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ABU DHABI



Bachelor in
**GEOGRAPHY
AND PLANNING**

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overview

The Bachelor of Geography and Planning degree is awarded by Sorbonne University in Paris and delivered by world-class academics in Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi. It is an exclusive three-year programme and combines a solid foundation in physical, human and regional geography with further opportunities in other social and natural sciences.

This programme was created to provide the requisite scientific knowledge, concepts and methodologies for students to fully understand all aspects of the modern world, establish links between academic knowledge and the needs of sustainable development, locally and globally.

The curriculum focuses on professional work experience by offering numerous opportunities for internships locally and abroad in the fields of urbanism, sustainable development, risk management and territorial expertise.

The first two years are devoted to earth environment (relief, hydrography and climate) and

society spaces (from culture to economy). During the third year, students strengthen their skills with case studies (Asia, Middle East and Europe) and thematic courses (risks, logistics and transport, humanitarian and urbanism).

Students learn how to use and leverage professional cartography and data management tools: remote sensing, statistical data processing, geographical information system. A computing lab and individual tutoring sessions are available to students.

By the end of the programme, students will be able to understand major territorial stakes such as the environmental impacts of

societies, urbanism, sustainable development, social inequalities, economic and tourism development and heritage protection.

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.

programme

Year 1

Semester 1

| UNIT | COURSE NAME |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Introduction to Geographic Analysis | Big Questions in Geography Geographic Documents Analysis |
| Environmental Dynamics | How the Earth System Works Coastal Environments |
| Territories and Societies | Distribution and Dynamics of Populations Space, Societies, and Culture |
| Elective Courses | 2 or 3 courses (including Language + French as Foreign Language if required) |

Year 1

Semester 2

| UNIT | COURSE NAME |
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| Processes of the Earth System | Earth Climate Distribution and Evolution Landforms and Landscapes |
| Development of Territories and Globalization | Economy and Development: From Global to Local Challenges of Urban Development |
| Methods and Tools | Introduction to Digital Mapping Practice of Geography |
| Elective Courses | 2 or 3 courses (including Language + French as Foreign Language if required) |



Year 2

Semester

3

| UNIT | COURSE NAME |
|--|---|
| Environment and Resource Management | Landforms Dynamic and Evolution Water Resource Distribution and Management Agriculture and Food Resources |
| Political Power and Territorial Management | Spaces and Stakes of Power Urban Planning |
| Professional Skills (1) | Computer-Aided Drawing/Computer-Assisted Design Geographical Data Statistical Analysis |
| Elective Courses | 2 or 3 courses (including Language + French as Foreign Language if required) |

Year 2

Semester

4

| UNIT | COURSE NAME |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Environmental Sustainability | Environmental Transition Challenges Climate Change: Impacts and Adaptation |
| Territories, Mobility, and Tourism | Multiscale Mobility Analysis Tourism, Recreation, and Territories |
| Geopolitics | Geopolitics and Geostrategy of the World |
| Professional Skills (2) | Geographic Information System (Level 1) Remote Sensing |
| Elective Courses | 2 or 3 courses (including Language + French as Foreign Language if required) |

Year 3

Semester

5

| UNIT | COURSE NAME |
|---|--|
| Analysis and Management of Environmental Dynamics | Long-Term Environmental Changes Geographic Documents Analysis Risks and Societies |
| Urban Planning and Transport | Urban Planning and Projects Transport Networks and Mobility |
| Muslim Culture and Territories | Muslim World |
| Professional Skills (3) | Multivariate Statistical Analysis Supervised project |
| Elective Courses | 2 or 3 courses (including Language + French as Foreign Language if required) |

Year 3

Semester

6

| UNIT | COURSE NAME |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Urban Biodiversity | From the Biosphere to the Urban Ecosystem |
| Territories, Culture, and Heritage | Regional Cultural and Social analysis Territories and Heritage |
| Development and Global South | Emerging Countries Humanitarian and Development |
| Professional Skills (4) | GIS (Level 2) Internship travel |
| Elective Courses | 2 or 3 courses (including Language + French as Foreign Language if required) |

