Welcome to

AL AKHAWAYN UNIVERSITY IN IFRANE
Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane (AUI) educates the future citizen-leaders of Morocco and the world through a globally oriented, English-language liberal arts curriculum based on the North American system. The academic community composed of students, faculty and staff work together to foster excellence and identity through teaching and learning favorable to the development of equity and social responsibility.

Home to over 2,200 students from around the world, the 75 hectare campus houses student facilities including 7 academic buildings, a library, 21 student residences, 4 dining halls, shops, sports centers, and research labs.
In a recent ranking published by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), a prestigious British establishment concerned with excellence in global education, Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane (AUI) was named the best University in Morocco, 10th in Africa, as well as 44th in the MENA region.

The ranking, which takes into account factors such as academic and faculty reputation, student-faculty ratios, and internationality, demonstrates the quality of life and education you will receive during your time on campus.
American University in Bulgaria
Lebanese American University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Harvard University
Yale University
Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane
Harvard University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
American University in Bulgaria
Lebanese American University

NECHE accredited universities around the world
Al Akhawayn is the first non-US NECHE accredited university in Africa.

In 2017, AUI was accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE), one of the most prestigious accrediting institutions throughout the world.

Accreditation serves as a means of globally recognizing an institution’s worth. In NECHE’s case, their hard-to-earn stamp of approval signifies high standards at all levels of education, granting the University’s diplomas the equivalence of those issued in the United States.

AUI’s accreditation marks the conclusion of a nine-year process during which we strove to increase the quality of our entire institution, from the classroom to the dorms. It also marks our lifelong commitment to self-actualization, to betterment, and to ensuring that you receive the best possible education our establishment can offer.
Take Advantage of a Quality Education

The American Liberal Arts model exists to offer students both breadth and depth. It allows you to specialize after you enroll so that you may develop your passions while also pursuing other avenues of academia.

To ensure that our students receive a diverse education, we introduced “core requirements” into our curriculum. We push our students to broaden their horizons while letting them choose their own path.

Our take on Liberal Arts approaches academia in a practical manner: we believe that all subjects are interrelated and that they inform one another. Our classrooms are home to diverse minds which enables a single class to be populated by business students, engineers, and philosophers. In shaping students this way, we hope that they will learn both from their teachers and from one another, creating on our campus a united network of intellectualism.
“I have learned a lot at AUI; the kind of learning that opens the mind and widens perspectives. The extra-curricular activities were my chance to develop effective communication, expand my network, and broaden my knowledge.”

Amina FAOUZI ZIZI - Class of 2011
Bachelor of Arts in International Studies
Member of the Moroccan Parliament Justice and Development Party
The School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) programs are reviewed and validated by leading international experts and institutions. The Communication Studies Program is assessed by Northern Arizona University and Human Development Program by George Washington University. The International Studies Program is reviewed by executives from International Studies Association.

The School of Business Administration Program (SBA) has been accredited by EPAS, the International Programme Accreditation System operated by EFMD. This achievement marks the SBA as the only EPAS Accredited BA Program in Africa.

The School of Science and Engineering (SSE) programs are accredited by the Computing and Engineering Accreditation Commission (CEA) of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). The new programs offered by the SSE will also undergo the ABET accreditation process once launched.

There are only four universities in Africa with ABET accredited programs.

Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies
Bachelor of Arts in International Studies
Bachelor of Science in Human Resource Development
Bachelor of Science in Spatial Planning and Management
Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies and Sustainability

Bachelor of Business Administration

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
Bachelor of Science in Engineering & Management Science
Bachelor of Science in General Engineering
Bachelor of Science in Renewable Energy Systems Engineering
Bachelor of Science in Manufacturing and Logistics Engineering
Bachelor of Science in Engineering Decision Support Systems
Bachelor of Science in Computer Systems
Bachelor of Science in Cyber-Physical Systems
Bachelor of Science in Cloud and Mobile Software Engineering
Bachelor of Science in Big Data Analytics
Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence and Robotization
Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies
Bachelor of Arts in International Studies
Bachelor of Science in Human Resource Development
Bachelor of Science in Spatial Planning and Management
Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies and Sustainability

Graduate Programs

Master of Arts in International Studies and Diplomacy
Master of Arts in Islamic Religious Studies
Master of Arts in North-African and Middle-Eastern Studies
Master of Arts in Communication Studies and Digital Media
Master of Science in Human Resource and Development
Master of Business Administration (full-time and part-time)
Executive Master of Business Administration (part-time)
Master of Science in Sustainable Energy Management
Master of Science in Software Engineering
Master of Engineering in Financial Technology
Master of Science in Digital Transformation

