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Year of Zayed



Celebrating the centennial anniversary of the birth of Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the Founder of the UAE

About Year of Zayed

2018 marks 100 years since the birth of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the Founding Father of the UAE, who passed away in 2004.

To commemorate this historic national occasion, His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates has officially declared 2018 the "Year of Zayed".

Objectives

Educate generations and create greater awareness of the life and achievements of the late Sheikh Zayed among local, regional and international audiences.

Raise the profile of the late Sheikh Zayed to that of one of the world's greatest leaders and most inspirational figures.

Reinforce the status of the late Sheikh Zayed as an eternal source of national pride and a powerful symbol of the UAE around the world.

Commemorate and honour the legacy of the late Sheikh Zayed through projects and initiatives that are consistent with his vision and values.

Vision

A year long, international commemoration in celebration of the life, legacy and values of an inspirational world leader, the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, Founder of the United Arab Emirates.

Mission

Commemorate the life, values and achievements of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan as an inspirational world leader, encouraging future generations to honour his legacy and fulfil his vision of prosperity, tolerance and peace.

Values

Wisdom
Respect
Sustainability
Human Development

Zayed through their eyes



In the "Year of Zayed" we celebrate the vision of the late Sheikh Zayed, which led us today to a prosperous UAE. We are proud at Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi to support this national initiative by organising a number of events that reflect its spirit. The presence of Sorbonne University in Abu Dhabi reinforces every day, the values of tolerance that are those of the UAE, and participates in the youth's exposure to the world's diversity. Our 1,600 graduates, of which 40% of them work in the UAE and 60% are from around the world, prove that their competencies and skills are appreciated as they embody the success of the corporate project's set by Abu Dhabi's government.

Prof. Eric Fouache
Vice Chancellor at Sorbonne Abu Dhabi



An inspirational world leader, the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan was a man of wisdom, a man with a vision for prosperity, tolerance, and peace for an invincible nation. Sheikh Zayed did not just build a nation. He invested in and empowered its people. The Year of Zayed is an initiative to commemorate and honour the legacy of a visionary, a leader with high values set for his people and for humanity as a whole. It is a celebration of humanity, a celebration that with kindness, love and tolerance, things can and will become better. As an Emirati woman I am proud to have witnessed and to have been a part of this wonderful journey, a success story of a nation like no other.

Dr. Fatima Al Shamsi
Deputy Vice Chancellor for Administrative Affairs at Sorbonne Abu Dhabi



As an "expat", it may not be immediately apparent why my Emirati colleagues have such reverence for the policies of Sheikh Zayed. After two years in the country, I think the answer is, in part, his focus on strength through the diversification of the UAE. The diversification of economic opportunity has made the UAE home to a large and thriving expat community who, together with local Emiratis, have contributed to one of the most successful development periods in history. The diversification of education has given the UAE population and the wider world, the tools to approach the world's problems by learning from both traditional and international sources. The diversification of cultural acceptance has transformed the UAE into a melting pot of cultures, while still safeguarding the local heritage for the next generation.

Oscar Wetterberg
Master in International Business Law



I came to the UAE ten years ago. It was four years after late HH Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, may his soul rest in peace, passed away. Even though I was just ten years old, I could clearly see why HH meant so much to his people. He was spoken of as a man of honour, generosity, intelligence, integrity, strategy and innovation. Sheikh Zayed is the founding father of the UAE, but his mark did not just stop there, it extended to even the most remote areas in the world. I, as an expatriate, am very proud to have lived in a country that was founded on his hard work and vision of unity. It seems only befitting that 2018, the year when he would have celebrated his 100th birthday, be marked as the Year of Zayed. It's an opportunity for us to look back at his actions, his attributes, and his visions for inspiration and guidance.

Youssef Khalil
Bachelor in Law



As a young Emirati lady, I am proud to have been raised in the UAE, a country that taught us the real meaning of patriotism, leadership and dreams! Thanks to Sheikh Zayed and our wise leadership, not only we are capable of dreaming but we can make our dreams come true! The UAE has always been a source of pride for me, and Sheikh Zayed is my biggest inspiration! Celebrating the Year of Zayed is realising how blessed I am to be part of the UAE's successful journey!

Amna Al Shamsi
Bachelor in Applied Foreign Languages: Speciality Management and International Business



During the Year of Zayed, I remember His Highness Sheikh Zayed's saying about the youth of this country; 'A country's greatest investment is building generations of educated and knowledgeable youth'. As a young Emirati lady, I feel the responsibility to continue the journey that Sheikh Zayed started 46 years ago. We, Emirati youth, have to support each other and invest our time wisely and make efforts to educate ourselves to become global citizens.

Hessa Al Hebsi,
Master in Marketing, Advertising and Communication

MoU with DCT 19th February

The Department of Culture and Tourism - Abu Dhabi (DCT Abu Dhabi) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi to cooperate on the exchange of expert knowledge and skills in the areas of archaeology, heritage studies and museum studies for the next three years.

The agreement, which was signed by HE Saif Saeed Ghobash, Director General of DCT Abu Dhabi, and Professor Eric Fouache, Vice Chancellor of Sorbonne Abu Dhabi, means the two entities will work together on several fronts with the ultimate aim being to boost the tourism and cultural sectors in Abu Dhabi as well as promoting Emiratisation.

Rewind





**Tamakkan Forum
Youth 2018: A Bold New World**
23rd January

Tamakkan's forum, under the theme "Youth 2018: A bold new world" discussed the roles of entrepreneurship, technology, media and ethics. The youth-focused forum was held by BrandMoxie's Tamakkan platform, in collaboration with Sorbonne Abu Dhabi, Emirates Foundation, Sky News Arabia, and the Arabic Harvard Business Review. It brought together experts and young people to discuss the challenges and opportunities that are rapidly transforming the world.

