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SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES
GRADUATE PROGRAM 2026-2027



**LIFE-CHANGING EDUCATION.
GLOBAL IMPACT.**





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Dean's Message



Prof. Rachel Matar

Dean - School of Arts & Sciences

At the School of Arts and Sciences, we believe in the power of education to spark curiosity, inspire discovery, and shape future leaders. Our school brings together a dynamic community of learners and educators who are passionate about making a meaningful impact in the classroom, in research, and beyond.

We offer three exciting undergraduate programs, Biotechnology, Psychology, and Mass Communication alongside a graduate program in Educational Leadership. Each one is designed to combine academic rigor with real world relevance, preparing our students to thrive in competitive careers and graduate studies. All programs are fully accredited by the Commission for Academic Accreditation (CAA), and our Biotechnology program is also internationally accredited by ABET, reflecting its global quality and standards.

What sets us apart is our commitment to hands-on learning. From cutting-edge labs in biotechnology and psychology to industry standard media studios, our students gain practical experience that brings theory to life. We also encourage participation in national and international competitions and field trips, opportunities that enrich their academic journey and broaden their global perspective.

Our faculty bring outstanding academic credentials and international experience to the classroom. With degrees from top global institutions, they are dedicated mentors, scholars, and educators who take pride in supporting student success through high quality teaching, research, and mentorship.

We are also proud to deliver the university's General Education curriculum, empowering students with the critical thinking, communication, and analytical skills that are essential in every field.

As Dean, I'm deeply committed to creating an environment that fosters innovation, values collaboration, and inspires achievement. We are focused on growing our research impact, building strong industry connections, and preparing graduates who are ready to lead, create, and contribute.

I invite you to explore all that the School of Arts and Sciences has to offer and to join us on a journey of learning, growth, and discovery.



About AURAK

The beautiful Emirate of Ras Al Khaimah is not only known for its impressive archaeological heritage, rich cultural history, striking mountains, coastal beaches and mangroves, but also for setting the scene for an outstanding educational environment.

The American University of Ras Al Khaimah (AURAK) is a public, non-profit, independent, coeducation institution of higher education. With an appealing 1.3 million square foot campus, AURAK delivers integrated American-style, undergraduate and graduate programs with a strong focus on the local indigenous culture.

AURAK is officially licensed by the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research of the United Arab Emirates to award qualifications in higher education.

AURAK has earned accreditation through the Commission for Academic Accreditation (CAA) of the UAE Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research for all degrees offered at the institution.

AURAK is internationally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award bachelor's and master's degrees. Questions about the accreditation may be directed using the information on the SACSCOC website, www.sacscoc.org.

AURAK has also been awarded international accreditation by the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA), the UK's quality body for higher education.

AURAK has achieved multiple program accreditations from prestigious institutions, demonstrating our unwavering dedication to delivering excellence in education. A significant number of our undergraduate engineering programs have received accreditation from the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology

(ABET), confirming their alignment with rigorous industry standards. The Bachelor of Science in Biotechnology, offered by the School of Arts and Sciences, holds accreditation from the Applied and Natural Science Accreditation Commission (ANSAC) of ABET.

Our School of Business is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) and a member of the Business Education Alliance. In addition, the BSBA major in Finance is affiliated with the CFA Institute while also holding exemption accreditation from ACCA for the Chartered Certified Accountant qualification, applicable to students in both the BSBA Major in Accounting and the BSBA Major in Finance.

Our strong partnership agreements with leading regional and international organizations enable our students and graduates to gain the necessary work experience, knowledge and tools to make meaningful contributions as professionals in their field on a global level.

Home to more than 60 nationalities, AURAK provides the opportunity to learn intercultural competencies, which lay the foundation for living and working in a diverse, interconnected world.

Attending AURAK will provide you with the academic skills and professional preparation necessary to succeed in your chosen profession. We also encourage you to cultivate new friends, attend university events, join clubs and organizations, and participate in athletic teams and in programs and activities designed for health and wellbeing.



AURAK at a Glance

Institutional Accreditations



School / Program Accreditations & Memberships



Applied and
Natural Science
Accreditation
Commission



Computing
Accreditation
Commission



Engineering
Accreditation
Commission



University Affiliation Program



CFA Institute®



1,500+

Students Enrolled



2,250+

AURAK Alumni



23

Accredited Degrees



60+

Nationalities



95+

Faculty



3

Academic Schools



18

Undergraduate Programs



5

Graduate Programs



1.3

Million Sq ft Campus Size



50+

State-of-the-Art Labs

RATED

OUTSTANDING



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Why Study at the School of Arts & Sciences ?

