

THE STERN AT NYUAD ONE-YEAR FULL-TIME MBA

Fast-track your career in the UAE
and wider MENA region



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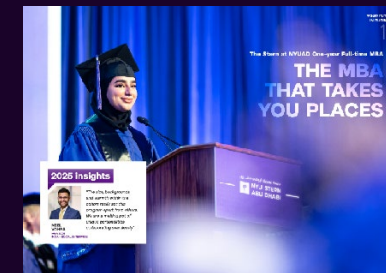
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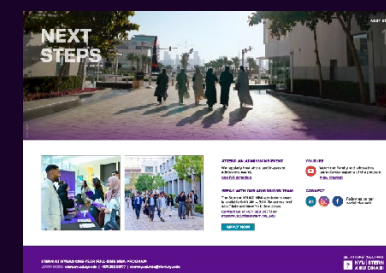
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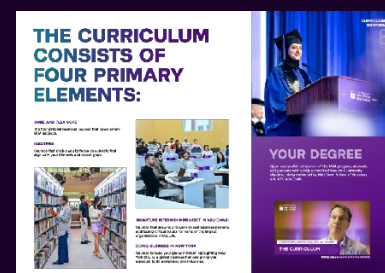
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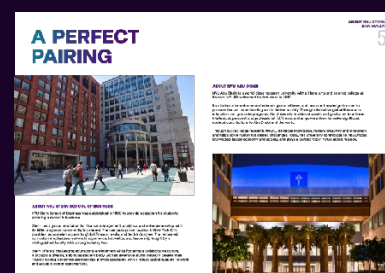
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THE ONLY ONE-YEAR FULL-TIME MBA FROM A TOP US BUSINESS SCHOOL IN THE MENA REGION

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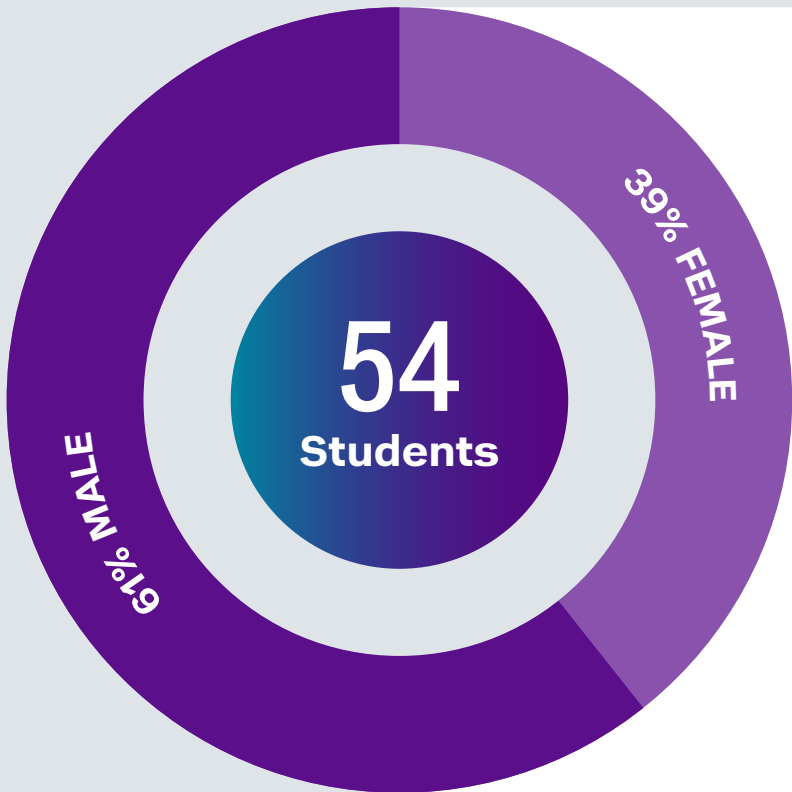
If you have an interest in developing and building your career in Abu Dhabi, the UAE, or the broader MENA region, this program is for you. Come join us on this journey. This is the beginning of the next 100 years.”

ROB SALOMON
DEAN, STERN AT NYUAD



CLASS PROFILE

The Stern at NYUAD One-year Full-time MBA program is for those planning to develop their careers in the dynamic Middle East and North Africa region.



