

## Al-Azhar Al-Sharif International Student Study Systems

Devoted to his universal mission, Al-Azhar Al-Sharif indiscriminately allows his educational services to all Muslims around the world. In cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Al-Azhar annually offers more than 1200 scholarships to students of more than 100 countries around the world. The educational program of international students includes a number of stages:

- Pr-University Education
- University Education
- Higher Studies

The following guide outlines these phases and the admission requirements for each phase as well as the educational fees and expenses (if any) a student should pay. It also provide a brief illustration for the conferment of scholarships and their requirements, procedures and advantages made available to international students entitled to have Al-Azhar scholarships.

### First: Pre-University Education

Pre-University Education includes the following phases:

- A. Primary Schooling: 1-6 grades
- B. Preparatory Schooling: 3 grades
- C. Secondary Schooling: 3 grades

An international student is not restricted to any of these phases except for the 1<sup>st</sup> primary grade unless the conditions, to follow later, are fulfilled specifically the mastership of Arabic.

International students in preparatory and secondary phases (literary) should have their studies at Al-Bu'ūth Institutes in Cairo or Alexandria. A student desirous of studying his secondary school in the scientific section may also study at any other institutes of Cairo or Alexandria unless such study is made available at Al-Bu'ūth Institutes after the approval of Al-Azhar. As to the primary international students, they may enroll at Al-Azhar public Institutes. International students have also chances to join Al-Qira'āt Institutes at either *Tajweed* (basic rules of standard recitation) or 'Aliyah (advanced studies of Qur'anic recitation) phases.

## 1. Primary School

Non-Egyptian students may be admitted to any of the primary grades of Al-Azhar public or private institutes, the latter requires payments of expenses, if their families are legal residents with them on permanent or temporal basis and therefore they submit to the same rules applied to the Egyptians and should not get Al-Azhar-scholarship status.

Table (1) shows the admission requirements for primary school:

Table (1) Primary School

Grade	Age	Admission Requirements	Additional Requirement
First	6-9		Their families should be legal permanent/temporary residents in Egypt
Second	7-10	A certificate from an institute equivalent to Al-Azhar or passing the test organized by Al-Azhar Institute	
Third	8-11		
Fourth	9-12		
Fifth	10-13		
Sixth	14-11		

## 2. Preparatory School

A student may be admitted to the first preparatory grade at Al-Bu'ūth Institutes (of Cairo or Alexandria), if s/he is a holder of Al-Azhar primary certificate or an equivalent certificate. A student may enroll at any other grade, if s/he has a certificate from an institute equivalent to Al-Azhar's'. As to students without certificates, they may have admission after passing the First Level Assessment Test (FLAT) annually arranged by the Institutes Sector (IS) rightly before the beginning of study to enroll the student at the preparatory grade compliant with the test's degree. At all cases, proficiency of Arabic language skills (reading, writing, speaking and hearing) is a prerequisite. Table (2) shows the admission requirements for preparatory School:

Table (2): Preparatory School

Grade	Age	Requirements for holders of school certificates	Requirements for students with no school certificates	General Requirement
First	12 - 25	Al-Azhar primary certificate or a certificate equivalent to it	Having 40-49 % in (FLAT)	Commanding Arabic
Second	-13 26		Having 50-59 % in (FLAT)	
Third	14 - 27		Having 60 % or more in (FLAT)	

### 3. Secondary School

Students eligible for Al-Azhar secondary institutes are the following:

- A. Students who have Al-Azhar preparatory certificates or an equivalent certificate
- B. Students who have a certificate to admission at any grade from an equivalent institute
- C. Students who have passed the FLAT and got 70 % or more and passed the Second Level Assessment Test (SLAT) and have at least 40 % as shown in figure (3).