Sorbonne Conference - Archaeological Series: Endangered Heritage in Syria, the Role of New Technologies
30th January

As part of Sorbonne Abu Dhabi's archaeological series of Conferences, a panel discussion was organised under the theme "Endangered Heritage in Syria, the role of new technologies". Specialists from the French Archaeological Mission at Jerash, Jordan and Art Graphique and Patrimoines, discussed the role of new technologies to help preserving Syria's heritage in danger. This conference was held in collaboration with CEFAS and the Institut Français in the UAE.

France-Emirates Express for Classical Music: When Piano and Movies Meet
15th February

To celebrate cultural relations between the UAE and France, Sorbonne Abu Dhabi organised a music concert. Pianists and composers Frank Ciup, Laurent Ferlet and Eman Al Hashimi got together for an exceptional recital under the theme "When piano and movies meet"

Open Day
22nd February

Open Day is an annual event organised by Sorbonne Abu Dhabi targeting schools all over the UAE and potential candidates that are looking to continue their studies at a renowned prestigious university. Open Day brought together more than 2,000 visitors under one roof, who participated in campus tours, introductory workshops and presentations by our heads of departments to learn more about the programmes on offer at Sorbonne Abu Dhabi.

Lebanese Ambassador's Visit
27th February

It was a pleasure welcoming HE Fouad Dandan, Lebanese Ambassador to the UAE to our campus. During his visit, His Excellency met with Lebanese employees and students.

Sorbonne Talking Series: France-UAE: Genesis of a Relationship
28th February

This conference highlighted the key elements of the strong historical relationship between France and the UAE, from 1971 to the present day.

Astrolabe Career Forum
4th, 5th and 6th March

Under the theme "Explore, connect and shape your professional future", Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi organised the fifth edition of its Astrolabe Career Forum to foster creative and innovative thinking among its students. The event included a number of activities held at the University's campus on Al Reem Island. During this three-day event, Sorbonne Abu Dhabi welcomed 50 companies to provide interactive presentations, round-tables, networking events, employer's panels and workshops. The Astrolabe Career Forum targeted Sorbonne Abu Dhabi's students and alumni, and was designed to help them engage with industry leaders and learn more about the best job search strategies in the UAE. In addition, the forum gave students an opportunity to interact face-to-face with industry players from a number of sectors including aviation, advisory services, business, defense, energy, environment, hospitality culture, luxury retail, law and NGOs from the private and public sectors.

International Day
8th March

With over 90 nationalities on campus, Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi students celebrated traditions and cultures from all around the world. Women were also celebrated on this day through a panel discussion on the exceptional journey of women in Emirati culture. On this day, the university also inaugurated the Spanish library on campus in the presence of ambassadors and diplomats.

The Crossing Concert
13th March

To celebrate the Emirati-French Cultural Dialogue, Sorbonne Abu Dhabi welcomed the "Light for Art" Association that brings together professional musicians and students from Sorbonne University in France and Abu Dhabi. The students performed with Emirati artists and musicians.

Model United Nations Conference: Sorbonne Abu Dhabi MUN
15th, 16th and 17th March

Sorbonne Abu Dhabi welcomed more than 300 students and 8 education institutions from around the world to

participate in this UN stimulation model dedicated to universities and high school students.

Les Majlis Littéraires: Jean d’Ormesson ou l’esprit français
15th March

Prof. Vital Rambaud, Head of French Studies honoured French author Jean d’Ormesson who passed away in December 2017. The event represented a beautiful tribute with great fidelity and humor; like the man who left us.

Francophonie Day
20th March

To celebrate the Francophonie, Sorbonne Abu Dhabi organised a series of workshops that discussed French as a foreign language for students and professors from different institutions. This event ended with the movie “Marie Curie ou la lumière bleue” in collaboration with the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Abu Dhabi and the Institut Français in the UAE.

Graduate Open House
18th April

On this day, Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi opened its doors to the community to highlight its postgraduate programmes. It provided an opportunity for candidates to meet with the heads of departments and exchange information with professors.

Sorbonne’s Got Talent
23rd April

Our students displayed their artistic creative talents from dancing to singing, and reciting poems.

Sorbonne Conference
France-UAE Dialogue, The Women Chapter: Gender Balance, Breaking Stereotypes
25th April

This conference welcomed renowned public figures involved in women’s issues, including Mrs. Nicole Ameline: French politician, lawyer, diplomat and women’s rights advocate.

Sorbonne Conference
Meet the Winners of the 2018 Sheikh Zayed Book Awards
29th April

The prize winners visited us to share their experience with our students.



The Companions of Sorbonne Abu Dhabi Enlightenment

The Companions of Sorbonne Abu Dhabi Enlightenment is a sponsorship programme, which brings together individuals and companies that have privileged relations with the university.

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New Joiners

It was a pleasure to welcome the following new members of staff to Sorbonne University Abu:

	Noura Abu Alfadl Section Head Communications and Public Affairs Extension: 9563		Zayed Al Ali Specialist IT Extension: 9503
	Naif Al Johani HR Generalist Human Resources Extension: 9452		Alaa Hasan Registrar Extension: 9301



Up next

International Conference for French as a Foreign Language 1st and 2nd May

Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi is organising an international conference targeting researchers and teachers of French as a Foreign Language from the Middle East and around the world.



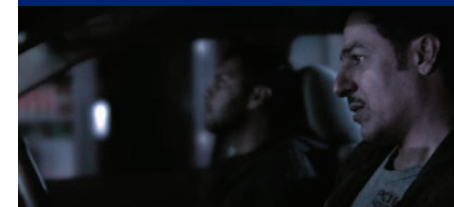
France Alumni Gala Dinner 7th May

The France Alumni Network celebrates the launch of its platform in the UAE at its organised gala dinner.