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
Bachelor of Science in Engineering & Management Science
Bachelor of Science in General Engineering
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Bachelor of Science in Cloud and Mobile Software Engineering
Bachelor of Science in Big Data Analytics
Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence and Robotization
Learn from the Best

Being the best has its perks. Our campus boasts some of the brightest minds from around the world. Depending on the track you pursue, your professors could include an international expert on media systems, a part-time novelist or poet, or even a cultural anthropologist with decades of experience. Despite their diversity of qualifications, they all have one thing in common: the desire to help you succeed.

- 50% international faculty
- 74% full-time faculty
- 70% faculty PhD holders
Research Driven

All of our resources, research, teaching, and on-campus activities are guided by our commitment to environmental sustainability and computer and social sciences. We encourage everyone at the University, from teachers and researchers, to staff and students, to play their part in positively impacting the environment and creating a more sustainable future. Everyone at AUI has the opportunity to apply for a grant from the Presidential Innovation Fund (PIF).

Created in 2002 in partnership with the World Bank and the Moroccan Government, the Institute of Economic Analysis & Prospective Studies (IEAPS) seeks consult and conducts research in areas directly related to economic development. Their aim is to produce and diffuse knowledge of economic development by pursuing innovative research projects in areas of applied economics. The IEAPS considers important topics such as economic risks and uncertainties, human development, intellectual property rights, and skilled labor migration, both within the confines of national and regional (MENA) contexts.
Over 5,700 graduates around the globe

87% of alumni are working or pursuing their studies. 61% of alumni find a job within the first six months of graduating.

Finance, Banking, Accounting (19%)
Consulting (18%)
Information Technologies (13%)
Trade, Sales, Distribution (10%)
Education (8%)
Public Sector, NGOs (8%)
Administration (7%)
Communication, Media (6%)
Telecommunications (6%)
Logistics, Supply Chain (5%)
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<td>Royal decree establishing AUI is published in the Official Gazette.</td>
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<td>King Hassan II of Morocco and then Crown Prince Abdallah of Saudi Arabia, representing King Fahd, inaugurate AUI.</td>
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<td>First class of 172 students graduates from the University.</td>
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<td>Hillary Clinton delivers graduation keynote address and opens the Hillary Rodham Clinton Center for Women Empowerment.</td>
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<td>2002</td>
<td>The Azrou Center for Community Development opens. The Executive Education Center opens second branch in Casablanca.</td>
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<td>H. M. King Mohammed VI visits campus and bequeaths his name to the University library.</td>
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<td>2011</td>
<td>Astronaut Buzz Aldrin gives the keynote address at the commencement.</td>
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<td>AUI earns candidacy status for accreditation through the New England Commission of Higher Education.</td>
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<td>Eve Branson, British philanthropist, child welfare advocate, and the mother of Richard Branson, visits AUI.</td>
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Our Journey
2016
AUI takes part in COP 22.

2017
AUI earns NECHE accreditation, the first non-American university to be accredited in Africa.

2017
AUI Team Wins the ACM-MCPC and qualified to represent Morocco in the World Finals: China 2018 (ACM-ICPC).

2018
QS places AUI 44th in their Arab Region ranking, 10th in Africa, and 1st in Morocco.

Our Leadership Since 1995

Amine Bensaid
President 2019 - Present

Abdellatif Jouahri
Chancellor 2004 - Present

Driss Ouaouicha
President 2009 - 2019

Rachid Benmokhtar
President 1998-2008

Othman Benjelloun
Chancellor 1998-2004

Ahmed Kerkour
President 1995-1998

Azzedine Laraki
Chancellor 1995-1998
A Socially Responsible Community

At AUI, we do our utmost to facilitate your collegiate integration, stimulate your spirit, and cultivate the qualities essential for living responsibly. Students at AUI are able to make a difference throughout the entire country by putting their abilities to work in the service of others through our service learning programs. Through specific courses, students are able to combine classes and real world experience by taking what they learn and applying it in a real and practical setting that can directly benefit underprivileged people.
AUI mandates all degree-seeking undergraduate students to complete **60-hours of community service** prior to the date of their graduation. By working with the Community Involvement Program (CIP), you'll be able to choose from a list of over 700 NGOs and spend 60 hours working with an organization whose passions you share during which time you will gain employable skills that will help you after graduation.

