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In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Guidelines for Admission of International Students to Ahlul Bayt International University

(For the Fall semester of 2026 - Non-Persian Speakers)

- General Qualifications of Enrollment
- Required Documents
- Registration Process



Introduction

Ahlul Bayt International University was established in 1999, with the approval of the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology, under the name "Ahlul Bayt Higher Education Center." In 2014, based on an approved resolution, it was upgraded to a comprehensive international university. Its mission is to advance academic knowledge and meet the research and specialized needs of Muslim students and researchers from around the world in various fields of study.

Ahlul Bayt International University is unique in Iran, with over 90% of its students being non-Iranian, representing more than 30 nationalities. To date, nearly 1,000 of its postgraduate alumni are employed in their home countries.

The university boasts excellent facilities and a beautiful campus in Iran. With dedicated and distinguished faculty members, it annually hosts professors and researchers from across the globe for study opportunities. It also admits numerous talented students in various fields and academic levels, offering both scholarship and non-scholarship options.

Why Ahlul Bayt International University?

- A scientific environment with a pleasant atmosphere in the capital of the Islamic Republic of Iran
- Cultural and national diversity of students
- The only university in Iran with more than 90 percent international students
- The first university in Iran to have an international innovation center with the aim of linking knowledge, industry, and commerce
- Possibility of studying in English in some fields and degree levels
- University
- Winner of the Soraya National Award for attracting international students
- Has the AZFA center (Persian language education for non-Persian speakers)



Courses and Programs

Programs		Language
	B.A	
1.	Law	Persian
2.	Business Administration	Persian
3.	Civil engineering	Persian
4.	Computer Engineering	Persian
5.	Architectural Engineering	Persian
	M.A	
1.	Business Administration (International Business)	Persian & English
2.	Criminal Law and Criminology	Persian
3.	Economic Sciences (Islamic Economics)	Persian
4.	International Relations	Persian & English
5.	Islamic History	Persian
6.	Religion and Mysticism	Persian
7.	Islamic Philosophy and Theology (KALAM)	Persian
8.	Civil Engineering (Structural Orientation)	Persian & English
9.	Mechatronics Engineering	Persian & English
10.	Persian Language and Literature (for non-Persian Speakers)	Persian
11.	Private Law	Persian
12.	Social Communications Sciences	Persian & English
13.	The History of Islamic Culture and Civilization	Persian
14.	Women's Studies (Women's Rights in Islam)	Persian
15.	Computer Engineering (AI)	Persian & English
16.	Electrical Engineering (Electronic Integrated Circuits)	Persian & English
17.	Women's Studies (Women's and Family Rights)	Persian & English
18.	Industrial Engineering (Futures Studies)	Persian
	PhD	
1.	Business Administration (Marketing Management)	Persian and English
2.	Women's Studies (Women's Rights in Islam)	Persian
3.	Persian Language and Literature	Persian



The general qualifications of enrollment for international students

General Conditions for Admission of Foreign Students:

- Not holding Iranian citizenship
- Possessing physical and mental health
- Holding a high school diploma for the bachelor's level, a bachelor's degree for the master's level, and a master's degree for the doctoral level
- Having a minimum GPA of 14 out of 20 or the equivalent of 60 out of 100 for admission to bachelor's, master's, and doctoral levels (for all fields of study)
- Being a maximum of 32 years old for the bachelor's level, 36 years old for the master's level, and 40 years old for the doctoral level
- In case of applying for a university scholarship, being a maximum of 24 years old for the bachelor's level, 28 years old for the master's level, and 33 years old for the doctoral level
- Note: Applicants can apply for admission to the university after completing their program and before receiving their degree or defending their thesis. However, this admission is contingent upon receiving the degree or defending the thesis before the start of the semester and registration. Clearly, if the degree is not presented, the applicant's admission will be canceled.
- Educational documents and transcripts must be approved by the Ministry of Education/Higher Education and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the applicant's home country, as well as the representation of the Islamic Republic of Iran in that country. Presenting the original approved documents is mandatory upon arrival at the university.
- Changing the field of study is strictly prohibited during the academic program. The maximum duration allowed for dormitory residency is 8 semesters for Undergraduate (Bachelor's) and Ph.D. students, and 4 semesters for Master's students. Upon completion of this period (allowed academic years), students are required to vacate and leave the dormitory.
- The responsibility for obtaining a student visa rests solely with the student, and the university bears no responsibility or liability in the event of a visa rejection. It is understood that in the event of a visa rejection, any fees paid to the university's account are non-refundable.
- Studying is only permitted in the specific degree level and field chosen by the applicant. Changing the field of study is strictly prohibited throughout the entire academic program