CinemaNa: The Circle 7th May

The last screening of the season will be dedicated to The Circle (2009), a film by Emirati Director, Nawaf Al Janahi.



Les Majlis Littéraires: Literature and May 68 13th May

40 years after May 1968, Vital Rambaud, Head of French Studies, revisits the impact of the events of May 1968 in literature.



Ciné-Club: Pickpocket, for Pierre Bresson 14th May

The season ends with Michel's adventures, a recidivist pickpocket.



Face to Face with...

Dr. Clio Chaveneau

Assistant Professor of Sociology in the Philosophy and Sociology Department at Sorbonne Abu Dhabi

How did your journey at Sorbonne Abu Dhabi start?

Since my bachelor degree, I have always been passionate about the Arab World and Middle East countries in particular. I have done all my assignments and my Master's thesis on Palestine or the Near East region. So, when Sorbonne opened a campus in the United Arab Emirates, I got curious about it. After my PhD, I was very keen to keep working and living in an Arab country (I had then been living in Palestine for 5 years), so I looked for available positions at Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi. By chance, a position for Assistant Professor in Sociology had just opened, so I sent my application ... and here I am!

Why did you choose a career as a sociologist?

I did not really think about being a sociologist until I undertook my first research for my Master thesis. I had amazing professors who allowed me to leave Paris for a few months and do my fieldwork in Palestine. Whilst there I conducted interviews, observed the social lives of the population I was studying, spent time trying to understand how things work and how people act and interact, thinking "this is the best job ever!". This is how I chose to be a sociologist because I love everything

related to research from the design (find a subject, a question that needs to be explored) to the end (analysing your data and sharing it with others).

What is the most difficult part of being a sociologist for you?

I think it is the fact that a majority of people do not understand how important social sciences are. Sociology, just like other social sciences, is a scientific discipline that allows us to understand how our society works, how it is structured and how individuals interact inside it. Without extensive knowledge covering our political, economic and social lives, we tend to be judgmental and ignorant of other people's lives and the difficulties they face and therefore (collectively) make questionable decisions. Additionally, sociology helps us become more alert towards the changes and developments that take place around us, and is a very crucial tool for policy-makers.

Could you tell us more about the research you are currently working on?

I am currently working on two research projects, both in cooperation with colleagues in Paris and in Abu Dhabi. The first one is about European migrants in the UAE while the second is about formal and informal public places in Abu Dhabi.

How do you describe your PhD findings and how do you use them in your career?

I did my PhD on a specific type of migrants: European and North American people living and working in the occupied Palestinian territories (East-Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza). I analysed these individuals (who they are), the economic and political structures that let this migration happen and finally, the political and social impacts of their presence in a very complex territory. I published several scientific articles about this research and a book published in France (Internationals in Palestine, portrait of a particular migration, Ed. L'Harmattan, 2018) covering most of my findings.

What careers can students enrolled in the sociology programme pursue?

Once you graduate with a degree in sociology or philosophy, there are a number of careers that would fit your knowledge and skills including policy analysis, journalism, human resources and public relations. Sociologists are highly focused on teaching important skills such as the ability to understand the complexity and diversity of situations, fact-checking, collecting information from relevant and serious sources, making reasoned and logical arguments.

In addition, our students develop a wider set of soft skills like teamwork, verbal communication, showing initiative and ability to lead a project or a team.

What is the key to success in the sociology field?

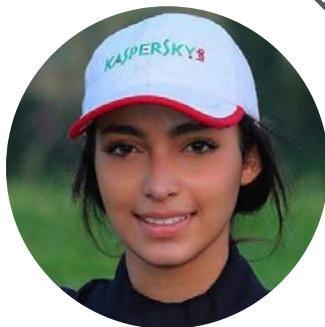
To be curious and open to others! Studying and working in sociology requires you to be open-minded and curious about what is happening around you and further. You need to read news, listen to radio shows, watch documentaries and of course, always keep your eyes open and talk with people to understand their views, their stories and experiences.

How do you spend your spare time?

I am a movie and series lover. A show like "The Wire" is a great sociological fiction series for example. Because cinema is an amazing tool to learn and share, I started last October with my colleague Dr. Clemence Montagne, the CinemaNa programme at Sorbonne Abu Dhabi. This programme brings several Arab movies to Sorbonne Abu Dhabi and NYUAD every semester, aiming to highlight Arab film talent as well as building a better understanding about contemporary Arab societies.



A minute with...



Amna Al Qubaisi
Emirati
Diploma in Intensive French

Tell us more about your experience in the UAE RMC karting championship.

It is a very demanding competition with over 30 competitors from all around the world. In this championship, the winner gets to race on a global level against other champions from different regions around the world, together in one race.

Who is your biggest supporter?

My parents have always been my biggest supporters and mentors. They took me to races around Europe to gain experience and always motivate me to achieve the best results.

How significant is the role of sport in your day-to-day life?

It is very important to be physically and mentally strong. Every day is a learning phase for me especially because I get to train with the team on a daily basis and I travel a lot for learning and training purposes.

What are the three main challenges you face being a karting champion?

People tend to underestimate my talent especially because I am the only Emirati female on track. In fact, this is what pushed me to become very aggressive

in my driving. In addition, I have not had a lot of experience; I only started racing at the age of 14 and I have raced against those who have been competing since they were 6 years old. Finally, I get a lot of pressure on the track because after becoming a champion, people expect more from you in every single race because no matter what, winning becomes the only option.

How do you balance your studies and passion?

I do have time to study in and out of track time; whenever I am on a break, I get my books and start studying. Also, my parents are very clear with me when it comes to studying, if I do not do well then I cannot go racing.