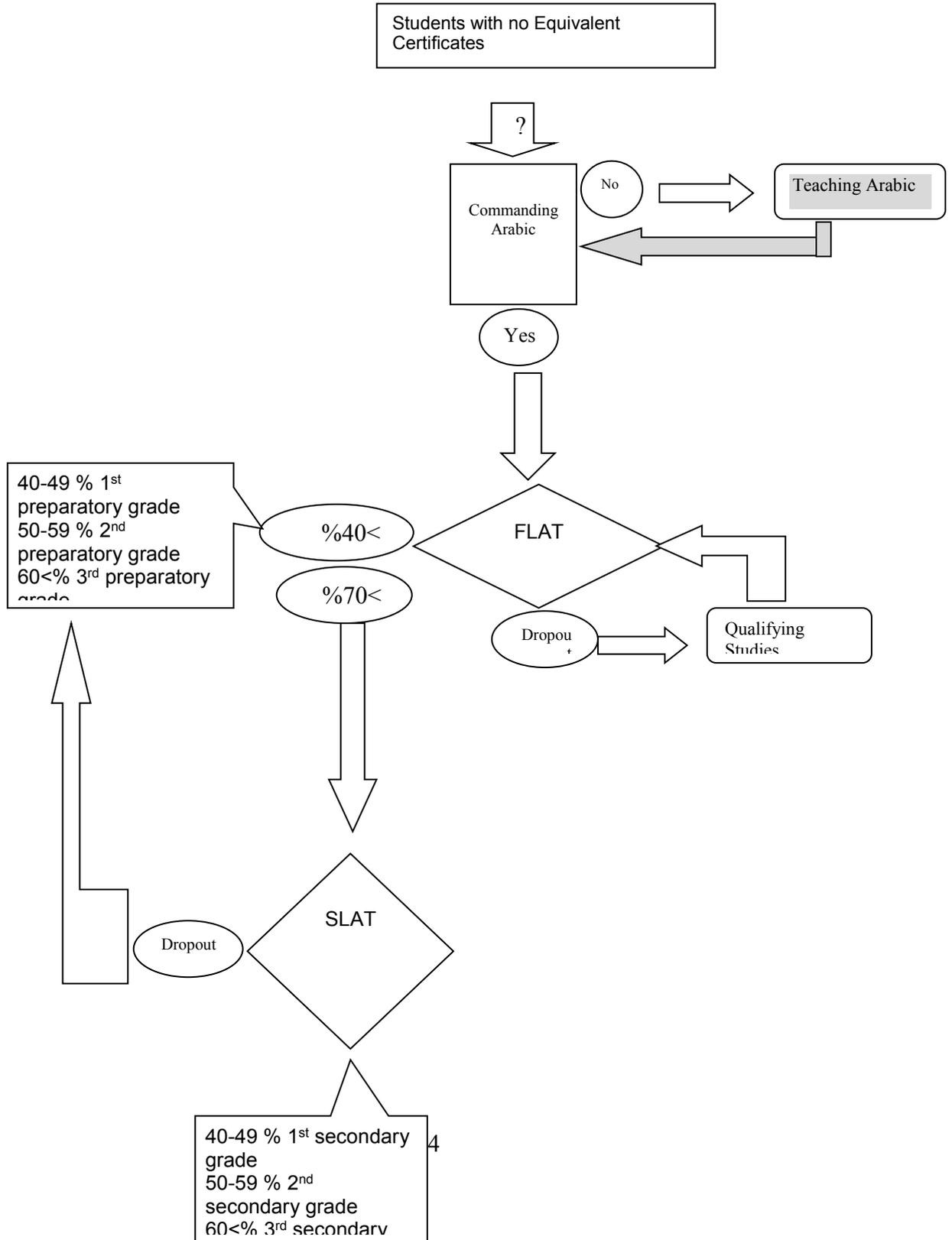
Table (3): Secondary School

Grade	Age	Requirements for holders of school certificates	Requirements for students with no school certificates	General Requirement
First	15- 28	Al-Azhar preparatory certificate, a certificate equivalent to it or a certificate of passing	Having 40-49 % in (FLAT)	Commanding Arabic
Second	16 - 29		Having 50-59 % in (SLAT)	
Third	17 - 30		Having 60 % or more in (SLAT)	

		further grades from an equivalent institute		
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Figure (1) shows a diagram of enrollment steps for students without school certificates equivalent to Al-Azhar's'.

Figure (1)



A student's admission to any of the grades shown in tables (2) and (3) according to the degrees the student gets in the level tests mentioned. In case a student fails to meet the condition of Arabic proficiency, s/he should join the Arabic teaching classes at the special studies institute whose main aim is to teach Arabic to non-Arabic speakers and qualify them for the registration requirement to enroll at any of the educational grades. The level test is to take place after one year of learning.

### **First: Qualification and Special Studies Institutes**

It provides classes for teaching Arabic beside a qualification educational program on Islamic and Arabic sciences. However, this course is not an educational phase and no certificate is awarded. The study begins at September 1 and ends by the end June every year and may continue during summer. Target students include the following categories of students:

1. New non-Arabic speaking students, who are not proficient in Arabic
2. Students with no educational certificate to qualify them in sciences and language for joining the appropriate educational grade according to the level they achieve in level assessment tests.
3. New international students with certificates outside the areas of Shari'ah and Arabic subjects to achieve equivalency to the equal certificate conferred by Al-Azhar Al-Sharif.
4. New international students who desire to have Islamic and Arabic studies without having educational certificates
5. Other students in need of study

The secondary education at Al-Bu'ūth is only in the literary section and those who desire to join the scientific section have to pass the additional test in the scientific curricula ordained on the grades before the one a student wants to enroll in and the applicant must successfully pass the test with at least 40%.