Some of our alumni dedicate their careers to developing communities. **Maha Laziri**, who graduated from AUI in 2011, is the President and Founder of Teach4Morocco, and was ranked the **17th Most Powerful Arab Woman in the World** by the Arabian Business magazine in 2015.

Since 2005, over 3,000 students have completed 185,000+ hours of service.

**Student Associations**

If you’re the kind of person who goes the extra mile, you’ll fit right in. During your time on campus, you might join these students’ ranks by participating in one of our many socially minded clubs which include **Hand in Hand, Rotaract, Leo, and Design for Change**. These clubs work to improve a variety of sectors, most notably in rural areas, from promoting literacy and alleviating poverty, to raising medical awareness and schooling.
In 2002, we launched our Azrou Center for Community Development, which offers our neighboring city, Azrou, a variety of free programs that revolve around education, and are aimed at aiding both children and adults of all ages who have either never had the chance to enroll in school or have dropped out at an early age. The Azrou Center exists to serve the underprivileged community of the greater Azrou area and to raise awareness of women’s rights. The Center offers programs such as, literacy improvement courses, non-formal and technical skill-training, employability skills-training for university graduates, medical campaigns, awareness programs, and many more. It is estimated that the Center benefits well over 3,000 local residents every year.

Supported by Siemens, the university launched the first platform of its kind in Morocco in 2015, a Center for Business Ethics (CBE). As part of the Siemens Integrity Initiative (SII), the three-year project aims to enhance integrity in the Moroccan business environment, raise awareness and guide behavior towards more “morality” in different sectors, namely energy, health, industry and infrastructure. The CBE will constitute a major player in the fight against corruption through training of professionals, students, and educators, as well as conducting research projects and developing teaching case studies. The CBE, whose mission is to educate and shape the behavior of current and future business professionals, is a vital component in the fight against corruption and increasing awareness on ethical issues.

In 1999, only three years after the University opened its doors and on the eve of our first commencement, the Hillary Rodham Clinton Center for Women’s Empowerment (HCC) was opened. The HCC advances scholarship and knowledge production about gender and women’s rights in North Africa, but it also contains grassroots outreach programs for rural women that are mostly designed to empower rural women’s associations to become economically self-reliant. By designing a multitude of workshops, both in-person and online, the HCC has helped innumerable women manage and maintain their businesses. Their online workshops, for instance, are designed to reach a maximum number of clients, so the interface has been designed in a user-friendly manner that supports individuals who have limited to no reading or writing skills.
**FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE**

The First-Year Experience Program (FYE) at AUI was developed by the Division of Student Affairs (DSA) to help students make a successful transition to college life, and to learn while engaging in the mission of the university. The FYE consists of selected readings of relevant literature during the summer, a series of courses and academic experiences, residential experiences, career workshops, and a series of events and programs throughout the first year.

The First-Year Experience Program will:
- Provide a successful and smooth transition to college life
- Introduce and ensure use of university resources
- Enhance understanding of liberal arts education concepts, diversity, and academic integrity
- Promote academic success and career planning
- Enrich freshmen residential life experience

**LANGUAGE CENTER**

The Language Center’s Intensive English Program is accredited by the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA) and plays a key role in helping prepare Al Akhawayn students for both their academic and professional lives. If you do not yet meet our English language requirements, the Language Center will focus on helping you attain the necessary qualifications and increase your English skills. The Center currently offers courses in English, French, Spanish, Tamazight (Berber), and is open to other linguistic requests.

The Center boasts experienced and culturally diverse faculty, the latest technology, and comprehensive materials, all of which contribute to an effective teaching and learning environment where students acquire not only the mechanics of the language, but also the discourses and contexts in which it is used.
The Leadership Development Institute (LDI) develops selected students to become global leaders by adapting the best American leadership development research and practices to the needs of Moroccan students and Moroccan society. The LDI is the first such program in Morocco, one of two in the Middle East North Africa (MENA) region, and one of very few in the developing world. From its roots, the LDI is a co-curricular program that teaches leadership skills through experience and service. Our mission is two-fold: to develop leaders for Morocco’s future, and to improve leadership in the developing world.

To ensure that the program parallels the high standards of leadership programs in America, the LDI uses the standards set by the Council for the Advancement of Standards (CAS) in Higher Education to assess its program.