What is your advice to young women who would like to achieve their dreams?

Do not let anyone tell you that you cannot do or achieve your dreams. Everything takes time and a little progress everyday leads to great results. You put your head to it, and then you are unstoppable.

Do you plan to continue in the field of karting and racing?

Well, now that I have won the championship in karting, it is time to move on to a bigger challenge, and that is Formula 4 in Europe. I will be competing this season in Formula 4 with the best team in the business, the Prema Power Team, who had the best drivers like Lance Stroll and Charles Lerclerc, son of Michael Schumacher (Mick Schumacher).

How does Sorbonne Abu Dhabi support you in your academic life?

I have the most supportive teachers who support me throughout my studies. They are also very proud of what I am doing and it feels so special.

Why did you choose to learn French?

I have had a lot of French mechanics and engineers working in my team who do not speak English. It is important to communicate with them so I have decided to learn French so it makes it easier for everyone to interact within the team.

Thank you for sharing your experience with us. Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi is proud of you!

What motivated you to continue your studies and enrol in the Master in Urban and Regional Planning?

When I enrolled in the Master in Urban and Regional Planning, the main objective for me was to stay up to date with the current planning, built environment and wider environmental issues. It was also an opportunity for me to achieve my passion in designing new places by utilising the knowledge I gain from my studies.

How do you achieve balance between work and study?

It is very difficult to find the work/study balance. However, this can be achieved through some planning and self-discipline. Prioritizing tasks and having the flexibility to manage time between a new project at work and a new study assignment is crucial. The most important thing is to create and dedicate enough time for studying.

How does it feel to be back as a student meeting people from various professional and academic backgrounds?

It feels great to be back as a student and join people from different ages, interests and professional and cultural backgrounds, as it has had a marvelous impact on my professional journey. Despite all the challenges that I might face, what I will achieve at the end for myself is more important.

Working in different fields is definitely challenging and rewarding at the same time. How would you describe these experiences?

I cannot even imagine my life without the challenges and successes of college. Flexibility, independence and the ability to pursue passionate projects are the key success factors to sustain in the business. Moreover, mapping out my week in advance and trying my best to avoid distractions and be clear about setting goals, will definitely help me have a larger vision for what I want my career to look like.

In your opinion, what are the three main skills that the UAE market is looking for nowadays?

Most of the skills needed in UAE's market are related to new technologies such as artificial and business intelligence, robotics, space science and Nano technology. However, communication and management skills are always in demand.

How do you rate the importance of regular training to employees within organisations?

Employees are the key asset in driving any business forward. Regular staff training is essential to improving skill development on an ongoing basis. The main objective of training is to be in touch with all the latest technological developments. If companies provide

training as part of a longer development pathway, employees will be more motivated to learn, participate in these trainings and put their new skills into practice.

Tell us about your hobbies.

I enjoy taking part in a range of sports, especially cycling.

What quote do you live by?

There is a quote the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan once said which affects me in so many ways "Wealth is not money. Wealth lies in men. This is where true power lies, the power we value. This is what has convinced us to direct all our resources to building the individual, and to using the wealth which God has provided us in the service of the nation."

Thank you for sharing your experience with us. Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi is proud of you!



Suwaidan Al Daheri
Emirati
Master in Urban Planning and Development



Around the World

Tokyo, Japan's busy capital, mixes the ultramodern and the traditional, from neon-lit skyscrapers to historic temples. The city's many museums offer various exhibitions from classical art in the Tokyo National Museum to a reconstructed kabuki theater in the Edo-Tokyo Museum. Tokyo is known for its vibrant food scene, and its Shibuya and Harajuku districts that are the heart of its trendy teen fashion culture.



Okonomiyaki

A traditional Japanese food, Okonomiyaki is a pancake filled with either shrimp or cabbage and topped with mayonnaise, sauce and dried seaweed. It is considered fast food and can be found at street vendors although some restaurants also serve it. This pancake is cooked right in front of you!



Chankonabe

Chankonabe was originally cooked for sumo wrestlers to accommodate their weight gain diet. Nowadays, this dish has gained popularity among the general public in Tokyo and throughout Japan. Chankonabe is a hot pot dish made from chicken-based broth, vegetables, tofu and/or fish. The meal is protein-based and can be found at a number of specialized restaurants in the city, usually run by ex-Sumo wrestlers themselves.



Miso Soup

Miso soup is a traditional Japanese food and a must try when in Tokyo. It consists of dashi (a stock with added miso paste) and Tofu. Depending on the recipe, vegetables, meat and seafood can be added as well. Miso paste is a signature ingredient in miso soup. The texture and flavour of the soup depend a lot on the type of miso paste used.



Gastronomy

Top 4 tourist attractions

Tokyo Disneyland

Tokyo Disneyland is a theme park at the Tokyo Disney Resort in Urayasu, Chiba, Japan, near Tokyo. It opened on 15 April 1983 and was the first Disney Park to be built outside the United States. The park was constructed by Walt Disney Imagineering in the same style as Disneyland in California and Magic Kingdom in Florida.

The park has seven themed areas: the World Bazaar; the four traditional Disney lands: Adventure land, Western land, Fantasyland and Tomorrow land; and two mini-lands: Critter Country and Mickey's Toon town. Many of these areas mirror those in the original Disneyland as they are based on American Disney films and fantasies. In 2013, Tokyo Disneyland hosted 17.2 million visitors, making it the world's second-most visited theme park behind the Magic Kingdom at Walt Disney World Resort.

Tokyo DisneySea

Tokyo DisneySea is a theme park at the Tokyo Disney Resort located in Urayasu, Chiba, Japan, near Tokyo. It opened on 4 September 2001, at a cost of 335 billion yen and attracted an estimated 13.46 million visitors in 2016, making it the fifth-most-visited theme park in the world. Tokyo DisneySea was the second theme park to open at the Tokyo Disney Resort and the ninth park of the twelve worldwide Disney theme parks to open.