AURAK's School of Arts & Sciences' postgraduate program is designed to meet industry requirements. It blends the latest research, skills, and knowledge from prestigious international academics with a hands-on, real-world approach.

The Arts & Sciences are the cornerstone of higher education—they are the most important elements necessary for the genuine growth and development of humanity.

Students studying at the School of Arts & Sciences can expect to receive excellent support services from the School and its faculty, the Student Affairs Office, and a variety of other University offices.



International Network of Partners

AURAK has strong connections with local and international corporate partners, ensuring that all of our postgraduate programs are designed to meet the needs of the industry with curricula based on the latest best practice and research. The University's academic partners enable our students to complete an internship, which is a requirement to complete their degree program. This process gives students the hands-on training they need to enable employers to appreciate the quality of training received at AURAK.

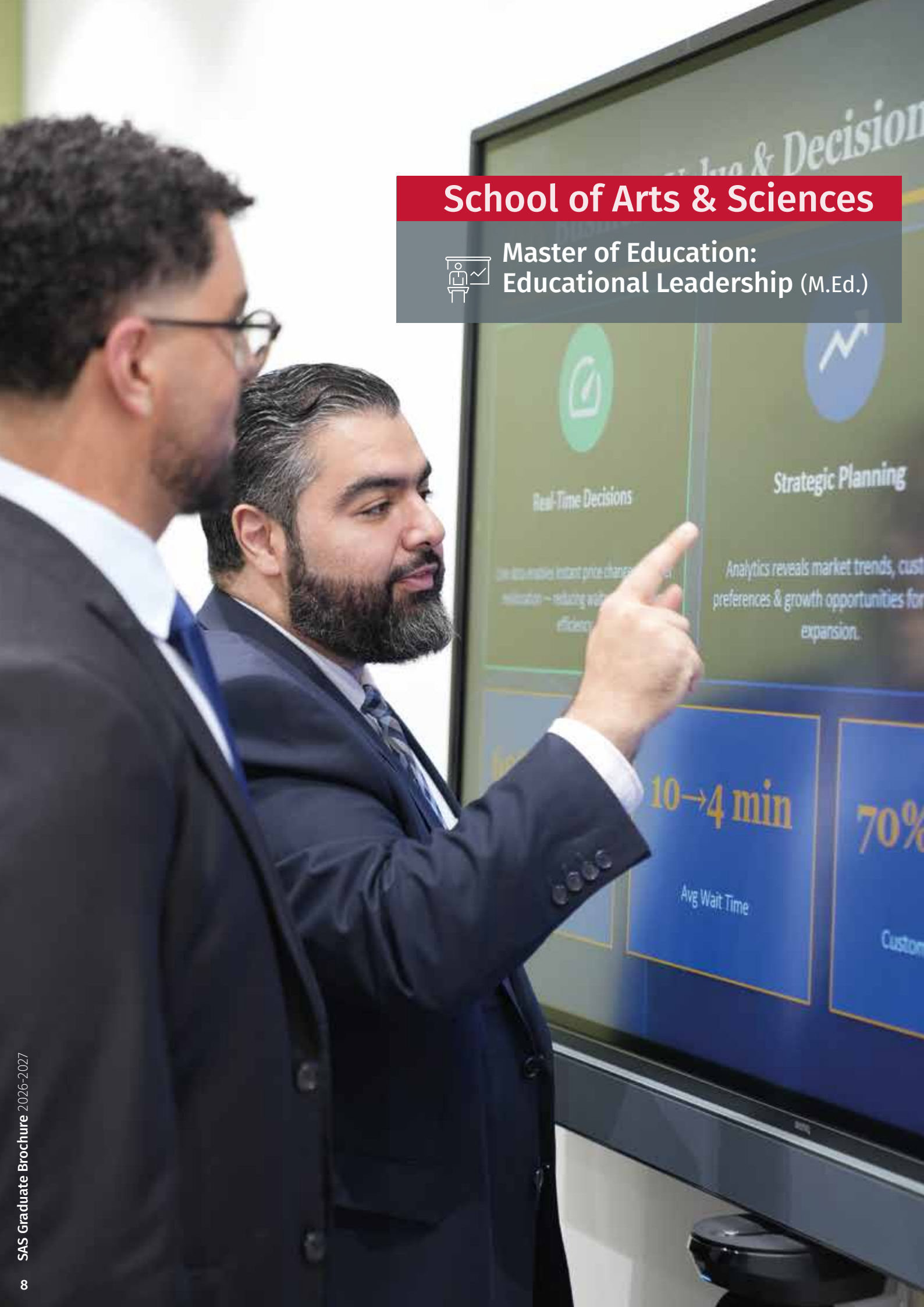
Our partners are also actively involved in public lectures, masterclasses and case studies for our students and alumni.