OUR CLASS PROFILE FOR THE CLASS OF 2025

5 Average years of
work experience

28 Average age

25 Nationalities
represented



INDUSTRIES REPRESENTED

Financial Services/Accounting	26%
Consulting	20%
Tech/IT	17%
Consumer Products/Retail/Trading	9%
Legal	7%
Non Profit/Arts/Education	7%
Healthcare/Pharma	6%
Energy/Utilities	2%
Government/Military	2%
Real Estate	2%
Other	2%

NATIONALITIES

USA	20%
India	17%
UAE	15%
China	9%
Pakistan	7%
Other countries	32%

COUNTRIES OF RESIDENCE

UAE	43%
USA	19%
UK	11%
India	6%
Pakistan	6%
Other countries	15%

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**HAMDAN
AL HOSANI**
MBA 2025
UAE - REAL ESTATE

*"This MBA has expanded
my perspective,
challenged my thinking,
and connected me with
incredible peers – an
experience that's
shaping both my career
and personal growth."*

A LAND OF OPPORTUNITY

Abu Dhabi is the largest of the seven emirates that make up the UAE. It occupies nearly 87 percent of the country's landmass and includes the capital – the city of Abu Dhabi – and a second major city named Al Ain. The Emirate of Abu Dhabi is home to over 3.79 million people, the majority of whom are expatriates.

Combining a rich cultural history with a modern innovative outlook, its diversifying economy and business-friendly ecosystem provides exciting opportunities across a range of sectors.

A THRIVING ECONOMY

The UAE is one of the world's fastest growing economies, with an annual growth rate of 4.5%. Employers here have a real need for quality MBA graduates with managerial skills who understand the dynamics of the region, but also bring with them a global perspective. Furthermore, the UAE has developed into a business environment conducive to both home-grown ventures and a welcoming hub for international entities to establish their presence in the region.



A MELTING POT OF CULTURES

Inspired by its host city, NYU Abu Dhabi's state-of-the-art campus is driven by its vibrant and diverse community, global connections, and enriching cultural experiences. From arts performances to world-class athletic facilities, the campus is constantly buzzing with activity and opportunities for cross-cultural engagement.

Beyond the NYUAD campus, there are plenty of cultural events and activities to explore in Abu Dhabi. Highlights include the stunning Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, world-class Louvre Abu Dhabi, and pristine Saadiyat Island beaches. The city plays host to the Formula 1 Grand Prix. It also boasts regular sporting and entertainment events, and offers luxury shopping, fine dining, and adventure activities, like desert safaris.

THE SAFEST CITY IN THE WORLD

Abu Dhabi is the safest city in the world to live in – a title it has held for 13 years running.

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MIA JOHNSTON
MBA 2025
SLOVENIA – CONSULTING

“The UAE has created a unique microcosm where diverse cultures thrive. In just a few months, this vibrant country has truly come to feel like home.”



A PERFECT PAIRING



ABOUT NYU STERN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

NYU Stern School of Business was established in 1900 to provide education for students pursuing a career in business.

Stern has a global reputation for finance, management, analytics, and entrepreneurship, with its MBA programs consistently top ranked. The campus's prime location in New York City provides unparalleled access to global finance, media, and tech industries. The renowned curriculum emphasizes real-world experience, innovation, and leadership taught by a distinguished faculty with strong industry ties.

Stern offers a challenging educational environment while fostering a collaborative culture. It attracts a diverse, ambitious student body, with an extensive alumni network greater than 114,000 strong. Corporate partnerships provide graduates with a robust global support network and valuable career opportunities.

ABOUT NYU ABU DHABI

NYU Abu Dhabi is a world-class research university with a liberal arts and science college at its core. NYUAD welcomed its first class in 2010.

Its mission is to welcome and educate global citizens, and produce knowledge in order to promote human understanding and to better society. Through distinctive global liberal arts education and graduate programs, the University enables students and graduates to achieve intellectual, personal, and professional fulfillment and empowers them to make significant societal contributions to Abu Dhabi and the world.

Through cutting-edge research, NYUAD develops knowledge, fosters creativity and innovation, and helps solve humanity's shared challenges. Today, the University contributes to Abu Dhabi's knowledge-based economy and society, and plays a central role in NYU's global mission.



AN ACCELERATED PROGRAM

The program is designed for maximum return on investment with an accelerated one-year timeline, enabling you to quickly re-enter the workforce without compromising your MBA experience.

PROGRAM
FORMAT

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THE PROGRAM FOLLOWS A MODULAR FORMAT

Our curriculum is designed to develop your analytical and ethical decision-making skills while giving you capabilities to successfully collaborate in cross-cultural teams. You will also develop specialized business knowledge for impact in the MENA region.

MODULES

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January - May | **Abu Dhabi**



MODULES

3-4

May - August | **New York**



MODULES

5-6

August - December | **Abu Dhabi**



YOUR MBA JOURNEY

From Saadiyat to Manhattan... and back again

The first and third semesters of our program are located in **Abu Dhabi**. The second semester takes place at Stern in **New York**. This learning journey is designed to foster a global mindset and gives you valuable, hands-on business experience in two contrasting world capitals of commerce.



