



SORBONNE
UNIVERSITY
ABU DHABI

Bachelor in History



The Bachelor in History is a three-year programme which equips students for a successful career by strengthening qualities such as critical thinking, creativity, innovation, teamwork and sound reasoning on both verbal and written level.

Students enrolled on this degree programme acquire a thorough knowledge in ancient, medieval, modern and contemporary history in France and all other regions of the world.

This degree allows students to specialise in either Civilisations and Communication or International Relations, depending on their professional goals. Civilisations and Communication teaches students general knowledge about Human Sciences and must be combined with two minors from other departments including Communication, History of Art and Political Sciences. The International Relations specialisation teaches students about International Relations and International Affairs in today's world with lessons focused on geopolitics, international law, political science and history of diplomacy.

The extensive scope of this degree ensures students attain a solid understanding of political history, international relations, social history and the history of civilisations to be able to interpret today's challenges based on lessons from the past. Students will broaden their knowledge and understanding of global cultures and the most important periods in history around the world including the birth of Islam, the French Revolution, decolonisation and cultural influences between the 1960's and 1990's.

The programme faculty are all internationally renowned professors whose teaching methodology goes beyond the traditional forms of teaching to ensure a balanced and well-rounded learning experience.

The curriculum follows the European ECTS system and the degree is awarded by Sorbonne University in Paris.

First Year

Core Courses

- Political history and international affairs from Antiquity to the 21st century
- Introduction to diplomatic relations between the East and the West
- The revolutions age: birth of the USA, French Revolution and Springtime of the Nations
- Introduction to cultural history from Western and Eastern Worlds
- Introduction to history of political structures, ancient civilisations and present society
- Communication and media
- Languages and sport

Civilisations and Communication Path

- Rhetorical and communication techniques
- Introduction to political science
- Course to be chosen in one of the human sciences departments

International Relations Path

- Geopolitical challenges in today's world
- Political sciences: understanding of the international system
- Introduction to international law

Second Year

Core Courses

- History of the Arab world
- History of international relations
- Colonisation and decolonisation
- Cultures, knowledge and societies from antiquity to the 21st century
- Institutions and politics
- History of globalisation
- Communication and media
- Languages and sport

Civilisations and Communication Path

- Cinematic language
- Journalistic workshop
- Course to be chosen in one of the human sciences departments

International Relations Path

- The origins of contemporary Middle East Arab, Turkish and Iranian worlds
- History of international relations (Central Asia and the Middle East)
- Geopolitics
- Law

Third Year

Core Courses

- The contemporary Middle East
- International affairs from 1945
- Analysis of superpowers
- Cultural history of youth and women
- Prestigious ancient civilisations: Egypt, Mesopotamia, the Parthian Empire, the Greek-Roman world, Byzantium
- Religions and states throughout the centuries: historical, philosophical, anthropological and geopolitical analysis
- Languages and sport

Civilisations and Communication Path

- Information and communication from Queen Victoria to Bill Gates: geopolitical tensions and globalisation (1850-2015)
- Course to be chosen in one of the human sciences departments

International Relations Path

- International relations in the Gulf region
- One semester abroad: Saint-Joseph University (Beirut), Sorbonne University (Paris), Galatasaray University (Istanbul)



Admission requirements

To be eligible for this Bachelor's degree, students must have the following:

- French Baccalaureate with a minimum final average of 12/20 or High School Diploma with a minimum 80% average (or equivalent)*.
- French Aptitude Certificate: minimum score of B2 level (accepted certificates: DU issued by Sorbonne University, DELF, TEF, TCF and SELFEE). Students with a French Baccalaureate are exempted from the language proficiency exam**.

*Students not meeting this requirement may be accepted following a review of high school subject results, supporting exams scores and a student's personal statement.

**Students not meeting the required French Aptitude Certificate will be admitted conditionally in the programme, subject to passing a Foundation Programme in the French Language (French Intensive Course).

Career prospects

This Bachelor's degree plays a significant role in the development of intelligence and reasoning which opens the doors to numerous career opportunities.

Far from being restricted to professions and training directly linked to history, this degree provides a unique opportunity for working in a variety of sectors including journalism, communication and media, political science, diplomacy and NGOs and public service and administration. Graduates can also work in education, publishing, heritage institutions, international tourism and trade.

This degree provides graduates with several options to pursue further academic studies at Sorbonne Abu Dhabi and other overseas institutions.

Tuition Fees

(Including admin. fees - over 3 years)

AED 215,100 (approximately US\$ 58,615)

Scholarship options*:

- Emirati citizens receive the H.H. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan scholarship grant covering tuition fees for the programme and a foundation year (if any).
- For non-Emirati students, academic excellence scholarships are offered, covering up to 75% of the tuition fee.

*Conditions apply

Visit our website for more information.

Why Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi?

In today's fast-paced and globalised economies, knowledge and languages both serve an important role in creating progressive and vibrant societies. The French education system is known for its high level of rigorous critical thinking and debating skills, which play a significant role in developing future pioneers and leaders.

Sorbonne Abu Dhabi is a globally recognised education institution that serves as a bridge between civilisations by offering a multicultural environment, which promotes and develops a strong culture of tolerance, curiosity, harmony and cultural awareness for today's modern economy. Students have access to internationally acclaimed faculty, world-class facilities and internationally certified degrees, which places them firmly on the right path in preparation for a successful career.

This degree is officially accredited by the UAE Commission for Academic Accreditation (www.caa.ae).

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