Highly Employable Graduates

AURAK is highly respected among its partners, and our relationship with leading employers ensures that the value of an AURAK degree is internationally recognized. The University is passionate about developing well-rounded, highly employable graduates who are ready to make a difference on a regional and global level.

We work with an outstanding network of professionals and change-makers in the world of Arts & Sciences to shape a new generation of innovators and problem-solvers.



School of Arts & Sciences



Master of Education:
Educational Leadership (M.Ed.)

Real-Time Decisions

Use analytics to instant price changes
reduction → reducing wait
efficiency

Strategic Planning

Analytics reveals market trends, cust
preferences & growth opportunities for
expansion.

10 → 4 min

Avg Wait Time

70%

Custom



Master of Education: Educational Leadership (M.Ed.)

Program duration: 2 years

The UNESCO Institute for Statistics estimates that we'll need 69 million new teachers by 2030 to meet global education goals.

AURAK's graduate program in Education is designed to prepare teachers and school administrators with the knowledge and skills they need to advance their careers in leadership roles.

The program also aims to develop and produce reflective scholar-practitioners skilled in data-driven decision-making who can contribute to positive change in education or any other academic or industry setting.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of the Master of Education program can expect to enter roles such as:



Child Care Director



Principal



Educational Consultant



Corporate Trainer



Educational Policy Developer



School or Career Counselor

Program Structure – 2-year plan

First Semester

- Introduction to Applied Research (3 credit hours)
- Educational Psychology for Inclusive Education (3 credit hours)

Second Semester

- Theories and Applications of Leadership (3 credit hours)
- Budgeting and Resource Management (3 credit hours)
- Analytics for Data-Driven Leadership (3 credit hours)

Third Semester

- Evaluation of Instruction (3 credit hours)
- Educational Policy and Community Engagement (3 credit hours)
- Applied Research I (3 credit hours)

Fourth Semester

- Inclusive Leading of Diverse Groups (3 credit hours)
- Organizational Change for Continuous Improvement (3 credit hours)
- Applied Research II (3 credit hours)



Global Academic Partnerships & Student Exchange

Your future shouldn't be limited by borders.

At AURAK, global partnerships open doors to world-class learning, international experiences, and exciting career pathways across the USA, the U.K., Europe, the Netherlands, the Bahamas, and the world.

Through collaborations with leading universities and medical schools such as:

- Arizona State University (ASU)
- University of Ottawa
- University of Liverpool
- University of Leeds
- University of Bath
- Saba University School of Medicine
- Western Atlantic University School of Medicine (WAUSM)
- Medical University of the Americas (MUA)
- Appalachian State University
- Wayne State University
- University of Wyoming

AURAK students gain access to:

- Accelerated progression pathways
- Study abroad and student exchange opportunities
- International internships and top-tier technical and professional training programs
- Faculty exchanges enabling students to learn from leading global experts
- Scholarships, tuition discounts, and financial support opportunities
- Workshops, conferences, and global networking opportunities

From classrooms to campuses around the world, AURAK empowers students to broaden their horizons, experience new cultures, and build a truly global future.

Student Exchange

Participating in a student exchange program as part of your degree will enrich your global experience.

Studying abroad will:

- Expand your employment opportunities
- Enable you to make friends
- Enhance your personal and professional development
- Enable you to learn a new language
- Provide you with the opportunity to experience different culture

Contact our International Partnerships office for more information at qip@aurak.ac.ae





Academic Scholarships

For more information
about Scholarships



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AURAK proudly provides merit scholarships to qualified full-time students of all nationalities. The academic merit scholarships aim to recognize high-achieving students and encourage qualified students from Ras Al Khaimah, the region and overseas to join its academic programs. The scholarships are available to all new students pursuing a master's degree.