### **Second: Al-Qira'āt Institutes**

These institutes have three successive phases as follows:

- *Tajweed* Phase: 2 years
- *'Aliyah* phase: 3 years
- Specialization phase: 3 years

1. A student may enroll in the *Tajweed* phase if s/he fully keeps the Qur'an by heart and must submit to a test to determine their memorization of the Qur'an and command of Arabic language.
2. Admission also includes international students with specialization certificates from the Faculty of Glorious Qur'an, Al-Azhar University.

### Third: University Education

International students holders of Al-Azhar Secondary Education Certificates (ASEC) from Al-Bu'ūth institutes or Al-Azhar public institutes, literary or scientific, or other equivalent certificates may have admission, on condition of their command Arabic, to studies at the university various faculties in line with their desires and according to the total of their degrees/equivalent degree in case of equivalent certificates.

International students with certificates equivalent to the Egyptian General Secondary Certificate (EGSC) may join the scientific and humanitarian faculties of al-Azhar University after passing the preliminary curricula on Islamic and Arabic disciplines programmed by the University.

### 1. Islamic and Arabic Faculties – Boys

#### **Kulliyat Usūl al-Dīn [Faculty of Fundamentals of Religion]**

Certificates: It awards License in the following specializations:

- Tafseer (Qur'ānic Exegesis)
- Hadeeth (Studies on Prophet's Tradition and their documentation)
- 'Aqeedah (Theology) and Philosophy

Study Period: 4 Years

Teaching Language: "Arabic"

#### **Admission Requirements:**

- Earning Al-Azhar Secondary Education Certificate or an equivalent certificate
- Passing the Arabic Proficiency Test
- Submitting a letter of approval from the embassy

### **Faculty of Sharī'ah and Law**

Certificates: It awards License in the following specializations:

- Islamic Sharī'ah
- Sharī'ah and Law

Study Period: 4 years for the Islamic Sharī'ah Department

5 years for the Sharī'ah and Law Department

Teaching Language: Arabic

#### **Admission Requirements:**

- Earning Al-Azhar Secondary Education Certificate or an equivalent certificate
- Passing the Arabic Proficiency Test
- Submitting a letter of approval from the embassy

### **Faculty of Arabic Language**

Certificates: It awards License in the following specializations:

- General Department
- History and Civilization

Study Period: 4 years

Teaching Language: Arabic

#### **Admission Requirements:**

- Earning Al-Azhar Secondary Education Certificate or an equivalent certificate
- Passing the Arabic Proficiency Test
- Submitting a letter of approval from the embassy

### **Faculty of Islamic Da'wah**

Certificates: It awards License in Islamic Da'wah

Study Period: 4 years

Teaching Language: Arabic

#### **Admission Requirements:**

- Earning Al-Azhar Secondary Education Certificate or an equivalent certificate
- Passing the Arabic Proficiency Test
- Submitting a letter of approval from the embassy

### **Faculty of Islamic and Arabic Studies**

Certificates: It awards License in Islamic and Arabic studies

Study Period: 4 years

Teaching Language: Arabic

#### **Admission Requirements:**

- Earning Al-Azhar Secondary Education Certificate or an equivalent certificate
- Passing the Arabic Proficiency Test
- Submitting a letter of approval from the embassy

### **Faculty of Islamic Sciences for International Students (boys/girls)**

(This program is also available in distance learning, see p. 21)

Certificates: License at Islamic Sciences

Study Period: 4 years

Teaching Language: Arabic

#### **Admission Requirements:**

- Earning Al-Azhar Secondary Education Certificate or equivalent certificate
- Passing the Arabic Proficiency Test
- Payment of fees

NB: this faculty offers Islamic and Arabic studies as well as curricula of social sciences, Islamic economy and computer skills to expand work opportunities for graduates. A student (without Al-Azhar scholarship system) should pay the education tuition of 1000 U.S. dollars per year.

### **General Notes**

- All faculties and departments of Islamic and Arabic sciences and Departments of Arabic and Islamic studies in the Faculty of Education as well as Departments of Islamic Studies in foreign languages are free of charge for international students, like their Egyptian counterparts, and no fees is required. Only some minor fees to be paid for services, such as university cards and status statements, whose total is less than 100 EGYPT a year. This general rule is not applicable to Journalism and information department, faculty of Islamic studies for girls, as it submits to treatment equal to other theoretical faculties where an international student (without a scholarship) should pay registration fees of £ 1000 (only once) besides the annual educational tuition of £ 1000.
- Private students (without Al-Azhar scholarships) at the Faculty of Islamic Sciences for international students should pay annual fees of 1000 U.S. dollars.
- International students, girls and boys, with a certificate equivalent to the Egyptian General Secondary Certificate (EGSC), who desire to enroll in faculties of Islamic sciences, must pass the Level Assessment Test programmed by the institutes Sector before registration in a school grade at Al-Bu'ūth Institute to earn Al-Azhar Secondary Education Certificate (Al-Bu'ūth) before joining a faculty of Islamic sciences.