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CHIARA SOMMA

MBA 2025
ITALY – FINANCIAL
SERVICES

"The diversity of the Stern at NYUAD MBA cohort is its greatest asset - every class discussion and teamwork experience broadens my perspective, strengthens my leadership skills, and prepares me to thrive in a global business environment."



THE CURRICULUM CONSISTS OF FOUR PRIMARY ELEMENTS:

CORE AND FLEX CORE

The foundational business courses that cover all key MBA subjects.

ELECTIVES

Courses that enable you to focus on subjects that align with your interests and career goals.



SIGNATURE INTERNSHIP PROJECT IN ABU DHABI

Courses that allow you to work on real business projects, addressing critical issues for some of the largest organizations in the UAE.

DOING BUSINESS IN NEW YORK

Courses to build your global mindset, highlighting New York City as a global business hub and giving you exposure to its companies and industries.



YOUR DEGREE

Upon successful completion of the MBA program, students will graduate with a fully accredited New York University diploma, jointly conferred by NYU Stern School of Business and NYU Abu Dhabi.



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CORE COURSES AND ELECTIVES

CORE / FLEX CORE COURSES:

- Finance
- Financial Accounting & Reporting
- Firms & Markets
- Foundations of Entrepreneurship
- Leadership in Organizations
- Marketing
- Operations Management
- Professional Responsibility
- Statistics & Data Analysis
- Strategic Communication
- Strategy
- Sustainability for Competitive Advantage
- The Global Economy

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

- Business Analytics
- Finance
- Leadership, Management, and Strategy
- Marketing
- Technology, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship

For full course details, [visit our website](#)

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MAY AL HAJERI
MBA 2025
UAE - GOVERNMENT

"I see myself as an extension of the UAE's pursuit of excellence, constantly striving to be the positive change I wish to see in our world. Being part of this initiative feels like contributing to something bigger than just my own career growth."



THE MBA OF CHOICE FOR TOP UAE EMPLOYERS

SIGNATURE
INTERNSHIP PROJECT

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EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

The **Signature Internship Project**, is a multi-part, unique learning opportunity for Stern at NYUAD One-year Full-time MBA students.

During the four Abu Dhabi-based modules, you will partner with some of the largest organizations in the UAE and region to address strategic business challenges. In a team of 3 - 6, you will apply the skills taught throughout the program to generate solutions that address complex, real-world business problems for partner companies.

The experiential **Signature Internship Project** will provide you with insight into how businesses operate in the UAE and prepare you for a successful career in the region, providing you with necessary skills to immediately add value to future employers upon graduating.



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SUMMER TERM IN NYC

The summer semester in New York will give you firsthand experience of how business is conducted in one of the world's top business capitals and most culturally diverse cities, helping you to develop a truly global business mindset.

DOING BUSINESS IN NEW YORK CITY

During your time in New York, you will participate in two **Doing Business in New York City** courses at the Stern NYC campus that highlight New York City as a global business hub while giving you exposure to its companies and industries.

The courses provide students with the opportunity to learn about organizational culture, using New York City as their lab. Students will develop a deeper understanding of the issues, opportunities, and challenges faced by domestic and multinational businesses operating in the city. As part of the curriculum, you will partake in classes, meet representatives of pioneering companies, learn from renowned business leaders, and visit iconic cultural sites.

All classes will be held at NYU Stern in the Washington Square Campus.

The student support team in Abu Dhabi will help you with the preparations and practicalities for your semester in New York, and there are dedicated local resources to support you during your 3 months in the city.



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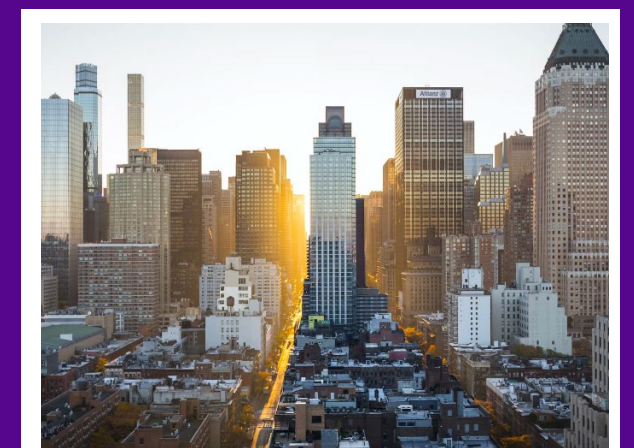


SUMMER
IN NYC

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Central park



Manhattan



Times Square



Empire State Building

SUPPORTING YOUR CAREER DEVELOPMENT NOW – AND IN THE FUTURE

LIFELONG CAREER SUPPORT

As a Stern at NYUAD One-year Full-time MBA student, you will receive dedicated career development support during your program – and beyond.

