

Main student events

Bienvenue programme (Orientation Week programme)

The community and student events unit ensures that new students and their families are warmly welcomed at SUAD. In collaboration with the student visa office, the community and student events unit aims to facilitate the visa administrative process including medical insurance and UAE identification cards for international students during the orientation week programme.

New students are greeted at Abu Dhabi airport at their arrival. Various recreational activities are planned with informative presentations designed to provide international students with a better understanding of the history, culture and people of the UAE. These presentations are delivered by professionals to students and their families. Campus and library tours are guided by faculty members and current students. The university's academic and administrative department teams will dedicate their time during orientation week to individually meet new students and to support them on a smooth transition in their new campus environment.

External service providers are also represented on campus during orientation week to provide information about:

- Student medical insurance
- Information about opening a bank account
- Special student offers for mobile and telephone packages
- Health and wellbeing services

Graduation ceremony

The community and student events unit accompanies students during their entire student life at the university, from the Bienvenue programme to the graduation ceremony.

The community and student events unit provides all required information to graduating students for the ceremony and rehearsals sessions. **Graduation always takes place on the third Sunday of November each year and is by invitation only.**

Extracurricular activities

The Student Affairs Department promotes and helps the University implement its mission. The University stays true to its motto, "a bridge between civilisations" by maintaining dialogue between cultures. A student soft skills development programme is prepared yearly for personal growth and talent development. Its main aims are to:

- Provide opportunities for SUAD students to develop talents, interests, competencies, skills and positive attributes.
- Empower students to become self-reflective world citizens and life-long learners.
- Meet the needs of the current workforce (Abu Dhabi Economic Vision for 2030).
- Create a framework to help students understand, articulate and grasp the skills to meet global world challenges in their personal life and in the workplace.

Different clubs and workshops are organised under the guidance of qualified professionals from different nationalities to enhance our student's experiences through culture.

A wide variety of artistic activities are offered:

- **Art and music classes:** piano, guitar, violin, painting, theatre, cinema and poetry evenings where poets from the community and students from other universities are regularly invited to join.

To further promote diversity, the university organises many concerts, from classical to modern performances by artists from diverse countries.