## 1. Faculties of Islamic Sciences

### Faculties of Islamic and Arabic Sciences (Girls)

Certificates: They award License in the following specializations:

- Theology and Philosophy
- Hadeeth
- Tafseer (Qur'ānic Exegesis)
- Arabic language (Studies on Prophet's Tradition and their documentation)
- Islamic Sharī'ah
- Sharī'ah and Law
- Journalism and Information (submit to educational fees)

Study Period: 4 years for all departments excepting the Department of Journalism and Information: 5 years.

Teaching Language: Arabic

#### Admission Requirements:

- Earning Al-Azhar Secondary Education Certificate (ASEC) or equivalent certificate
- Passing the Arabic Proficiency Test
- Submitting a letter of approval from the embassy

**B.N. All departments of this faculty are free for all students except for the department of Journalism and Information where a girl student should pay registration fees of £ 1000 (only once) besides an annual educational tuition of £ 1000.**

### Faculty of Islamic Sciences for International Students: Boys and Girls

(This program is also available in distance learning, see p. 21)

Certificates: It awards License in Islamic Sciences

Study Period: 4 years

Teaching Language: Arabic

#### Admission Requirements:

- Earning Al-Azhar Secondary Education Certificate or its equivalent certificate or an equivalency certificate for the Egyptian General Secondary Certificate

- Passing the Arabic Proficiency Test
- Payment of fees
- Submitting a letter of approval from the embassy

NB: This faculty offers Islamic and Arabic studies as well as curricula of social sciences, Islamic economy and computer skills to expand work opportunities for graduates. A student (without Al-Azhar scholarship system) should pay the education fees of 1000 U.S. dollars per year.

### **Theoretical and Humanitarian Faculties**

Admission to theoretical and humanitarian faculties is available for students' holders of Al-Azhar Secondary Education Certificate or its equivalent certificate, or Egyptian General Secondary Certificate or an equivalent certificate. In the latter case, a student should study a qualifying year programmed by the university to include Islamic and Arabic curricula and a student is not to enroll in the faculty unless s/he successfully passes these curricula. All these faculties submit to fees paid by international students except for the Islamic and Arabic studies departments at the Faculty of Languages and Translation and the Faculty of Education, which are free of charge.

### **Faculty of Languages and Translation - Boys**

Certificates: It awards License in the following specializations:

- English Language and Literature – French Language and Literature – German Language and Literature
- Spanish Language and Literature – Italian Language and Literature – Greek Language and Literature
- Urdu Language and Literature – Persian Language and Literature – Chinese Language and Literature
- Hebrew Language and Literature – Turkish Language and Literature – African Language and Literature
- English/Arabic Simultaneous translation – French/Arabic Simultaneous translation
- Islamic Studies in Foreign Languages (English/French/German/African/Chinese)

All departments should pay registration fees of £ 1000 besides the annual educational tuition of £ 1000 except the Department of Islamic studies in Foreign Languages, which is free.

Study Period: years

Teaching Language: the Chosen foreign language + Arabic language

**Admission Requirements:**

- Earning Al-Azhar Secondary Education Certificate or an equivalent certificate or the Egyptian General Secondary Certificate
- Passing the Arabic Proficiency Test
- Passing the qualification one-year course for holders of the Egyptian General Secondary Certificate and its equivalent certificates. As to holders of Al-Azhar Secondary Education Certificates, they should successfully pass the preliminary year program.
- Submitting a letter of approval from the embassy
- Payment of registration fees and education tuition

Faculty of Commerce: Boys/Girls

Certificates: It awards Bachelor's degrees in the following specializations of commerce:

- Accounting
- Economics
- Business management
- Insurance

Study Period: 4 years

Teaching Language: Arabic language

**Admission Requirements:**

- Earning Al-Azhar Secondary Education Certificate or an equivalent certificate or the Egyptian General Secondary Certificate or an equivalent certificate
- Passing the Arabic Proficiency Test
- Passing the qualification one-year course for holders of the Egyptian General Secondary Certificate or an equivalent certificate.
- Submitting a letter of approval from the embassy
- Payment of registration fees and education tuition

**Faculty of Education/Boys**

**Certificates:** It awards Bachelor's degrees in the following specializations of Education:

- Arabic Language – Islamic Studies – English Language – French Language
- Social Service – Art Education

Tuition Payment is necessary for all departments except Arabic Language and Islamic Studies, as they are free.

