

GRADE AND CREDIT CONVERSION – MSU Office of Study Abroad

PROGRAM: The American University in Cairo - Egypt

SPONSOR: College of Arts & Letters and College of Social Science

AUC Scale	MSU Grade Equivalent*	AUC Units	MSU Equivalent Credits
A	4.0	1	1
A-/B+	3.5	2	2
B	3.0	3	3
B-/C+	2.5	4	4
C (passing)	2.0	5	5
C-/D+ (conditional passing)	1.5	6	6
D (conditional passing)	1.0		
F	0.0		
ALI Scale	MSU Grade Equivalent*	ALI Units **	MSU Equivalent Credits
Same as above	Same as above	1	1
		2	3
		3	4
		4	5
		5	7
		6	8
		12	16

* Adapted from http://www.aucegypt.edu/cace/ia/ASD/GradingSys_.htm and AUC transcript explanation

** ALI Units translate into 1.33 MSU credits, but the credits are rounded using standard rounding rules (round down $< .5$ \geq round up). For example, an ALI course worth 2 units equals 2.66 MSU credits and is round up to 3 whole MSU credits; 4 ALI units equals 5.32 MSU credits and is round down to 5 whole MSU credits. **For credit conversion purposes, each ALI course will be treated individually.**

Other academic information: The American University in Cairo is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

Coursework at AUC is counted in credit hours. In general, a credit hour represents a one-hour class period that requires at least two hours of individual study each week for one semester. Thus a course of three credit hours would meet for three hours a week and the student would be expected to study for six hours outside of class. Laboratory courses involve less outside work, so usually one hour of credit is granted for a three-hour session.

Students studying through the Arabic Language Unit (<http://www.aucegypt.edu/academic/ali/unit.html>) must register for a minimum of twelve program credit hours per semester, which are equivalent to twenty contact hours.

Full time undergraduate students normally take an academic load of twelve to sixteen hours, with the exception of science students who may take up to seventeen hours and engineering and computer science who may take up to eighteen hours. In the summer session, students may take up to seven credit hours.

The emphasis of the program at AUC is on Arabic and Middle East Studies. Arabic language instruction is at the core of the program, and all participants must take Arabic. They may choose from the following options:

- Intensively study only Arabic language at the Arabic Language Institute (with the credit conversion as indicated above)
- Take an Arabic language class while enrolling in any interdisciplinary Arab studies courses taught in English
- Take an Arabic language class while enrolling in any courses offered at AUC (subject to the approval of your MSU department for the transfer of credit upon return).

Calendar:

Fifteen (15) week fall and spring semester including final exams

Fifteen (15) week equivalent term for summer session.

Useful Web Sites:

Home page: <http://www.aucegypt.edu/>

Summer course offerings: <http://www.aucegypt.edu/intlspecial/summer/index.html>

General undergraduate course offerings: <http://www.aucegypt.edu/academic/UGdegree.html>

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