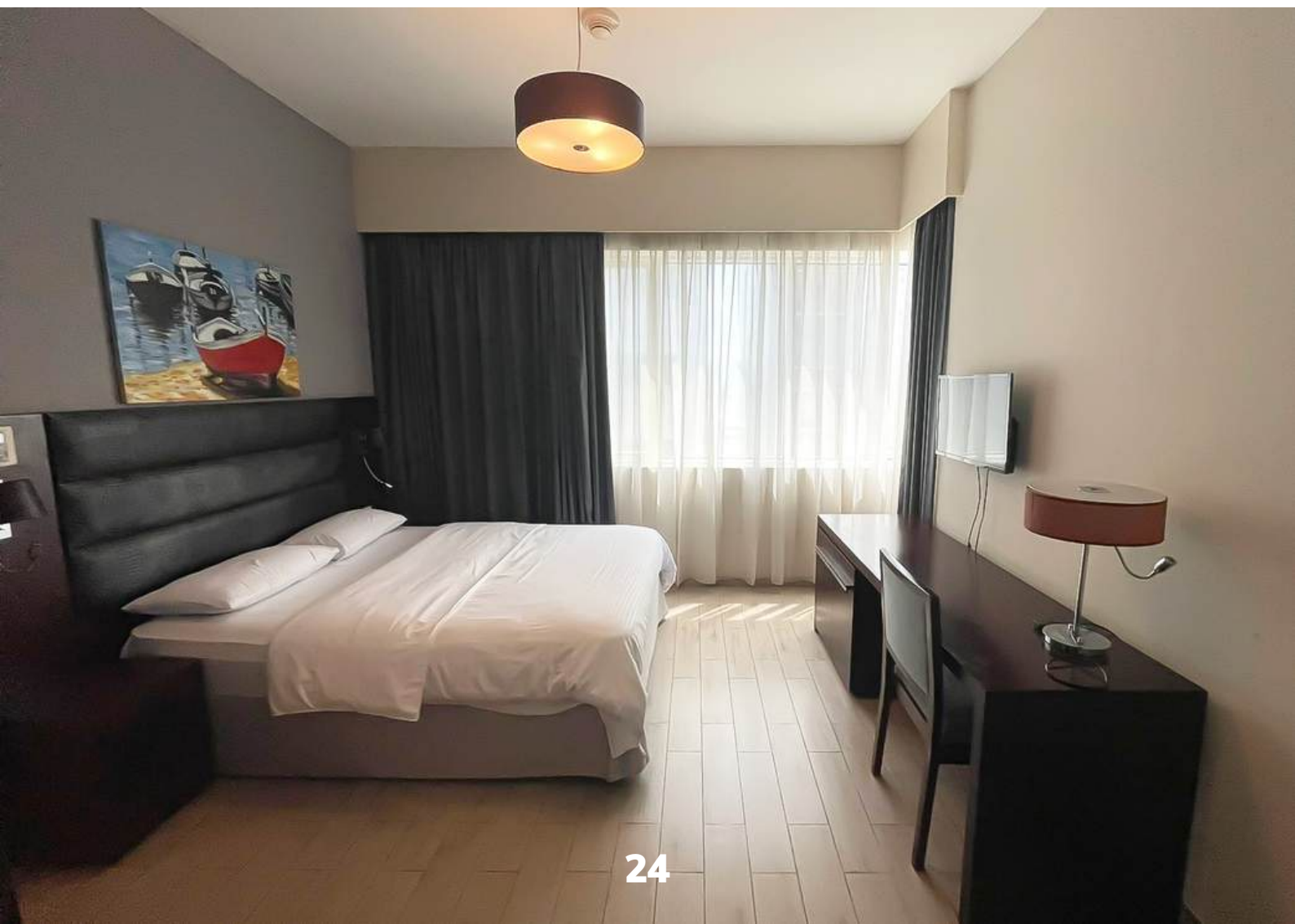
You can use taxis or public buses in Abu Dhabi. The average taxi trip inside Abu Dhabi is around AED 17 (\$5). To travel by public buses, you will need to purchase a "Hafilat" card from bus terminals or Lulu Hypermarket. The price of the card is AED 10 (\$3) and each trip inside Abu Dhabi costs AED 2 (~\$0.55).