Study Period: 4 years

Teaching Language: Arabic language and the foreign language of specialization

**Admission Requirements:**

- Earning Al-Azhar Secondary Education Certificate or an equivalent certificate or the Egyptian General Secondary Certificate or an equivalent certificate
- Passing the Arabic Proficiency Test
- Passing the qualification one-year course for holders of the Egyptian General Secondary Certificate or an equivalent certificate
- Submitting a letter of approval from the embassy
- Passing a personal exam organized by the faculty
- Payment of registration fees and education tuition

**Faculty of Humanitarian Studies (Girls)**

**Certificates:** It awards license in the following specializations:

- English language and literature – French Language and literature – German Language and literature – Spanish Language and literature – Urdu Language and literature – Persian Language and literature – Chinese Language and literature – Hebrew Language and literature – Turkish Language and literature - English/Arabic Simultaneous Translation – French/Arabic Simultaneous Translation – Sociology – Psychology – History – Geography – Documents and Libraries – Childhood Education - Islamic Sciences and Arabic language Education
- Tuition Payment is required from all international students in all departments except Islamic Sciences and Arabic language Education, as they are free

Study Period: 4 years

Teaching language: Arab and the specialization language

**Admission Requirements:**

- Earning Al-Azhar Secondary Education Certificate or an equivalent certificate or the Egyptian General Secondary Certificate or an equivalent certificate
- Passing the Arabic Proficiency Test
- Passing the qualification one-year course for holders of the Egyptian General Secondary Certificate or an equivalent certificate. As to holders of Al-Azhar Secondary Education Certificates, they should successfully pass the preliminary year program
- Submitting a letter of approval from the embassy
- Payment of registration fees and education tuition

**Practical Faculties**

Admission to practical faculties is available for international students with of Al-Azhar Secondary Education Certificates **(scientific section)** or an equivalent certificate, or the Egyptian General Secondary Certificate or an equivalent certificate. Registration fees of £ 1500 to be paid only once besides the annual educational tuition of £ 1500. International students enjoying Al-Azhar scholarships are exempted from such tuitions.

**Faculty of Medicine - Boys/Faculty of Medicine - Girls**

**Certificates:** It awards the Bachelor's Degree in Medicine and Surgery

Study Period: 6 years and an additional training year spent in a university hospital before practicing the career.

Study Language: English / Arabic

**Admission Requirements:**

- Earning Al-Azhar Secondary Education Certificate (scientific section) or an equivalent certificate or the Egyptian General Secondary Certificate (scientific section) or an equivalent certificate
- Passing the Arabic Proficiency Test
- Passing the qualification one-year course for holders of the Egyptian General Secondary Certificate (scientific section) or an equivalent certificate.

- Submitting a letter of approval from the embassy
- Payment of registration fees and education tuition

### **Faculty of Dentistry - Boys/ Faculty of Dentistry - Girls**

**Certificates:** It awards Bachelor's of Dental Medicine and Surgery

Study Period: 5 years

Study Language: English / Arabic

#### **Admission Requirements:**

- Earning Al-Azhar Secondary Education Certificate (scientific section) or an equivalent certificate or the Egyptian General Secondary Certificate (scientific section) or an equivalent certificate
- Passing the qualification one-year course for holders of the Egyptian General Secondary Certificate (scientific section) or an equivalent certificate
- Passing the Arabic Proficiency Test
- Submitting a letter of approval from the embassy
- Payment of registration fees and education tuition

### **Faculty of Pharmacy - Boys / Faculty of Pharmacy - Girls**

**Certificates:** It awards Bachelor of Pharmacy

Study Period: 5 years

Study Language: English / Arabic

#### **Admission Requirements:**

- Earning Al-Azhar Secondary Education Certificate (scientific section) or an equivalent certificate or the Egyptian General Secondary Certificate (scientific section) or an equivalent certificate
- Passing the qualification one-year course for holders of the Egyptian General Secondary Certificate (scientific section) or an equivalent certificate
- Passing the Arabic Proficiency Test
- Submitting a letter of approval from the embassy
- Payment of registration fees and education tuition

### **Faculty of Engineering - Boys**

**Certificates:** It awards Bachelor of Engineering in the following specializations

- Electrical Engineering – Mechanical Engineering – Systems and Computer Engineering - Architectural Engineering - Construction Planning – Civil Engineering

Study Period: 5 years

Study Language: English / Arabic

**Admission Requirements:**

- Earning Al-Azhar Secondary Education Certificate (scientific section) or an equivalent certificate or the Egyptian General Secondary Certificate (scientific section) or an equivalent certificate
- Passing the qualification one-year course for holders of the Egyptian General Secondary Certificate (scientific section) or an equivalent certificate
- Passing the Arabic Proficiency Test
- Submitting a letter of approval from the embassy

Payment of registration fees and education tuition

**Faculty of Engineering - Girls**

**Certificates:** It awards Bachelor of Engineering in the following specializations

- Electrical Engineering – Architectural Engineering - Systems and Computer Engineering

