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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 winter semester of 2026 - Non-Persian Speakers)

- General Qualifications of Enrollment
- Required Documents
- Registration Process



Introduction

Ahlul Bayt International University was founded in ۱۳۹۰ in Iran after taking the permission of science and research ministry, converted to a comprehensive university officially has started the activities in 1390 as an improvement and great center of science.

Ahlul Bayt International University follows the main goal as upgrading the knowledge, fulfill the necessity of knowledge, prepare the research fields, student's professions specially for Muslim students and researchers, another aim is to be an effective help to introduce and share the great Persian cultures and civilization. The University includes a beautiful nature and greenbelt which is located in Tehran, Iran.

Also, the only university in Iran which contains more than 90% of foreign students in Iran, is here. For the present time in International University of Ahlul Bayt, hosting more than thirty nationalities in fields which would be uttered below:

The faculty of economy and management

Faculty of Islamic Studies

Faculty of Law and Political Science

Faculty of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Faculty of Engineering

Department of Languages

Department of Women's Studies and

International Innovation Department of Yas, are other official parts of the University.

Ahlul Bayt International University has been accepting students in more than 26 majors in all high grade of education as bachelor level, Master level and PhD level.

This university is also a member of the International Association of Universities affiliated with UNESCO and the Association of Universities of the Islamic World. In addition to education, it hosts professors and researchers in Oriental Studies from around the world each year for study opportunities.

It is worth noting that Ahl al-Bayt (AS) International University succeeded in receiving the National Soraya Award in 1402 (2023-2024) and was among the top universities in Iran for attracting international students.



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

M.A.

Course Title	Place of study	Language
Business Management (International Business)	Tehran	English
Persian language and literature	Tehran	Persian
International Relations	Tehran	English
Computer Engineering (specialization in Artificial Intelligence)	Tehran	English
Women's Studies (Woman and family)	Tehran	English

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
Winter semester	Deadline for receiving the applicant's documents	Until Jan 5th
	Start of Classes	Second half of February

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
- 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 and transcripts (Bachelor's degree for Master's program enrollment or high school diploma for 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:

Tuition (for each semester)	A conditional scholarship		Scholarship B ⁺	
	Tuition	dormitory and food	Tuition	dormitory and food
B.A.	-	-	-	300 USD
M.A.	-	-	-	200 USD
PhD	-	-	-	200 USD
Cost of evaluating the applicant's documents and Visa Issuance		200 USD		100 USD

- 1- Definition of Conditional Type A: If the GPA of a Persian-speaking Type A conditional scholarship student falls below **15** (out of 20) in any academic semester, they must pay the tuition fee for that semester. The tuition fees are as follows: Bachelor's: \$100 per semester Master's: \$200 per semester Doctorate: \$300 per semester
- 2- If a "Scholarship B+" student requests dormitory and meal services, their registration fee will be adjusted to 200 USD, consistent with the "Conditional Type A conditional Scholarship" rate.
- 3- The dormitory of the university does not provide married student housing
- 4- Food includes lunch and dinner from Saturday to Wednesday. The student is responsible for preparing breakfast during the week, and lunch and dinner on Thursdays and official holidays of the Islamic Republic of Iran. note that the meals cooked and served during the week consist of Iranian cuisine.
- 5- All international applicants (regardless of the method of enrollment) must pay 200 USD at the time of registration as cost of evaluation. This amount is non-refundable and in case it is not deposited, the student Visa of these applicants will not be issued.



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 issuance, 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 it.

Useful Information

- The University dormitory is located in South of Tehran and has Fifteen 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)."

Website: www.abu.ac.ir -

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	1 USD
	12 eggs	1 USD
	1 liter of milk	50 cents
	Half a kilogram of cheese	50 cents
	1 liter of soda	50 cents
	Bread for one person per day	20 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	50 cents
	Public transportation per months	10 USD