## Telephone

There are two major network operators in the UAE: Etisalat and Du. Both providers have prepaid plans for tourists/visitors, and the cost varies depending on the provider and tariff you are on. The minimum plan cost is around AED 50 (\$14) per month and could reach AED 800 (\$218) per month. These plans also have various Internet packages and international minutes. International calls are expensive so try to keep with Botim, Google Meet or Zoom (Skype, Telegram & WhatsApp calls do not work in the UAE without a VPN). Free Wi-Fi is available in many places (IFG college & accommodation).

## Budgeting

Be sure to budget sensibly whilst you are studying in the UAE. If you do experience financial difficulties while you are studying with IFG, do come and talk to us.





# Checklist before travelling

Have I received my visa?

Have I booked my accommodation?

Have I received the Letter of Acceptance?

Have I contacted the Head of Admissions regarding my disability (disabled students only)?

Have I bought my ticket and travel insurance?

Have I checked my government's restrictions on taking money out of the country?

Have I checked luggage restrictions and allowances?

Have I obtained cash in a widely used currency for the first few weeks of my stay?

Have I spoken to my doctor about any drug prescription I may need to bring with me?

Have I arranged airport pick up with IFG or with a contact in the UAE?





# Arriving in the UAE

## When should I arrive?

We will give you more details on registration and induction times separately, but, ideally, you should aim to arrive a few days before registration begins in order to settle into your accommodation and get some rest before the term starts. Please contact IFG with details of your travel plans as soon as you have confirmed them.

## Baggage Allowance

Be sure not to exceed your baggage allowance and try not to bring a lot of luggage with you as you will have to carry it at some point! It is often cheaper to buy things locally, if you take into account extra baggage and freight costs.



# At the airport

## Passport Control

Follow the Arrivals and Exit signs to Passport Control. Make sure your documents are in order when you go through Passport Control. Your passport should be valid for a minimum period of 6 months from the date of entry into the UAE.

The immigration officer will ask for your visa (if you are a citizen of a country that requires a pre-arrival visa) and a return ticket in some cases. The process is usually smooth and quick.

## Baggage Reclaim

After completing the immigration procedures, go to the baggage carousels to collect your bags.

Make sure you are at the right belt and if you cannot find your bag on or near the belt, go to the Baggage Services counter and report your missing bag



## Customs Control

Once you have collected your luggage, you will pass through Customs Control. If you have nothing to declare, simply pass through. Strict laws apply regarding the import of specific items into the UAE. It is a good idea to familiarise yourself with these [here](#).

# Airport pickup

**If you contact us before you travel, we can arrange for a driver to meet you at the airport and take you to your accommodation - the driver will be at the arrivals gate with your name on a board.**

Students wishing to be collected from the airport must inform IFG of the following at least one week before the arrival date:

- Airline and Flight Number
- Arrival Airport and Terminal
- Date and Time of Arrival

This year we are providing this service free of charge from Abu Dhabi Airport and at a reduced rate from Dubai Airport.

Alternatively, you can travel by taxi to your accommodation.

Follow the taxi pick-up signs and ask the driver what payment method they accept - some accept only cash, while others accept both cash and card payments.

There is free Wi-Fi at UAE airports - connect to it and contact us if you need help.





# Accommodation

## Accommodation

We strongly advise all students to arrange their accommodation before they travel. If you get in touch, we can arrange accommodation at Vision Tower 1.

## Room Types

- 2-bedroom shared apartment - Own room, king size bed and private bathroom - **Price: 3,750 AED per person per month**
- 1-bedroom apartment - **Price: 6,000 AED per month**
- Studio apartment - **Price: 5,000 AED per month**

## Vision Tower 1

- 5-minute walk from IFG Abu Dhabi Campus
- Furnished apartments with washing machines & fully equipped kitchens
- Bedding provided and changed weekly
- Cleaning services provided twice a week
- Free on-site gym & swimming pool
- Lounge area
- 24/7 security camera and concierge services
- Shops, including supermarkets, within a 1-5-minute walk
- Minimum age 16

## Terms & Conditions

- There is a refundable deposit of 3,000 AED per apartment/studio
- 2-bedroom apartments can only be booked if two students book together
- Prices and availability are subject to change in line with any changes made by Vision Towers management
- Fees are to be paid directly to Vision Towers management. IFG will provide bank details for international transfers as soon as availability is confirmed





# Studying at IFG





# Programme Outlines

**Our University Foundation Programme courses are specifically designed for High School students who wish to progress onto undergraduate degree courses in the UK universities.**

There is a strong emphasis on developing learning skills and approaches in preparation for higher education study in the UK in order that students who graduate from our programmes are well equipped to face the challenge of studying at the university level.