Study Period: 5 years

Study Language: English / Arabic

**Admission Requirements:**

- Earning Al-Azhar Secondary Education Certificate (scientific section) or an equivalent certificate or the Egyptian General Secondary Certificate (scientific section) or an equivalent certificate
- Passing the qualification one-year course for holders of the Egyptian General Secondary Certificate (scientific section) or an equivalent certificate
- Passing the Arabic Proficiency Test
- Submitting a letter of approval from the embassy

- Payment of registration fees and education tuition

### **Faculty of Sciences - Boys**

**Certificates:** It awards Bachelor of Sciences (BSc) in the following specializations:

Mathematics – Chemistry – Physics – Biophysics – Botany – Microbiology – Zoology - Entomology - Mathematics and Computer Sciences – Geology - Astronomy and Meteorology

Study Period: 4 years

Study Language: English / Arabic

### **Admission Requirements**

- Earning Al-Azhar Secondary Education Certificate (scientific section) or an equivalent certificate or the Egyptian General Secondary Certificate (scientific section) or an equivalent certificate
- Passing the qualification one-year course for holders of the Egyptian General Secondary Certificate (scientific section) or an equivalent certificate
- Passing the Arabic Proficiency Test
- Submitting a letter of approval from the embassy

Payment of registration fees and education tuition

### **Faculty of Sciences - Girls**

**Certificates:** It awards Bachelor of Sciences (BSc) in the following specializations:

Mathematics – Mathematics and Computer Sciences - Physics – Chemistry - Botany – Microbiology – Entomology - Zoology

Study Period: 4 years

Study Language: English / Arabic

### **Admission Requirements**

- Earning Al-Azhar Secondary Education Certificate (scientific section) or an equivalent certificate or the Egyptian General Secondary Certificate (scientific section) or an equivalent certificate
- Passing the qualification one-year course for holders of the Egyptian General Secondary Certificate (scientific section) or an equivalent certificate

- Passing the Arabic Proficiency Test
- Submitting a letter of approval from the embassy
- Payment of registration fees and education tuition

### **Faculty of Agriculture - Boys**

**Certificates:** It awards Bachelor's in the specializations of agriculture

Study Period: 4 years

Study Language: Arabic

#### **Admission Requirements**

- Earning Al-Azhar Secondary Education Certificate (scientific section) or an equivalent certificate or the Egyptian General Secondary Certificate (scientific section) or an equivalent certificate
- Passing the qualification one-year course for holders of the Egyptian General Secondary Certificate (scientific section) or an equivalent certificate
- Passing the Arabic Proficiency Test
- Submitting a letter of approval from the embassy
- Payment of registration fees and education tuition

#### 1. Other Practical Faculties and Departments

International students may also be admitted to the following practical faculties and departments but all of them require the payment of £ 1000 as registration fees that is only paid for once and £ 1000 as annual education tuitions.

### **Practical Departments in the Faculty of Education - Boys**

**Certificates:** It awards bachelors in the following specializations of education:

Chemistry and Physics – Mathematics – Natural History – Education Technology

Study Period: 4 years

Study Language: Arabic

#### **Admission Requirements**

- Earning Al-Azhar Secondary Education Certificate (scientific section) or an equivalent certificate or the Egyptian General

Secondary Certificate (scientific section) or an equivalent certificate

- Passing a personal test organized by the Faculty
- Passing the qualification one-year course for holders of the Egyptian General Secondary Certificate (scientific section) or an equivalent certificate
- Passing the Arabic Proficiency Test
- Submitting a letter of approval from the embassy
- Payment of registration fees and education tuition

### **Faculty of Physical Education – Boys**

**Certificates:** It awards Bachelor's in the physical education

Study Period: 4 years

Study Language: Arabic

### **Admission Requirements**

- Earning Al-Azhar Secondary Education Certificate (scientific section) or an equivalent certificate or the Egyptian General Secondary Certificate (scientific section) or an equivalent certificate
- Passing the qualification one-year course for holders of the Egyptian General Secondary Certificate (scientific section) or an equivalent certificate
- Passing the Arabic Proficiency Test
- Submitting a letter of approval from the embassy
- Payment of registration fees and education tuition

### **General Rules**

All of al-Azhar faculties and departments of Islamic and Arabic sciences are available free of charge for all international students except the Faculty of Islamic Sciences for International

Students. International students enjoying Al-Azhar Scholarships are also exempted from registration fees and education tuition required in theoretical faculties and departments (humanitarian departments) as well as practical departments and faculties. As to students without Al-Azhar scholarships, they should pay the fees required from non-Egyptian students under act No. 103 of 1961 and its executive regulation as follows:

- A. Registration fees of £ 1000 to be paid once only in theoretical faculties and practical departments of the faculty of education and the faculty of physical education. The same fees are also applicable to faculties of commerce/Humanitarian studies/Languages and Translation/Journalism and Information/ literary departments of the faculty of education beside the annual education tuition of £ 1000.
- B. Registration fees of £1500 to be paid once only in practical faculties besides the annual education tuition of £ 1500.

