



1. POLICY NAME: **FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE**

2. POLICY CATEGORY: **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS**

3. POLICY STATEMENT:

AUD recognizes the challenge of attending a university for the first time and supports the success of all new undergraduate students through a first year experience program. The program includes a comprehensive campus Orientation, workshops, and a course on university success. *The UNIV 100 (The University Experience)* course helps to maximize a student’s ability to benefit from higher education and to ease his or her transition into the university environment.

UNIV 100

To be successful at The American University in Dubai, students need to understand and adapt to the standards, approaches and expectations of the American university system. Because these may differ significantly from the standards, approaches and expectations that incoming students have experienced in previous educational institutions, it is important for AUD to facilitate the socialization process. Therefore, all students entering The American University in Dubai* are required to take *UNIV 100 (The University Experience)*. In this course, first year students are introduced to the structure, norms and expectations which underpin American education and which guide the university’s assessment of student performance. These aspects of American education give priority to critical thinking, oral and written communication skills, goal-directed behavior, personal initiative, ethics and cultural tolerance. In essence, UNIV 100 enables students to adopt the posture of “student-as-a-professional” and to reach their full potential during their tenure at AUD and beyond. All eligible first year students must complete *UNIV 100 (The University Experience)* **within their first two terms in residence.**

Attempting to delay UNIV 100 is not an option, and students who do so may face dismissal from the university.

** Except those who have completed five courses (semester basis) and three courses (quarter basis) at a recognized college or university and/or have taken an equivalent course.*