# University Foundation Programme in Business Management

During your Foundation Programme you will develop the language, learning and communication skills that will prepare you for university study in the UK & Australia. In addition, you will study key academic subject modules:

## English Skills Modules

Study Skills  
Communication Skills

Themes in Social Science  
Academic English

## Academic Subject Modules

Core Mathematics  
Business Studies

Accounting  
Economics

## Progression to undergraduate study in the following subjects:

- Business Management
- Finance / Banking
- Accounting
- Economics
- Marketing
- Entrepreneurship
- International Business
- Human Resource Management
- Operations Management
- Project Management
- Travel & Tourism
- Hospitality





# University Foundation Programme in Computer Science

During your Foundation Programme you will develop the language, learning and communication skills that will prepare you for university study in the UK & Australia. In addition, you will study key academic subject modules:

## English Skills Modules

Study Skills  
Communication Skills

Academic English

## Academic Subject Modules

Core Mathematics  
Physics

Further Mathematics & Mechanics  
Computer Science

## Progression to undergraduate study in the following subjects:

- Computer Programming
- Cyber Security
- Computer Science
- Artificial Intelligence
- Information Sciences
- Games Design / Gaming
- Management Information Systems
- Maths (dependent on university)
- Software Engineering
- Systems Analysis

A detailed technical drawing of a mechanical assembly, featuring a large gear, a smaller gear, a bearing, and a ruler, all resting on a blueprint with various dimensions and annotations.

# University Foundation Programme in Engineering

During your Foundation Programme you will develop the language, learning and communication skills that will prepare you for university study in the UK & Australia. In addition, you will study key academic subject modules:

## English Skills Modules

Study Skills  
Communication Skills

Academic English

## Academic Subject Modules

Core Mathematics  
Physics

Chemistry or Computer Science  
Further Mathematics & Mechanics

## Progression to undergraduate study in the following subjects:

- Aerospace/Aeronautical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Electrical/Electronic Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Engineering Management
- Physics
- Astrophysics/Astronomy
- Agriculture/Agricultural Science
- Chemical Engineering\*
- Petrochemical Engineering\*





# University Medical Foundation Programme

## English Skills Modules

Academic English

## Academic Subject Modules

Genes, Cells & Development

Medicine, Disease & Society

Atoms, Molecules & Reactions

Tissues, Systems & Regulations

Measurements in Life Sciences

Periodic & Organic Chemistry

Investigations in Biomedicine

## Progression to undergraduate study in the following subjects:

- Medicine
- Dentistry
- Pharmacy
- Biomedical Sciences
- Pharmacology
- Nursing
- Physiotherapy
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Biochemistry
- Optometry

# Diploma in Business Management (Level 4) and Advanced Diploma in Business Management (Level 5)

	Diploma	Advanced Diploma
Term One	Communication within an organisation Leadership and the organisation Financial Awareness	Responding to the Changing Business Environment Effective Decision Making Business Development
Term Two	Managing Change Business Operations Developing Teams	Business Models and Growing Organisations Customer Management Risk Management and Organisations

## Programme Objectives

- To understand and apply the principles of leadership in a business environment
- Review and apply the principles of business management within industry
- To understand and apply the principles of management in a specific environment
- To improve the employability of learners by allowing them to explore the relationship between management theories and their practical application in the business world
- Analyse problem solving techniques specific to business and industry
- Select, collate, review and analyse information from a wide range of sources
- Effectively use verbal and communication skills
- Work independently and as part of a team
- Manage one's own personal development and growth

## Assessments Include

Assessments include coursework assignments, presentations and group assignments.