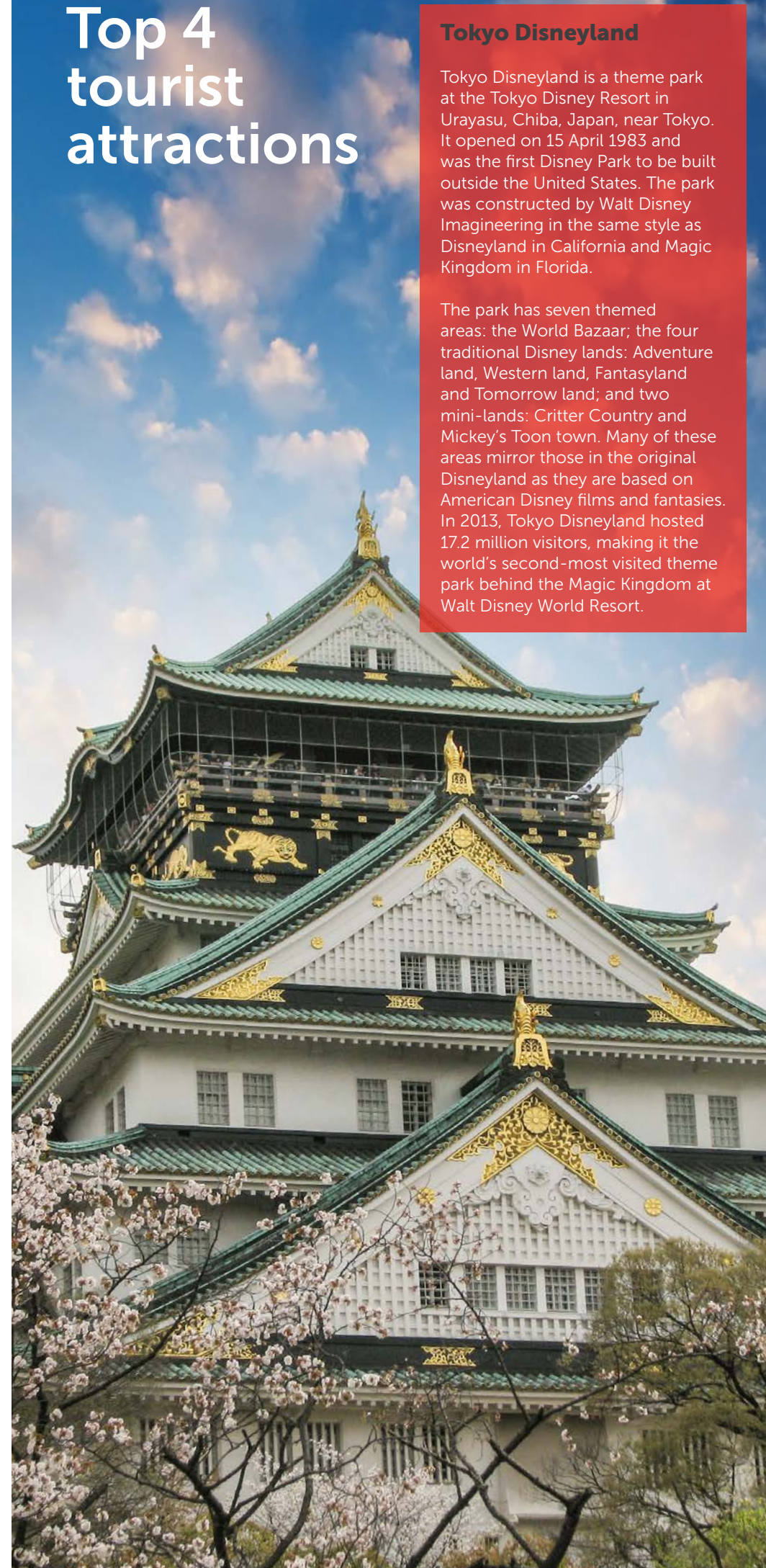
Tokyo DisneySea was the fastest theme park in the world to reach the milestone of 10 million guests, having done so in 307 days after its grand opening. The previous record-holder was Universal Studios Japan 338 days after its opening.

Tokyo Imperial Palace

The Tokyo Imperial Palace is the primary residence of the Emperor of Japan. It is a large park-like area located in the Chiyoda ward of Tokyo and contains buildings including the main palace, the private residences of the Imperial Family, an archive, museums and administrative offices. It is built on the site of the old Edo Castle. Guided tours of the palace grounds are offered during the rest of the year, although buildings cannot be entered.

Tokyo National Museum

The Tokyo National Museum was established in 1872. It is considered the oldest Japanese national museum, the largest art museum in Japan and one of the largest art museums in the world. The museum collects, houses and preserves a comprehensive collection of art works and archaeological objects from Asia, with a focus on Japan. The museum holds over 110,000 objects, which includes 87 Japanese National Treasure holdings and 610 important cultural property holdings as of July 2005. The museum also conducts research and organises educational events related to its collection.





Advising & Resources

The Advising and Resources section continues to focus on supporting student success and retention via the Peer Mentor programme and the Counseling Office. Committed to playing an active role in providing sociological support to students, the Counseling Office helps students in a variety of areas including study skill development, improving communication skills and more. Our counselors are tri-lingual speaking French, English and Arabic. For the second semester, we are working closely with the counselors to organise several workshops focused on time management. According to our students, this major issue affects their academic success.