The Career Management Center (CMC) is here to help you:

- Explore your career options and define a clear path to success
- Assess your strengths, navigate job search strategies, make informed decisions, and prepare for onboarding
- Craft a standout resume and cover letter, sharpen your interview skills, and target the right opportunities for your goals
- Facilitate connections to industry professionals through bespoke sessions and small group conversations

The CMC team will provide you with dedicated, personalized career support services tailored to the specific needs of MBA students.

Based on the long-standing career success of NYU Stern's MBA program, alongside strong relationships that NYUAD has built with businesses in the region, the services of the CMC are designed with best practices in mind, aligned with close corporate connections to support you, locally and regionally.



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YOUR GUIDES AND LEADERS

The faculty and staff at Stern at NYUAD are some of the most insightful leaders in their fields. Their expertise, along with their far reaching networks of some of the most influential individuals in the world of business will be a constant source of knowledge and empowerment during the program and beyond.



[View faculty profiles](#) (opens in website)

“
The professors that you interact with will be some of the best anywhere in the world. Leaders in their field, thought leaders, public intellectuals, people who you will recognize by name because of their stature, because of their accomplishments, because of their contributions to the enhancement of their fields.”

ROB SALOMON
DEAN, STERN AT NYUAD



ALUMNI NETWORK

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One of the key reasons why someone often looks for an MBA is to access this network of alumni. We have proactive programs to get you in touch with like-minded individuals who all share the same Stern MBA degree.”

ARNOLD LONGBOY

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS, STERN AT NYUAD

ALUMNI
NETWORK

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As a graduate of Stern at NYUAD, **you will join the NYU Stern and NYU Abu Dhabi alumni groups** while also gaining access to the broader NYU network, with **700,000+ alumni in 180+ countries.**

NYU STERN ALUMNI NETWORK

The NYU Stern alumni network is 114,000 strong with representation in over 130 countries.

As graduates of Stern at NYUAD, alumni have access to a variety of resources including lifelong learning, social networking, seminars, events, and the Stern network.

No matter where alumni live, NYU Stern helps them stay connected through affinity and regional groups and volunteer opportunities.

NYUAD ALUMNI NETWORK

Since its first graduating class in 2014, the NYU Abu Dhabi alumni network now has over 3,000 members.

As an NYU Abu Dhabi alum, you will have access to a growing list of resources and opportunities to keep you connected to NYUAD and to one another.





ADMISSIONS AND FUNDING

ADMISSIONS OVERVIEW

We seek students who best exemplify Stern at NYUAD's values: those who demonstrate strong intellectual ability and emotional aptitude, superior interpersonal skills, and a desire to create value for business and society.

The Admissions Committee evaluates each candidate across three dimensions: academic profile, professional achievements and aspirations, and alignment with NYU Stern's core values.

Students entering the program are required to hold a bachelor's degree (or its equivalent) from an accredited college or university and demonstrate mastery of English.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Instructions and policies for submitting a complete application with a description of required application components can be found on our [website](#), covering:

- Standardized Tests
- Transcripts & Degrees
- Professional Information
- Essays
- Recommendations
- Application Fee

FUNDING YOUR MBA

For information on funding your MBA, please review the information on the following pages:

- [Tuition](#)
- [Living Expenses](#)
- [Scholarships](#)
- [Other Funding Sources](#)
- [Preparing a Budget](#)

All applicants are considered for merit-based scholarships, which cover a percentage of tuition. We also encourage students to explore company loans, private student loans, and external scholarships. More information can be found on our [website](#).



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THE MBA THAT TAKES YOU PLACES

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**NEEL
VOHRA**

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INDIA – SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

*“The size, backgrounds,
and warmth within the
cohort really set this
program apart from others.
We are a melting pot of
unique personalities
collaborating seamlessly.”*

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NEXT STEPS

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ATTEND AN ADMISSIONS EVENT

We regularly host virtual and in-person admissions events.

[See full schedule](#)

SPEAK WITH OUR ADMISSIONS TEAM

The Stern at NYUAD MBA admissions team is available 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM across both Abu Dhabi and New York time zones.

Contact us at [+971 262 88777](tel:+97126288777) or mba.admissions@sternad.nyu.edu

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