Timetable

Registration process		Persian speakers and Applicants of courses in English
Fall semester	Deadline for receiving the applicant's documents	Until August 6
	Start of Classes	Second half of September

Required Documents

- Documents/degrees for the previous courses taken by the applicant
- A valid passport with at least one year left to expired date in time of enrolment is required. It is Prescribed to revival your passport if there is less than two years of validity. Filling the letter of commitment in the registration process
- "Registration in the Ministry of Science of Iran's 'ADAB' System and obtaining a tracking code." (<https://adab.saorg.ir/>)
- Presenting a working mobile number and a valid email address
- Finalizing the online form at the online registration network of the university at admission.abu.ac.ir
- Payment of 200 US dollars (for initial registration and Visa Issuance)
- **Note:** Applicants are required to submit the original copy of their most recent degree (Bachelor's degree for Master's program enrollment or high school diploma BA program) to the admissions department of Ahlul Bayt International University upon arrival. This document must be authenticated by the foreign affairs ministry and education/higher education ministry of the applicant's home country, as well as the embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the same country. If access to the Iranian embassy is unavailable, there is an alternative option for verification within Iran. However, in such cases, applicants must provide attestations from both their country's education ministry and foreign affairs ministry.
- **Note:** If the student's educational documents are not in English, they must be officially translated into English or Farsi, and then the translated documents must be approved.



- **Note:** all courses are conducted in Persian, unless the number of applicants in a specific course is over 10 people, then the course can be conducted in English.
- **Note:** the courses of Persian language and literature, the history of Islamic culture and civilization, religions and mysticism, philosophy and Islamic theology, and the history of Islam are taught in Persian under any condition and regardless of student count.
- **Note:** Students from countries other than Afghanistan must attend Persian language courses held at the Persian Language Training Center for at least seven months and pass the program. According to the Ministry of Science's regulations, graduation for these students is contingent upon obtaining a Persian language proficiency certificate. Therefore, all non-Persian-speaking students are required to participate in the classes offered by the Persian Language Training Center. These students must also pay the university a fee of 50 US dollars for the purchase of Persian language textbooks.

Registration process

Dear applicant

We are happy that you have chosen Ahlul Bayt International University to further your academic education. Please make sure you have the following documents in hand before beginning the registration process at the online registration network of the university:

- Scan of the first page of the passport
- Completing the resume file
- Scan of the applicant's formal 3*4 picture
- Scan of the applicant's degrees or diploma
- The applicant's Transcript in English
- (In case there is one) scan of any documents regarding honorary achievements in cultural, sports, social, or scientific fields or memberships and possible responsibilities in students or non-student bodies along with letters of recommendation by professors and officials.



Tuition

The tuition for studying at the university is received in Dollar. The tuition for international students in the academic year of 2026 is as follows:

	Type A Scholarship (Conditional)		Type B Scholarship		Type C Scholarship	
	Education	Dormitory	Education	Dormitory	Education	Dormitory
Bachelor's	-	-	Free	\$100	\$100	\$100
Master's	Free	Free	Free	\$100	\$200	\$100
Ph.D.	Free	Free	Free	\$100	\$300	\$100
Document Processing Fee	\$100		\$100		\$100	
Personal Belongings fee	\$100		\$100		\$100	
Daily Food Cost (Average)	\$2		\$2		\$2	

1. Personal Belongings Fee

The personal belongings fee is **\$100**, payable once during the entire course of study for dormitory applicants. This fee covers a standard kit including: a blanket, mattress, pillow, mattress protector, bedsheets, plate, bowl, glass, spoon, fork, and slippers.