Last year, the Advising and Resources section worked closely with several students applying for graduate programmes abroad. As a result, the 2017 graduates we worked with enrolled in master's programmes at renowned institutions including George Washington University (US), Duke University (US), Coventry University (UK) and Cambridge University (UK). As a follow up to this success, at present, we are working with

the academic department to identify qualified students to apply for prestigious full award scholarships including the Rhodes scholarship, Schwartzman scholarship and the Fulbright scholarship.

Following advice from our peer mentors, and in response to students who were enthusiastic about finding a way to maximize the use of their language skills, we have started a French conversation programme. We identified native French language speakers and trained them to facilitate one-hour discussion programmes. The focus of these discussions is not academic, and provides students the opportunity to utilise their French language skills freely with peers and receive positive encouragement. In addition, two of the peer mentors who are now in the Law programme are coordinating a meeting with all their mentees enrolled in the Diploma in Intensive French programme to provide them with first-hand experience on how to succeed in the second semester and prepare in advance for the DU exam.

We are fortunate to be working again with the McDonald's Corporation for the Middle East and North Africa as we organised leadership training for our peer mentors starting in March 2018. We started with the first of a four-session training programme for mentorship, presented by the McDonald's Corporate Office Training Division. The initial session focused on relationship building and gave students the opportunity to learn about the importance of understanding the characteristics of different behavioural styles and how to work with them. It was an engaging and interactive training programme.

The writer Alvin Toffler said: "The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn." The Advising and Resources section's objective is to keep students learning and relearning, and to encourage them to embrace this process.

The Advising and Resources Section welcomes the opportunity to continue to support student learners.

The Friends of Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi Association was established under the patronage of H.H. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces. It is supported by the French Ambassador to the UAE.

The Association was founded in Spring 2007 as a result of a group collaboration between Emirati and French residents in the UAE who are keen to support the development of a prestigious and ambitious project; while bringing together renowned Emirati and French companies as strategic partners in the outreach and development of Sorbonne Abu Dhabi. Members of the Association believe that education and culture are a crucial part in the economic development and the wellbeing of the community.

The Association's primary role is to seek funds to support the university's scholarships and to facilitate the transition of graduates into the professional world.

The Friends of Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi Association

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Go Foxes!

Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi places sport on the centre stage, as sport is important and well recognised for its physical, mental, and social benefits. Nearly 20 sporting activities are offered through dedicated structures. The university offers students several opportunities for discovery and development while participating in events and championships with local and regional universities.

Students have the option to choose whether or not to integrate sports as part of their curriculum to earn a qualification (depending on their major and on the activity).

Sport Updates

Since its establishment in 2010, the Sports Department at Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi has become extremely popular around the UAE for organising exceptional sports events and competitions.

During the 2017/2018 academic year, the Sports Department has planned national events including:

Paintballing at Al Forsan, 25th January 2018

A group of 30 students experienced an amazing paint ball night with a lot of fun.

Football tournament on campus, 31st January 2018

Friendly football tournament with more than 100 people participating from the French Military Camp, Ukrainian Association in UAE and the Lycee Louis Massignon Abu Dhabi.

Sorbonne climbing contest on campus, 16th February 2018

This is the first of its kind competition organised in the UAE with huge national success and supported by the exclusive projection of Reel Rock movie at Sorbonne Auditorium. More than 60 athletes and spectators enjoyed the day with amazing prizes and lots for everyone.

Kart racing at Yas Marina Circuit, 22nd February 2018

A group of 40 students enjoyed an amazing night of kart racing with lots of fun had all round.

Sorbonne national volleyball tournament on campus, 2nd March 2018

This is a sport event with a huge tradition from previous years, attracting more than 150 participants and spectators from all over the UAE. The day concluded with prizes and pizza.

Important Information

Sport Activities and Training

- The practice: we require regular attendance.
- Information and communication: the list of available sports activities, timings and coach details are available at the sports building with the student jobs section from Sunday to Wednesday, 6:00pm to 10:30pm and the sports department (room no. 2.023). Alternatively, email sports@psuad.ac.ae

Students Registered in Optional Sports

Mandatory: 12 sessions/classes per semester. 1 justified absence allowed.

Signature of this card by the coach is mandatory (only one signature per week)

For more details, please contact the student jobs at the sports building or the sports department.

Assessment procedures and number of ECTS:

2 to 5 ECTS: View the rules of the University with the Sports Department and with the coordinator of your department.

How to Obtain a Locker?

A locker provided by Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi is available at the sports building reception. You must return it at the end of the academic year. In case of loss or replacement of the key, the deposit of 100 AED will be kept by the Finance Department.

The locker key must not be copied.

Sports Activities

- Chess
- Bellydancing
- Paddleboarding
- Golf
- Bowling
- Squash
- Crossfit
- Capoeira
- Natation Zoomers
- Badminton
- Table tennis
- Breakdancing
- Hip Hop
- Zumba
- Escalade bouldering
- Beach volleyball
- Basketball
- Tennis
- Fitness
- Muay thai
- Football
- Touch rugby
- And much more

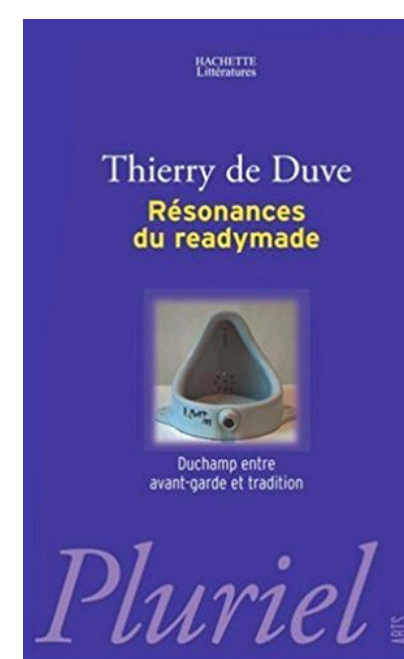




The Sorbonne Abu Dhabi Library has a collection of more than 100,000 printed books and more than 80,000 e-books. The Library furthermore subscribes to a large number of electronic databases, which enable access to thousands of full text journal articles and reports.