# Pre-Masters in Business and Management

## Term One

Leadership in a Changing World

Finance for Strategic Decision-Makers

Introduction to Contemporary Business Strategy: Sustainable Business Growth

Business English  
Study Skills

## Term Two

Leadership and Management in Multicultural Contexts

Sustainable Risk Management

Creating Futures: Sustainable Enterprise and Innovation

Business Ethics + Critical Application

## Programme Objectives

- Critical evaluation of the implementation and challenges of contemporary leadership, and the different leadership styles deployed globally which take account of multi-cultural dimensions
- Critical analysis of business sustainability, and how leaders integrate the needs of the local, national and global environment to achieve business growth
- Critical analysis of decision making in a financial context, and its impact on financial markets
- Critical analysis of management and leadership in different cultures, and how these impact governance practices
- Critical analysis of the impact of entrepreneurship and innovation in addressing societal challenges
- Critical analysis of how to manage corporate risks to enhance stakeholder value and achieve business resilience and growth
- Prepare students for successful application to, and study for, a UK Masters'

## Assessments Include

Assessments include essays, reports, case studies, presentations and group assignments



# Postgraduate Diploma in Business and Management

The course is wide ranging with a strong practical element helping to develop postgraduate research skills and further their knowledge and understanding of different aspects of management such as marketing, human resource strategy and financial management. Students take eight modules.

## Compulsory Modules

Strategic Management and Leadership  
People in Organisations  
Strategic Marketing Management

Entrepreneurship  
Financial Management  
Business Research Methods

## Elective Modules

Risk Management or Human Resource Management

Project Management or Sustainability & Ethical Leadership

## Programme Objectives

- Familiarise students with UK academic practice
- Equip students with the requisite academic skills
- Prepare learners for successful careers as managers and leaders
- Increase knowledge and understanding of a broad range of management and leadership fields
- Develop the ability to evaluate business concepts and theories and apply them in an analytical manner to leadership challenges
- Encourage critical thinking and a reflective approach to problem-solving in a wide range of contexts
- Increase awareness of the changing nature of the business environment and the need to achieve objectives in a sustainable and ethical manner
- Challenge students to think beyond their own social and cultural backgrounds
- Develop academic/research skills in preparation for embarking on a Masters dissertation

## Assessments Include

Portfolios, case studies, presentations, essays, reports, written exams





# Pre-Masters in Law

The Pre-Masters Programme in Law is a one academic year full time course intended for first degree graduates who wish to progress to a LLM or other law related masters course at a UK university. There is a strong emphasis on developing the learning and research skills required for studies at postgraduate level in the UK, encouraging students to evaluate, analyse, and apply information, and to appreciate the relationship between theories and concepts and the real world of legal practice. These skills are equally important for students entering competitive job markets.

Term One	The English Legal System	Research Skills
	Legal English	Academic English
	Communication Skills	
Term Two	Contract Law	Project
	Tort Law	Academic English
	Criminal Law	

## Programme Objectives

- To prepare students for postgraduate degree programmes in legal studies
- To introduce students to UK and international law rules, concepts, and processes
- To help students develop an analytical approach to their studies, and to be able to apply information effectively to contemporary issues
- To improve generic study skills such as essay construction, research methods, knowledge of presentational software, and rules of plagiarism
- To improve English language skills both in terms of written and oral communications
- To provide students with detailed information concerning UK universities and career opportunities
- To advise them on all aspects of UK university application processes

## Assessments Include

Coursework essays, case studies, presentations, project



# Pre-Sessional for Postgraduate Studies

This short three month Pre-Sessional for Postgraduate Studies programme is designed for students who have completed their first degrees but who want to prepare for study at masters level by improving their Academic English and Study Skills. The course helps students to develop their language skills and achieve the standard required to meet university language entry requirements. Our Pre-Sessional Programme also helps students to prepare for the style of teaching and learning required at postgraduate level, developing research skills, understanding how to avoid plagiarism, and how to make effective academic presentations.