OTHER UNIVERSITY SERVICES

- Writing center
- Joint Research Laboratory
- Alumni Affairs & Career Services
- Center for Interfaith Dialogue
- Social Science Research Institute

AUI’s comprehensive range of student support services will help you settle into university life by supporting you both academically and personally from before you arrive to long after you’ve settled.
The Center for Teaching and Learning’s (CTL) mission consists of coordinating different academic units, namely Student Learning Services, Technology Learning Services, and Writing Services, in order to enhance teaching and learning at AUI. In addition, the CTL supports faculty by providing professional development via Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) services.

The CTL aims to provide a state-of-the-art environment that offers students support services while also providing new and experienced faculty with the necessary training and tools to excel in their career as educators and researchers in the field of education. The Center for Learning Excellence Tutoring and Mentoring programs are certified by the College Reading & Learning Association (CRLA).
At the heart of our campus, equidistant from the residential and academic quads, is the Mohammed VI Library. One of the largest buildings on campus, the Library is a great place for students to study, and is frequently a gathering place for both study groups and academic events. During your time on campus, we will help you access and use all available information in order to support both your studies and research.

The Mohammed VI library currently provides access to over 336,000 volumes. It also provides access to a wide variety of electronic resources, including over 200,000 e-books, that are easily found through OneSearch and accessible through the library web page.
The volumes offered by the resources available at the Mohammed VI Library include:

- 99,400 print copies
- 2315 A/V materials
- 4,700 Arabic ebooks
- 38 databases
- 24,550 e-journals
- 985 e-references
- 265 course guides
As one of the few campuses in Morocco with student housing, the University has cultivated a cozy, family-like environment for you to grow and develop both personally and academically.

Live in a campus functioning like a city, with:

- **Information Technology Services (ITS)** that are on campus to ensure that you stay connected wherever you are throughout the University. Their offices include a service desk that ensures that all your technical issues are dealt with efficiently, including secure printing, scanning, and copying.
- **The Health Center** where four doctors and four nurses are on call 24/7.
- **Counseling services** that offer free and confidential support to help you to fulfill your academic and personal potential.
- **Security services** because your safety is a priority, we have a 24-hour on-call emergency team protecting the AUI community 24/7 on and off campus.

The campus also includes an ATM, post office, copy center, computer labs, shuttle services, and cleaning and housekeeping services.
The AUI restaurants boast a variety of culinary services and oftentimes go above and beyond to make the campus feel like home for the students by providing them with outdoor barbecues and activities so they can enjoy the weather. Four restaurants run by two catering companies provide food services to students on campus, competing with each other to provide freshly prepared meals that include fresh fruit and salads, pizza, pasta, Mediterranean cuisine, American and international cuisine, custom-made sandwiches, vegetarian and diet options, and many other specially designed and chef-curated menus.
Living on campus is one of the most exciting parts of moving to AUI. Being a member within the community provides opportunities for students to attend, participate and organize a wide array of programs and activities. On-campus housing helps you become more involved in the college experience, coherently incorporating classroom work with co-curricular activities that support your ambition and goals. Our student dormitories feature modern amenities and stunning views of the surrounding cedar forest. They also include heating systems, cable television service, wired and wireless internet, kitchens, laundry services, and study lounges.
Live the AUI Experience

Your education at Al Akhawayn is just the start of your college experience. We also provide you with the environment to nurture and develop yourself through numerous student clubs on campus. Whether you are interested in politics, film, astronomy, sports or leadership, AUI has student clubs where you can develop your passion and pick up life skills in leadership, organization, and civic participation along the way.
Which will you join?

Astronomy
AUI Amnesty International
AUI Mechatronics
Design for Change
Drama
Enactus
Explorers
Fantasy
Finance
Gaming and E-Sport
Hand in Hand
Interfaith Alliance
Islamic Art & Culture
Japanese Circle
Korean
Mathletes
Mimouna
Model United Nations
Moroccan Politics
Rhythm Unity
Rotaract
Spanish
TedxAUI
Thought and Creativity
UCN
Unicef
Voices United Choir

(and more...)
We cater for a wide variety of sports. Our facilities include: an olympic-size heated indoor swimming pool, a cardiovascular room, a weight room, a fitness room, a sports hall, natural grass soccer fields, hard tennis courts, and a running track.

Our sports teams take part in tournaments all around the world, such as Euro Commilas Main and Eurovalancia in Spain, Euro Roma in Italy, Bohazisi Sports Festival in Istanbul, and Unisports Festival in Lebanon.