The library also has study facilities for about 400 students at a time, and more than 40 computers for accessing the library resources, email and the Internet. During the academic semesters the library is open from 8:30am to 10:00pm on Sunday to Wednesday, 8:30am to 5:30pm on Thursdays and 9:00am to 5:00pm on Saturdays.

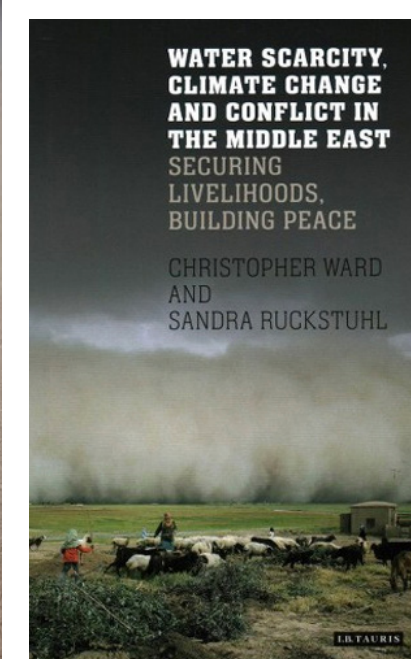
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**Résonances du readymade :
Duchamp entre
avant-garde et
tradition**

Author: Thierry De Duve
Call Number: 701/DUC/C/045

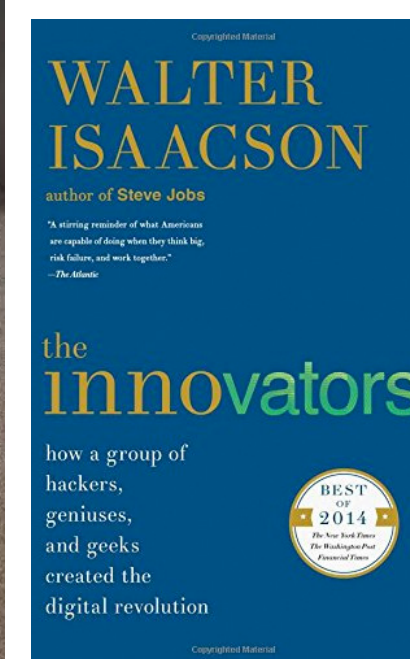
Get to know more about Marcel Duchamp. Three good reasons to read this book that will enlighten readers about the rise of conceptual art. A couple of months ago, we celebrated the centennial of 'Urinoir', one of our Les Majlis Littéraire events was dedicated to the artist and one of his most famous pieces of art joined the Louvre Abu Dhabi collection.



**Water scarcity, climate
change and conflict in
the Middle East: Securing
livelihoods, building
peace**

Author: Christopher Ward
and Sandra Ruckstuhl
Call Number: 333.9100956 WAR

Water plays a vital role in the socio-economic and political development of all countries, but particularly in the Middle East and North Africa. This is one of the major causes of instability and turbulence prevailing in such water-scarce regions. This book presents case studies and discusses technical and institutional measures to ensure the adequate supply of sustainable water.



**The innovators: how
a group of hackers,
geniuses, and geeks
created the digital
revolution**

Author: Walter Isaacson
Call Number: 004.092 2 ISA

As a continuation of the book presented in the previous issue of the Gazette, here is a title that traces the journey of the pioneers of what we know as a "digital revolution", the platform that has led to the development of artificial intelligence, which is at the heart of the upheaval of everyday life in all aspects. Alan Turing was the first to describe a universal calculator; Ray Tomlinson was the inventor of e-mail and Ted Nelson is known for the origin of hypertext and many others.

Fun Facts

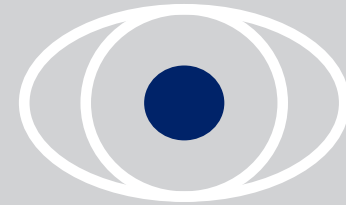
Did you know that dolphins sleep with one eye open?



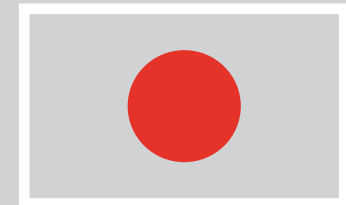
Months that begin on a Sunday will always have a "Friday the 13th."

8,409,600

You breathe on average about 8,409,600 times a year.



It is impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.



Kids in Japan are the most independent of all. They travel to school alone, clean their own classrooms and even carry lunch.



Earth is the only planet that is not named after a god.

116 billion

Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.

Hello.



More than 50% of the people in the world have never made or received a telephone call.

There are more English speakers in China than in the United States.

32,000

The City Montessori School in Lucknow, India, is the largest school in the world in terms of number of students, with more than 32,000 students.



Student Achievement

I was lucky to get the chance to travel to New York in the United States of America between January 29 and February 1 2018, as a Youth Leader Ambassador of the United Nations Development Program. I am glad to say it was a very productive trip. Personally, I have learnt a lot from this eye-opening experience and I would like to share some of the main highlights from my trip.

On the first day, fellow youth ambassadors and I met representatives from the SDG (Sustainable Development Goals) Action Campaign. The representatives explained their goals as well as their experiences on how they were able to raise awareness and shed light on problems that our world is struggling to resolve. We also visited the United Nations Global Pulse, which is a flagship innovation initiative launched by the UN Secretary-General on big data. In addition, our youth ambassador's team met representatives from Games for Change, which curates digital and non-digital games that addresses contemporary social issues in a comprehensive way.