### **Proficiency o Arabic Language**

Proficiency in Arabic language four skills (reading – writing – speaking – hearing) is a requisite for a student to enroll in educational grades leading to Al-Azhar Secondary Education Certificate. The same rule is equally applicable to all educational phases.

1. Non-Arabic speaking students who have no equivalency certificate to Al-Azhar Secondary Education Certificate and aim to join pre-university phases, Al-Azhar organize qualification studies for them in Arabic language at the Institute of Special Studies and Qualification Courses in preparation for registering them in one of the preparatory or secondary grades.
2. Non-Arabic speaking students with equivalences certificates to Al-Azhar certificate or the Egyptian General Secondary Certificate who aim to join any of the university faculties should pass an Arabic test and s/he who fails should study at the center of Teaching Arabic to non-Arabic speaking students. Students, uncovered by Al-Azhar scholarships, should pay the education tuition required by the center while Al-Azhar

pays the education tuition for the students enjoying Al-Azhar scholarships.

### **Privileges of Students with Scholarships**

1. Full residence at Al-Bu'ūth student cities of Cairo and Alexandria
2. Monthly stipend
3. Exemption from education tuition at all phases
4. Cash stipend submits to deduction in case a student fails and is fully debared in case of dismissal for any reason.

### **Higher Studies**

International students are admitted to high studies stage in faculties on condition that a student earns his/her bachelors or license from the same faculty in the same specialization or from any other faculty outside Al-Azhar when the equivalency certificate meets the requirements of similar faculties of Al-Azhar University. Having at least the degree of "good" in the subject of specialization is also required in the university education prior to higher studies. As to the faculties of Islamic and Arabic sciences, successful passing of admission test prior to enrolling in the high studies is also required. Al-Azhar University awards High Studies Certificates in all areas of specialization, as follows;

1. Diploma of Higher Studies in some specializations/some faculties only
2. Master Degree (*takhaṣṣuṣ*) in all specializations/all faculties
3. Doctoral Degree (*al-'Alamiyyah*) in all specializations/all faculties

### **Higher Studies Programs**

Higher studies program for the master degree includes one-year course in some faculties and two-year course in other faculties in addition to the submission of an academic thesis.

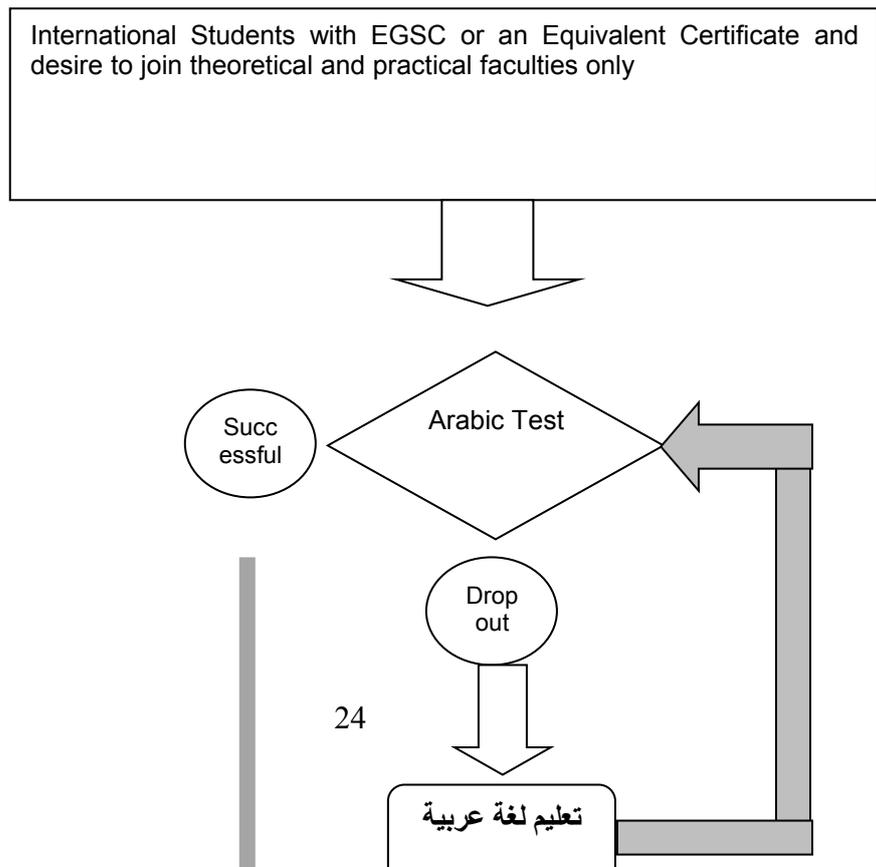
### Documents and Papers required for Applicants