Tuition Fees

For more information
about our Tuition Fees



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Pursuing higher education is one of the most significant investments students will make. The American University of Ras Al Khaimah is a prestigious public, non-profit university that provides high-quality, affordable education through moderate tuition fees and academic scholarships. It supports students in continuing their educational journey to prepare them for successful future careers. Tuition fees depend on the program you study, the duration of your course and additional costs such as accommodation.

AURAK also provides payment plans to support students.



How to Apply

Applying for admission is easy! Here is your step-by-step guide to ensure a smooth process and avoid delays.



Step 1

Submit your completed application form online or in person and pay your application fee.



In order to avoid any delays, you need to include the following documents in English when you submit your application:

School of Arts & Sciences Graduate Studies



Official University Graduation Certificate



Official University Transcript



Two Recommendation Letters



Personal Statement



Proof of your English Language Proficiency (IELTS, TOEFL or any equivalent certificate)



A copy of your UAE ID Card (if applying from within the UAE)



● A copy of your Passport
● Residence Visa (if a resident of the UAE)



Passport-size photo

In addition, students transferring from another accredited institution also need to submit the following along with the documents mentioned above:

- Certified copies of official academic transcripts showing all courses studied and grades obtained.
- Course syllabi of the courses you successfully completed (including information on course content) and an explanation of the grading system.



Step 2

The Admissions Team will review your application once they have received it and notify you in writing of the outcome. Please make sure your contact details are correct at the time of submission.

**Enrollment fee is payable once the admission offer is received*



Step 3

Clear any conditions (if any). This will be stipulated in your offer letter, so make sure to clear them by the deadlines mentioned in the offer letter.



Step 4

Pay your tuition fees. Once you have accepted your offer of admission and settled your tuition fee payment, your enrollment in AURAK will be finalized.



Step 5

You are now set to start your studies - Good Luck!

To start your online application

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If you have any questions, please feel free to visit or contact the Enrollment Management Department in Building D at the AURAK campus. Alternatively, you can contact the team at +971 7 246 8888 or by email at admissions@aurak.ac.ae.

Campus Facilities at AURAK

Classrooms

Aimed at enhancing student learning experiences, AURAK houses interactive classrooms with smart technologies including smart boards, audio/video systems, strong wi-fi coverage and high-end digital cameras. With ergonomic seating, our modern classrooms are specifically designed to create a healthy, active educational environment for students and faculty.



Library

Located in the heart of the University, the 5,350 sq ft SAQR Library offers a wealth of resources. Spanning three levels, the library is home to an expansive range of more than 450,000 print and digital resources as well as the following:



Private Study Cubicles



Group Study Rooms



Conference Rooms



Auditorium



Comfortable Learning Spaces



Dynamic Work Areas



High-tech Computer Laboratory for Library Applications



The library's user-friendly setup and features proudly support academic development and aim to enrich the minds of students and researchers alike.

Sport Facilities and Social Clubs

Participating in a sport at AURAK is open to everyone. Whether you are a beginner or a high performer, there are a variety of sports that you can join.

The University sports facilities include a multipurpose hall, a well-equipped gymnasium, a range of workout machines, a walking track and outdoor sports fields. AURAK has a wide range of sports teams that participate in both inter- and intra-university competitions in the UAE.

The clubs and societies at AURAK cover a wide variety of interests that may appeal to you. Clubs and societies are not only fun, but also enable you to develop skills that are highly valued by employers such as leadership and teamwork.

Joining a club or society is a great way to meet like-minded friends that share your interests. Participation in such organizations will take your mind off the stress of your studies so that you can return to your studies more relaxed and with a clearer mind.

Whether you are interested in public speaking, photography, arts, adventure, volunteering or gaming, to name a few, there is something for you. If you can't find a club you're looking for, you can start your own!





On-Campus Student Accommodation at AURAK

Our residential halls at AURAK are managed by the university and provide you with a comfortable and safe living environment conducive to your academic and social aspirations.

During your stay at our on-campus residences, you will meet students from across the world, get to know cultures and traditions different from your own, and develop new life-long friendships.

The rooms are fully equipped, safe, secure, and budget-friendly. For your comfort, male and female blocks are separated. Students can choose between shared rooms or single rooms depending on their preference and budget.

For more information about our on-campus accommodation,
email our Student Residential Life Department at residential.life@aurak.ac.ae



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