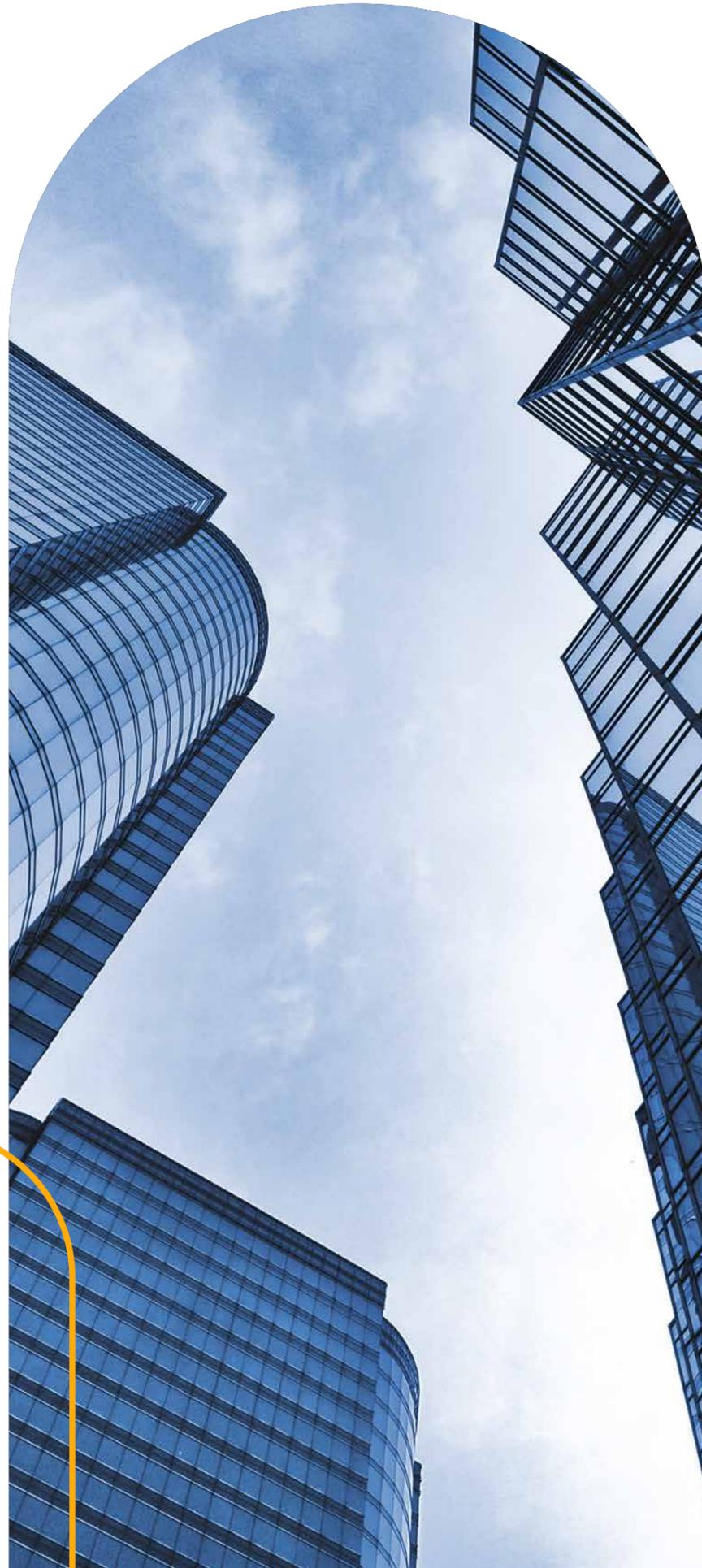


Career **prospects**

The Bachelor in Geography and Planning helps students launch successful careers in various fields. A geographer's skills of building, analysing and communicating an expertise on a territory is sought after in various professional sectors.

In the main, employment opportunities exist in Planning, Management, Architectural Firms, Environment Management Agencies, Geopolitics, Tourism and International Relations And Transport And Logistics. Some of our graduates enjoy rewarding careers locally and abroad in public institutions including ADEK, the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment and the Department of Culture and Tourism or Department of Urban Planning and Municipalities.

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





Admission requirements

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

- French baccalaureate: minimum average of 12 out of 20.
- Ministry of Education curriculum:
 - General stream/Art stream: minimum average of 80%.
 - Advanced stream/Elite stream/Science stream: minimum average of 75%.
- Other high school systems: high school certificate equivalent to the UAE Ministry of Education high school with minimum average of 80% or equivalent
- French Aptitude Certificate: minimum score of B2 level (DELF or DALF, SELFEE, TCF with a validity of 2 years, TEF with a validity of 2 years) or completion of SUAD university diploma DU in French language for non-French speakers . Students with a French Baccalaureate are exempted from the language proficiency exam.

Students not meeting the required French Aptitude Certificate will be admitted conditionally in the programme, and enrolled in the foundation year in intensive French providing they meet the above criteria: Upon its successful completion, they will be admitted into the bachelor degree programme.

Other Countries Education's Systems Conditions apply on other foreign curriculums according to the admission's policy set by Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi. Please contact the Student Recruitment office by email: admissions@sorbonne.ae for more details.

Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi is committed to considering applications from all students regardless of their country of origin, income, gender, religion or physical condition.

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.

Visit our website for more information.

**Conditions apply*

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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