Every year our Athletic Department works tirelessly with the Athletic Council in order to organize annual international sports tournaments on campus such as the “Med Saharan Sports Challenge”, which represents over 1,100 students from 29 universities across four continents.

Our athletes don’t just bond on the field. Join a community of student athletes that also partake in exciting events such as athletic conferences, cultural trips, and parties. To support the University’s educational mission, our Athletic Department became a member of the Moroccan Federation of University sports which is the equivalent of NCAA in USA.

**Get fit in the n°1 ultimate sports city**

Amine Kouame - FINA World’s Masters Championship Bronze Medal 50m

Amr Jgounni - IFBB Athlete Men’s Physique

Fatima Zahra & Rahima Nouass - Gold in the African Championship
Events and Shows

Our campus is home to a large array of conferences, lectures, events, and shows of all kinds. Rarely does a week go by without an event being held!

Job Fair

The Job Fair is an annual event where students and recent graduates have the opportunity to meet companies for potential recruitment. Both national and multinational companies from different sectors take part in the Job Fair to meet, network, and hire potential candidates from various disciplines. Such attendees typically include AMAZON, OCP, IAM, Capgemini, Centrale Danone, Nestle, United Nations, Uniliver, Bank Al-Maghreb, FCA Morocco, and many more.

Talent Show

The Talent Show, organized by the Student Activities Office, is an opportunity for our students to showcase their myriad talents. From singing to belly dancing, the Talent Show is perhaps one of the best attended events of the year, sometimes featuring more than 15 performances.
**Al Akhawayn Short Film Festival**

The ASFF is a chance for our AUI community and for Moroccan students to come together to pursue their passion for film. Organized by the SHSS, the ASFF invites student filmmakers to submit their own productions while also inviting professionals who, during their time on campus, help our students hone their craft. The Festival boasts a wide array of events all of which culminate after three days in a prize ceremony that rewards students for cinematographic excellence.

**Med Saharan Sports Challenge**

The Med Saharan Sport Challenge is an international sporting event organized by the Athletics Office. The Challenge welcomes student-athletes from over 10 universities or more across four continents, and tests their mettle in a variety of sports, from football, to basketball, s o table tennis. One of the largest events of the year, the Med Saharan Sports Challenge is the only international student tournament in Africa.
The Office of International Programs (OIP) has cultivated relationships with more than 400 institutions on five continents, allowing students to spend one or more semesters studying and attending conferences, events, and participating in cultural trips abroad.

Fall Semester 2018
82 international students studying at AUI for a semester or a year come from 51 institutions in 13 countries including the United States of America, China, Japan, South Korea, Denmark, Italy, France, Austria, Germany, Finland, Pakistan, Canada, Switzerland.

“I’ve been able to meet a lot of people from all over the world here, which is an opportunity I don’t have at my home university. Studying International Relations, I get a much more global perspective as opposed to the American-centrist, and oftentimes very one-sided, perspective one.”

Kayla Pelsor
Northwest Missouri State University
United States
Challenge yourself, learn a new language, expand your cultural horizons, make lasting connections, discover amazing places and form lifelong memories! AUI has partnerships with George Washington University, Sciences Po Paris, Bocconi University, Technical University of Munich, Copenhagen Business School, and many more!

AUI students around the world (2016-2017)
Enjoy a Tranquil Landscape, Ideal for Pursuing Your Education

Often referred to as the “Switzerland of Morocco”, Ifrane is the second cleanest city in the world. Nestled in the pristine Middle Atlas Mountains, Ifrane is characterized by its tall cedar trees, crisp, fresh air, and a Mediterranean climate that never fails to engender some of Morocco’s most beautiful and natural views.

In Ifrane, you can enjoy the vast and natural wonders of the garden city while also venturing out into the region to explore springs, waterfalls, rivers, lakes and tall mountains that present lush greenery in the summer, and during the winter are the perfect spot to go skiing or snowboarding.

Despite these wonders, the town also features all the comforts of a modern city. Ifrane boasts a fair number of delicious restaurants, whose gastronomy varies from traditional Moroccan and Lebanese cuisines, to Mexican and Japanese restaurants, to cafés, an array of shops, and some nightlife options.
The first step to beginning your Al Akhawayn experience is to visit our website at www.aui.ma and complete the online application.

Admission to Al Akhawayn is selective and is based on test scores, high school grades and interviews. For more information on admissions requirements, as well as financial aid and scholarship information, please visit: www.aui.ma/admissions

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