

## **Abu Dhabi University Ranks 14th Globally and 2nd regionally in Times Higher Education Rankings for Highest Proportion of International Students**

[Abu Dhabi University \(ADU\)](#) has been recognized by the prestigious Times Higher Education World University Rankings (THE Rankings) for achieving a key milestone in the 'Highest Proportion of International Students' ranking among the top 200 universities with the highest percentage of international students. ADU ranked in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in both the UAE and MENA region and 14<sup>th</sup> globally, with an impressive 59.6% of its students being international students. ADU firmly establishes itself as a leading University in the UAE and the region, which serves as a testament to its unwavering dedication to cultivating a diverse and inclusive student community.

The ranking aligns with the University's strategy of internationalization, which has paved the way for the inauguration of ADU's [Global Mobility Hub](#). The hub serves as a gateway to limitless opportunities for students and for those from partner universities eager to embark on a life-changing educational experience.

The University's capacity to attract students from various backgrounds reflects its global commitment and strong dedication to maintaining the highest standards in academia and student experience. With a diverse mix of over 100 nationalities, ADU is a world-class University that provides advanced educational programs to international students who wish to study in the UAE. These programs include engineering and applied sciences, business, finance and economics as well as health and environment, architecture, health sciences, law, and arts and sciences.

THE's listing included six countries, representing the top 20 universities with high proportion of international students; the list includes the UAE, United Kingdom, Ireland, Germany, Switzerland and Australia.

Furthermore, aligning with ADU's unwavering commitment to sustainability, the University was recognized in THE Impact Rankings for its remarkable achievements. ADU made its first appearance in THE's version of the sustainability rankings, modeled on the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and secured an impressive global position of 301-400 among a total of 1,591 esteemed academic institutions. THE Impact Rankings are global performance tables that assess universities against the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

During last year, ADU has achieved remarkable steps towards several UN SDGs, reflecting the University's commitment to sustainable development in alignment with the UAE's Year of Sustainability and COP28. Among the notable recognitions, ADU ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the UAE and 89<sup>th</sup> globally for SDG1 -Poverty, secured 1<sup>st</sup> position in the UAE and 101-200 globally for SDG16 - Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions, and shared the 1<sup>st</sup> place in UAE and 201-300 globally for SDG2 - Zero Hunger.

Additionally, ADU ranked in the 1<sup>st</sup> place jointly in the UAE for both SDG14 - Life Below Water and SDG11 - Sustainable Cities and Communities and ranked in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place for the UAE for SDG12 - Responsible Consumption and Production and SDG9 Industry Innovation & Infrastructure, as well as ranking in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place jointly in the UAE for SDG13 - Climate Action.

Building on a series of success stories, ADU was recognized by THE World University rankings last year where it was ranked in third place nationwide and first for the teaching

pillar. Additionally, the University was ranked in second place in both research citations and excellence in educational and academic diversity environment at the national level.

**Commenting on this occasion, [Professor Ghassan Aouad, Chancellor of Abu Dhabi University \(ADU\)](#)**, said: “We are honored to once again receive recognition from Times

Higher Education Rankings (THE). This accomplishment serves as a testament to our unwavering dedication to providing exceptional academic programs and unique learning opportunities in line with international standards and best practices. ADU’s exceptional academic environment is designed to equip students with the necessary skills and resources for their journey toward success, as well as drive solutions to the environmental, social and economic challenges the world is currently witnessing. Our relentless pursuit of excellence drives us to continually enhance our programs and offerings, to attract a greater number of students and empower them to thrive and prepare for their future careers.”

ADU is one of the region’s leading academic institutions, working in line with the UAE Government’s National Agenda to deliver internationally accredited academic programs and scientific research opportunities that foster innovation and creative thinking. With a finger on the pulse of tomorrow’s market needs, ADU equips graduates with the tools and resources they need to become influential leaders of the future.

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