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Najah Education Fair

The Venue of Success



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The Najah Expo is an annual educational event held in the Middle East to direct high school students toward their future lives in university. On the 9th of October, 2023, senior MIS students had the incredible opportunity to attend this event hosted in Dubai. Upon arrival, students were free to explore the iconic Dubai World Trade Center and engage in meaningful discussions with experienced university advisors representing national and international universities. Join us as we venture through Najah and interview world-class universities.



American University of Sharjah

The American University of Sharjah—AUS for short—is one of the most infamous universities in the UAE, boasting high rankings across the country and the globe. AUS is also known for its various backgrounds and cultures, encouraging intercultural collaboration. The university follows the American Liberal Arts model and offers college programs ranging from the following:

- College of Architecture, Art, and Design
- College of Arts and Sciences Offers programs such as language, media,
 mathematics, sciences, and psychology.
 - College of Engineering Offers chemical engineering, civil engineering, computer engineering, computer science, and more.

School of Business Administration

Remarkably, of all the universities we interviewed, **AUS** was the only one that expressed great importance and reverence for extracurricular activities, offering multiple scholarships for them. For example, the *Sharakah School Scholarship*, which is given by the school in partnership with **AUS**, offers a 45% reduction in tuition, lab, and on-campus housing fees, with one of the conditions being that the student had engaged in extracurricular activities during their high school years. Even within **AUS** itself, there are numerous extracurricular activities, clubs, and associations a university student can participate in, highlighting the university's great care for student life.

Rochester Institute of Technology

RIT Dubai is a renowned university known for its vibrant social atmosphere and remarkable placement at an outstanding #801 in the World University Rankings. This institution offers a diverse range of science programs for both undergraduate and graduate students to partake in, thereby allowing opportunities for individuals with various interests. A selection of these programs includes:

- Computing Security
- Mechanical Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
 - Psychology

When asked about the university's specialty, the student ambassadors highlighted a special program called "Co-op". This program allows RIT students to spend the course of their summer period working at a recommended job to gain real-world experience while also earning hefty pay for their hard work. In addition to academics, they also take pride in extracurricular activities. Students can participate in athletic competitions and engage in memorable events that take place on campus, not to mention the impressive 20+ clubs that they host at an annual rate. If you are looking for a university that aspires to both educate and entertain, then look no further because RIT is the place.

University of Sharjah

Diverging away from the conventional norms that characterize many universities today, the University of Sharjah, abbreviated as **UOS**, emerges as a unique and elegant institution. The university distinguishes itself by prioritizing values of ethical principles, modesty, and a foundation deeply rooted in Islamic ideals.

Some of its unique colleges include the following:

- College of Law
- College of Sharia and Islamic Studies Offers programs in the foundations of Islam and jurisprudence.
- College of Health Sciences Offers programs in nursing, physiotherapy,
 laboratory sciences, and dietary.
 - College of Dental Medicine

Expanding on its uniqueness, **UOS** heavily prioritizes academic research, believing in the importance of supporting and rewarding researchers for their findings. The university is the perfect choice for students who seek an academic lifestyle even after graduation. Beyond academia, **UOS** offers the best-in-class dining service focusing on food quality and pricing tailored to the student.

Zayed University

Welcome to **Zayed University**, nestled in the scenic Academic City alongside many other neighboring facilities. Known for its impressive architecture, the campus boasts a layout that is not only unique but provides a dynamic social environment. At the heart of **Zayed University** lies the act of "Interactive Learning". This detaches from the traditional routine, allowing students to engage with their work rather than simply learning it. For example, this would feature diverse activities such as project work, various evaluative experiments, collaborative work among partners, and more. The university also provides you with undergraduate programs based on:

- College of Arts and Creative Enterprises Offers programs involving digital designing
- College of Interdisciplinary Studies Offers programs involving the study of business innovation and societal transformation

Ambassadors and students alike have noted the dedication of professors and staff who are not only willing to impart valuable knowledge but also to provide the necessary push for personal and academic growth, allowing students to obtain opportunities early. The university takes pride in its commitment to shaping well-rounded individuals ready to navigate the future of our world.

General Requirements

A table outlining common requirements for these universities has been provided, focusing on the American curriculum. To explore requirements for other curriculums, you may visit the universities' websites by interacting with their names on the table.

University	Percent Average	Standardized Tests	EmSAT
American University of Sharjah	80%	IELTS*: 6.5 TOEFL iBT*: 80	EmSAT-Achieve English: 1550
		TOEFL îTP* : 550	EmSAT-Achieve Math:
		SAT Math*: 450+	500+
Rochester Institute of Technology	~ 70%	SAT Math*: 555+	EmSAT-Achieve Math: 800
		AP Calculus*: 3/5	EmSAT-Achieve Physics: 800
		AP Physics*: 3/5	
			EmSAT-Achieve English: 1550
		IELTS*: 5	EmSAT-Achieve English: 1225
<u>University of</u> <u>Sharjah</u>	~ 70%	TOEFL iBT* : 61	EmSAT-Achieve
		TOEFL iTP* : 550	Math: 800
Zayed University	80%	IELTS*: 5	EmSAT-Achieve
		TOEFL iBT*: 61	English: 1100+
		TOEFL iTP*: 500	EmSAT-Achieve Math: 550-900
		SAT Math*: 485-590	Matil. 330-300

Note:

This table provides general data. For specific majors, refer to each university's website for detailed requirements.

'~' refers to most majors requiring a specific percentage that may vary across specific degrees

'*' indicates that the standardized tests are **optional**