## Course content

The main focus of the course is to develop the Academic English skills required to meet university entry requirements. These include:

- Improving grammatical skills
- Increasing range of general and specialised vocabulary
- Enhancing sentence and paragraph structure
- Improving reading skills and identifying key information and arguments
- Interpreting tables and graphs
- Tackling multiple choice questions
- Speaking in a lucid and fluent manner

## Other topics include

- Structuring academic reports
- Writing well-structured essays
- Quantitative and qualitative research skills
- Avoiding plagiarism
- IT related communication
- Constructing and delivering academic presentations
- Interview and negotiation skills

## Assessments Include

Essays, presentations, tests, reports





# Pre-PHD Programme

This course will equip you with the academic and research skills which are required to successfully gain a place at a UK university and to embark on your research studies with confidence. The course consists of a series of workshops together with one-to-one sessions. Our tutors have many years of experience in helping students at this level of study and understand exactly what is required for a successful application. Comprehensive online study materials accompany the workshops, helping you to work effectively between workshop sessions in developing your own proposal.

## Programme Objectives

By the end of the course, students will:

- Have developed their understanding of different aspects of research methods
- Have developed a range of skills to successfully apply for PhD study at universities in different countries
- Have completed an appropriate and viable research proposal
- Be able to defend the proposal at an interview

There are no formal assessments for this course.

## English Language Programmes

IFG offers a range of general and more specialist English language courses which can be taken separately or as part of a combined programme. These courses are also available to study online.

Whether you want to improve your IELTS grade or improve your communication skills for business purposes, our qualified and experienced teachers will help you to make the most of your time with us. Teaching takes place in small groups which means that tutors can focus more easily on the specific needs of individual students.

It is also possible to combine group lessons with one-to-one sessions.

After an initial assessment, you will discuss your own individual study plan with one of our tutors and, as your course continues, regular assessments will show the progress you are making and highlight any weaknesses which need to be worked on.



# IFG Policies

## Attendance

We strongly advise students to attend all their teaching sessions. There is a very clear link between high attendance and high marks and therefore we insist that students attend well. We appreciate however that sometimes it is not possible to attend lessons. This might be due to illness or other unforeseen and unavoidable reasons. So long as you contact us before the lesson to let us know you are not going to be able to attend, then we may give you an authorised absence. For more details, please download our policy from [this link](#).

## Conduct

Students are expected to conduct themselves responsibly on IFG premises, and show the respect which they would expect to receive themselves. Misconduct in extreme cases can result in suspension or permanent exclusion of the student from IFG. In such cases no refund of fees will be given and any outstanding tuition fees will be payable. For more details of our policies relating to misconduct and appeals against decisions, please download our Disciplinary and Appeals Procedure from [this link](#).

## Punctuality

If a student arrives more than 15 minutes after the start of the lesson, teachers may not allow them to join the class until after the mid lesson break.

## Assessments

IFG expects students to complete assignments on time and marks will be deducted for late submission unless there are particular mitigating circumstances. You must be sure that you do your own work. We will give you information on our plagiarism rules when you arrive.





# Student support

## University and Careers Advice

A key part of our programme is to provide the maximum possible assistance to students in choosing and applying for universities. We also firmly believe that it's never too early to think about your future career and you will have the opportunity to attend talks and go on visits which will help with this.

## Student Wellbeing

We want all our students to enjoy their time at IFG and to feel safe, secure and comfortable in their new surroundings. If you do have any problems such as homesickness or perhaps a feeling of not coping so well then we are here to help. Also, all IFG students have free 24/7 access to Togetherall. This is an online and confidential community where you can access help and advice from trained professionals. You can also communicate anonymously with other students who may be experiencing similar problems.

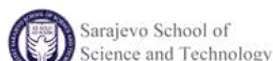
## Our UK University Partners



## Our Australian University Partners



## Your Medical Pathway





# Useful contacts

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## Visit Abu Dhabi

[visitabudhabi.ae/en](http://visitabudhabi.ae/en)

## Emergency Medical, Police, Fire or Coastguard Service

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## Embassies around the world

[embassy-worldwide.com](http://embassy-worldwide.com)

## Zayed International Airport

<https://www.zayedinternationalairport.ae/en/>





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## IFG Mission Statement:

*“Our mission is to help students fulfil their academic dreams by providing pathways to university level study and beyond”*

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