The 30th of January 2018 was the first day of the Economic and Social Youth Forum. It aims to advance the three primary dimensions of sustainable development of the United Nations system. Those dimensions include economic, social and environmental aspects. Moreover, it is the central platform for fostering debate and innovative thinking, forging consensus on ways forward, and coordinating

efforts to achieve internationally agreed goals. The forum is also responsible for the follow-up of major UN conferences and summits. Later that day, we had a side event where we met commissioners from the permanent missions of both Tunisia and Egypt to the United Nations. We discussed and shared our ideas and received feedback on how to improve our initiatives.

The next day we discussed problems facing youth to enhance the inclusion of minority groups in shaping societies and building their communities. After the ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council) forum ended, we had the pleasure to attend a dinner with the Dean of Colombia University along with professors and alumni. During the last day, we held a meeting with Mr. Mourad Wahba, Director and Regional Bureau for Arab States at the UNDP. We discussed innovative ways to support the Youth Leadership Program. Later on, we visited the United Nations Women office that gave us a brief about their work.

In conclusion, this educational experience was fruitful and rewarding unlike anything I have done before. The amount of knowledge I gained from listening to other people's ideas and closely paying attention to the structure of debate and research, which other delegates brought to the discussions was surreal. I met different people who constantly challenged my opinions and pushed me to apply creative techniques to problem solving.

Maryam Al Kaabi

Sorbonne Abu Dhabi’s Student Council comprises 15 student members.

The aim of the Student Council is to provide the student body with a common platform that aims to promote interaction among students. The Student Council works closely with the Department of Student Affairs to raise the spirit of community, understanding and harmony on our campus. The Student Council also provides students with unique opportunities to develop life skills and leadership qualities by organising extra-curricular activities and hosting events for the student and wider university community in collaboration with the university administration.

The objectives of the Student Council:

- To liaise between students and the university body
- To welcome new students and assist them through campus life
- To create a collaborative, caring and participative work environment
- To enhance the educational, physical, social and emotional wellbeing of students
- To provide students with a platform to voice their views and facilitate action from the campus administration on any issues, needs and concerns
- To encourage student participation in extracurricular activities
- To participate in the university’s events involving the campus community
- To coordinate field trips, clubs, workshops and competitions in collaboration with the Student Affairs Department
- To provide opportunities for students to develop life skills with respect to UAE laws
- To develop skills of leadership and responsibility



Abdulla Fadel
French as a Foreign Language



Ahmed Khzaie
French as a Foreign Language



Muna Al Kindi
French as a Foreign Language



Sultan Mohamed
French as a Foreign Language



Lady Dayane Barake
French as a Foreign Language



Tamuris Ismayilzada
French as a Foreign Language



Nour El Galad
Physics



Amna Al Shamsi
Applied Foreign Languages



Nour Ben Mohamed
Law and Economics and Management



Youssef Khalil
Law and Economics and Management



Nour Asa’d
Law and Economics and Management



Fatima Al Hafeiti
Masters, Sorbonne University and Paris Descartes University



Kevin Torin
French Literature, History, History of Art and Archaeology and Philosophy and Sociology



Diane Pepponi
French Literature, History, History of Art and Archaeology and Philosophy and Sociology



Sujvi Shetty
French Literature, History, History of Art and Archaeology and Philosophy and Sociology



Testimonials

Availability, flexibility and empathy versus objectivity, equity and firmness. This is how we describe our work at the residence hall. Managing at an equal scale between the students' needs and the application of the rules and regulations of the residence is a huge challenge that we encounter in our daily practice. Dealing with students from different cultures, understanding and respecting the values and beliefs that drives their behaviour, is not an easy task. However, it has certainly strengthened our communication and listening skills and allowed us to develop and enhance our services accordingly. It is the most enriching, exciting and exceptional experience that we have ever had in our professional journey.

Student Housing Team

Living in Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi's residences is not only about being surrounded by students, friends and the administration team. It is more about helping students develop their personal, professional and academic qualities. Living in the residence is a unique experience as we get the opportunity to meet people from all around the world. We also participate in activities and events that make our everyday life pleasant and friendly.

I have been living in the residence for the past three years and this year I started work as a part time Resident Assistant. Thanks to this opportunity, I have gained rich professional experience, enhanced my communication skills and organised student events.

Djime Alfaroukh
L2 Law

My experience at Sorbonne Abu Dhabi's residence is one of a kind. During my stay here, I have learnt the importance of being independent and discovered the real meaning of friendship. I also got the chance to be a part of a multicultural and intellectual community that gave me the opportunity to meet people from all around the world. Living in such a healthy and diverse environment is a real blessing that made me grow in many ways. Additionally, working as an Assistant in the residence enhanced my skills and motivated me to take more responsibilities by helping residents when they are facing difficulties. This experience provided me with a unique sense of satisfaction.

Gawarir Ahmad
L1 Applied Foreign Language

I am from Madagascar. I have been living in the residence for the past three years. Living in the student residence is an important aspect to experience once in a lifetime. I have made many good memories and I have met students from different cultural backgrounds, which is very enriching. Living in the residence makes you feel at home because it is a healthy and friendly environment. My whole experience at Sorbonne Abu Dhabi enhanced my academic, personal and social life.

Houmeani Groubel
L3 Economics and Management

My name is Abdelrahman and I have been living in Sorbonne Abu Dhabi's residence for the past four years. I love the residence because it has all the facilities that any student will ever need. The residence is close to classes, which facilitates our daily life a lot. In the residence we are surrounded by supportive friends and staff from different nationalities, which makes my experience so rich and exceptional.

Abdelrahman Amr Samy
L2 Applied Foreign Languages

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