1. As for holders of certificates equivalent to Al-Azhar's', they should submit their school certificate (prototype) ratified by the Egyptian embassy in the student's country or by the Egyptian Interests Office with ratification from the Egyptian ministry of foreign affairs.
2. Birthday Certificate or an official extract from it as stated in the above it but in case it is unattainable, the data recorded in the student's passport or any similar document will be sufficient.
3. A photocopy of the student's passport
4. A written approval of the student's study at Al-Azhar from his/her national embassy in Cairo
5. A candidacy letter from Al-Azhar as to students with scholarship
6. A Medical certificate from Al-Azhar university hospitals that a student is free from infectious diseases upon his arrival to Egypt to be submitted once only unless a student travels outside Egypt when a new certificate is required upon his/her return.
7. Students at their personal expenses should submit evidence of their affordability of residence in Egypt and education tuition. A formal statement accredited by an official authority and ratified by the Egyptian Embassy or the student's Embassy in Egypt should be submitted in which the student solemnly promises to pay education tuition to faculties and the tuition of teaching Arabic to non-Arabic speakers in case they fail to pass the Arabic proficiency test.

### **Documents and Papers Required for Applying to Equivalency Certificates**

Application to equivalency certificates should be submitted to Al-Azhar by the holders of the certificate, the certificate-awarding institution or the embassy of the state that issued the





### Distance Learning Program

Al-Azhar University, in cooperation with World Association for Al-Azhar Graduates (WAAG), introduces the Distance-Learning Program in the Faculty of Islamic Sciences for international students to award (license in Islamic sciences) through Distance Learning in Arabic language. The educational material is presented to learners through the Internet with aim to allow and facilitate Al-Azhar Curricula in the specialization area of Islamic sciences to all Muslims around the world specifically those whose conditions may not allow them come to Egypt to attend study regularly. Going beyond time and space, we aim to promote the Islamic moderate values and Islamic religious disciplines according to Al-Azhar approach noted for his rightful moderation.

#### **First: Program Distinguished Features**

Distance learning program of Faculty of Islamic Science – Al-Azhar University, is noted for the following marks distinguishing it from other programs:

1. Al-Azhar University's long history and universal credibility in areas of Islamic sciences; it is rightly known as the oldest of the world universities.
2. The certificate awarded is "the License in Islamic Sciences" from Al-Azhar University
3. Professionally prepared educational curricula by some of the elites of Al-Azhar scholars and academia
4. Educational contents are prepared in line with most up-to-date educational styles and program technology
5. Availability of varieties of contents, written, audio, visual and interactive distinguishably segmented by experts of educational design of distance learning
6. Easy access to professor in virtual classroom systems and e-discussions
7. Technical support is provided 24 hours a day

8. Providing a notable teaching staff to help students about any difficulty they may encounter

### **Second: Admission Requirements**

An applicant to the license degree in Islamic sciences must satisfy the following requirements:

1. Holding Al-Azhar Secondary Education Certificate or its equivalent certificate or the Egyptian General Secondary Certificate or its equivalent certificate
2. Being a good Muslim of noble reputation
3. Proficiency of Arabic Language

### **Third: Study System**

The study at the faculty adopts the accredited-hours system wherein the academic year has three semesters as follows;

First Semester: Lasts for 15 weeks beginning with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of November

Second Semester: Lasts for 15 weeks beginning with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of March

Summer Semester: Lasts for 6 weeks beginning with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of July

### **Fourth: Education Tuition**

Education tuitions required are 80 U.S. dollars per curriculum and the annual total of education fees is 1500 U.S. dollars (one thousand five hundred U.S. dollars), which may be repaid by two installments, equally divided. E-payment of tuition is also available.

A student may register at least for (5) curricula per semester

Fifth: Application and Registration

Applications are processed, around the clock, through Al-Azhar website: [www.azharegypt.edu.eg](http://www.azharegypt.edu.eg).

### **Phases of Application to the Program**

**First:** Electronic Registration; a student fills a form of application and submits it to the website and then a new page appears to confirm the authenticity of his/her information.

**Second:** E-mail verification process; after submitting your application, an immediate notification will be sent to your email with your own username and password

**Third:** Uploading Documents; a student who did not send his/her educational documents upon filling the application form, should send them to the following email: [reg.office@azharegypt.net](mailto:reg.office@azharegypt.net)

**Fourth:** Application Review; your application will be reviewed within two weeks after which a detailed list of necessary requirements for registration process will be sent to your emails.

**Fifth:** Application Admission Follow-up; during the period of accreditation, you may follow up you application through the internet using your username and password.

**Sixth:** Sending of documents and payment of tuitions; documents required should be sent by Express Mail Service (EMS).

**Seventh:** Curricula Registration; to actually become involved, a student should have his/her educational curricula registered by request of registration of the subjects to be studied in the first semester of his/her course of education in the university.

### Correspondences and Contacts

You can contact us through the following means

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