



Certificate in UAE Law

The Certificate in UAE Law at Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi is a 5-month programme, delivered in Arabic by academics and legal practitioners. They will address theoretical topics and offer practical exercises. The Certificate in UAE Law offers the opportunity to deepen knowledge of UAE law topics such as: History of the UAE, Constitutional Law, Contracts, Family Law and Sharia, Commercial Law, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure and Civil Law.

This certificate provides graduates with employment opportunities in the private and public sectors including:

- Law firms, judicial courts
- Federal and semi-federal entities dealing with the UAE judicial system
- All businesses dealing with UAE laws

Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi has developed this program entirely in Arabic for individuals who want to improve their knowledge and practice of UAE law as well as for Emiratis, with a bachelor or master degree in law, to prepare a career in the field as judges and lawyers.

Program duration

Courses will run between February and July with two to three courses per week, between 4.30 pm and 8.00 pm.

Programme Structure

Module 1 – 15 hrs

History of UAE (5 hrs): This course provides students with a broad background in the historical trends which have shaped the modern State and led to the development of contemporary society, culture, and politics in the United Arab Emirates.

Constitutional Law (10 hrs): The course provides an introduction to constitutional law in the United Arab Emirates. The course organized around two broad themes - Institutions (5h00) and procedures (5h00) -, will focus on key concepts such as the structure and functions of the State, federal architecture, separation of powers, rule of law, and sovereignty issues.

Module 2 – 20 hrs

Contracts (20 hrs): The course is designed to delve into the range of issues that arise when entering and enforcing contracts. It provides an introduction to the nature of contracts and analyses their purpose and significance. More precisely, it discusses the intent to create legal relations and investigates common pitfalls: one-sided promises, mistake, fraud, and frustration. Remedies, specific performance and creation of rights for third parties will also be part of the topics covered.

Module 3 – 20 hrs

Family Law and Sharia (20 hrs): This course introduces to the substantive and procedural law of marriage, separation and divorce, including discussions on spousal and child support, common-law relationships and financial disclosures. With the Sharia law in mind, matrimonial property rights, property claims, and separation agreements will be examined.

Module 4 – 15 hrs

Commercial Law (15 hrs): This course takes into account business-related activities related to commerce and, more generally, to trade. Commercial law covers all business relationships such as debtor-creditor relationship, agency, contracts, business organisations and governmental regulations. Students will get to understand the main legal principles that govern all types of undertakings related to business.

Module 5 – 20 hrs

Civil Procedures (20 hrs): This course provides principles and procedures applying to accidents, contracts, wills, properties and other matters, including disputes and their resolution through courts. This course is designed to present solutions and compensations for victims of actions that do not follow the law of society.

Module 6 – 25 hrs

Criminal Law (15 hrs): This course covers the fundamental principles of substantive criminal law. It examines the basic elements of crimes, the general doctrine of criminal liability, such as complicity, causation, attempt, and conspiracy; examples of offences (i.e. murder, manslaughter, offences against the person, sexual offences, theft, fraud...) and defences to crimes.

Criminal Procedures (10 hrs): The course is designed to introduce students to issues and processes associated with safeguarding personal liberties of criminal suspects during the investigatory and arrest stages of criminal procedure, including procedure for search and seizure, arrest, application of force, interrogation and confession, pretrial identification, and the exclusionary rule.



Admission requirements

- Students must have a bachelor's degree in law or is a current Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi law student
- Only application from Arab speaking students will be considered

Tuition Fees and Scholarships

Programme tuition fees: **AED 28,250**
(approximately **US\$ 7,740**)

Payment of fees: Upfront before the start of the programme

Discount / Preferential rates* are available for this programme as follows:

- 20% Alumni discount
- 5%-15% corporate rate

*Conditions apply

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Why Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi?

In today's world, it has become a necessity to broaden possibilities, improve capacities and develop leadership skills. The Department of Continuing & Executive Education at Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi offers specialised programmes that are designed for individuals and entities to enhance professional development and career growth. These programmes are tailored to the current market needs and can be also developed upon the request of private and public entities.

All programmes are prepared in collaboration with the academic teams of the Sorbonne University in Paris in order to meet the standards of excellence offered by Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi.

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