2. Type A Conditional Scholarship

Definition of Conditional Type A Scholarship: If a student holding a Conditional Type A scholarship fails to maintain a GPA of at least 17.00 out of 20.00 in any given semester, they are required to pay the education fees for that specific semester. The education fees currently are \$100 for Bachelor's, \$200 for Master's, and \$300 for PhD students per semester.





3. Meal Service and Dining Policy

The university dining hall serves **lunch and dinner** from Saturday to Wednesday. Students must reserve their meals weekly through the designated online portal. Please note:

- Providing **breakfast** throughout the week, as well as **all meals on Thursdays, Fridays, and official Iranian public holidays**, is the student's responsibility.
- The menu primarily consists of **Iranian cuisine**.

Scholarship

According to the bylaws of the admission and enrollment council of the university, Ahlul Bayt International University allocates a specific number of scholarships to students. The request for scholarship by students will be assessed in the admission and enrollment council, and in case it is accepted by the university, it will be relayed to the student.

Conditions of receiving a scholarship

Maximum age for **scholarship** is 24 for B.A., 28 for M.A., and 33 for PhD

Note: if the applicant has special qualifications, the university would consider giving them a scholarship regardless of the age restrictions.

-Minimum score of 17 out of 20 (80 out of 100) in all courses leading up to the selected course at the ABU.

Process of issuing Visa

The process of issuing Visa takes Two Month from start to finish. The Visa is only requested for the student. Requesting Visa for other companions is on the student.

The price of visa publication, tickets and course books are by student's side.

Visa publication price would be cleared by related embassy and the University does not have information about.

Useful Information



Classes for **Women's Studies** and **Social Communication Sciences** will be held at the North Tehran campus (**Artesh Highway**). However, the dormitory for these students will be located at the **Yadegar-e-Imam Complex (Holy Shrine)**. The University dormitory is located in South of Tehran and has Twenty-five minutes distance to university by foot.

- Dormitory equipment on each floor: kitchen, showers and bathrooms (shared by the students of that floor)
- Note: dormitory does not have married student housing and 3 or 4 students live in each room.
- Applicants in Iran after getting the final acceptance, must take the visa out of Islamic Republic of Iran
- Students are required to register their mobile phones with customs authorities upon arrival in Iran. Neglecting to do so at the time of entry may result in substantial penalties or expenses for the student at a later date.
- Students are only allowed to travel to Iran” if they have obtained a student visa” from the university.

Communication Channels:

- Website of Ahlul Bayt International University at: www.abu.ac.ir
- Telegram channel for Admissions at ID: @ABU_Admission
- Answers to questions via Telegram: @ABUadmission or phone number +989101915801
- Phone number for Admissions Management at the University: +982155235654 ext. 114
- Working hours of the Admissions Office are from Saturday to Wednesday, 8 AM to 2:30 PM (except for holidays)."

- ☒ **Registration system: admission.abu.ac.ir**
 - ☒ **WhatsApp: +989101915801**
 - **Email: admission@abu.ac.ir**
 - **Tel: +982155235654**

Costs of living

Food



An order of food in the commercial districts 6 USD



Fast Food 4 USD



1 kg of chicken 3 USD



12 eggs 1.5 USD



1 liter of milk 70 cents



Half a kilogram of cheese 1 USD



1 liter of soda 70 cents



Bread for one person per day 30 cents

Housing



Rent for a furnished house of 50 meters in a Non-commercial district 200 USD



Utilities 100 USD



Internet cost per month 3 USD

Transportation



Rent for an average car 45 USD



1 liter of gasoline 40 cents



Public transportation per months 5 USD