

Saudi Arabia

In 2012-2013, 11 U.S. students studied abroad in Saudi Arabia for academic credit.

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Education System Overview

Academic year: August – June

Major school holidays/break:

- Ramadan
- Saudi National Day: September 23
- Eid Al Adha Holiday: October 9
- First Semester Holiday: January 15
- Mid Semester Vacation: March 19 – 29
- Annual Holiday: June 6

Major exam period(s):

- First Semester Exams: January 1
- Second Semester Exams: May 24

Structure of the university system:

- **Years of study required to earn a bachelor's degree:** 4 years
- **The language of instruction in universities:** Arabic in state schools; English in some private schools

Resources:

1. Organization: Ministry of Education

Website: <http://www.moe.gov.sa/openshare/englishcon>

2. Organization: Tatweer

Website: <http://www.tatweer.edu.sa>

3. Organization: Ministry of Higher Education

Website: <http://www.mohe.gov.sa> <http://gis.mohe.gov.sa/EN>



4. Organization: Saudi Commission for Health Specialties
Website: <http://scfhs.org.sa/eng>
5. Organization: Technical and Vocational Training Corporation
Website: <http://www.tvtc.gov.sa/English>
6. Organization: Royal Commission for Yanbu and Jubail
Website: <http://www.rcjy.gov.sa>
7. Organization: National Commission for Academic Accreditation & Assessment
Website: <http://www.ncaaa.org.sa>
8. Organization: National Center for Assessment in Higher Education
Website: <http://www.qeyas.org>
9. Organization: The National Center for E-Learning and Distance Education
Website: <http://www.elc.edu.sa>
10. Organization: Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission
Website: <http://www.sacm.org>
11. Organization: Ministry of Health
Website: <http://www.moh.gov.sa>

Know Before You Go

- [How to Apply for Your U.S. Passport](#)
- [Saudi Arabia Travel Information](#)

U.S. Government-Sponsored Study and Exchange Programs

- [Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program](#)
- [Gilman Scholarship Program](#)