

## FAQs (Open Day Handout)

### NU track record

#### **1- For how long has NU been in the market?**

The presidential decree for establishing the University was issued in July 2006, followed by official inauguration ceremony on January 11th, 2007.

#### **2- Have you graduated any classes?**

NU has graduated one EMBA class in September 2007. In summer 2010, NU has graduated 108 students in the different masters programs.

#### **3- How many students do you currently have?**

NU currently has 264 graduate students in 10 Masters Programs, and 86 undergraduates.

#### **4- What is unique about NU? What can NU offer me that does not exist at other private universities?**

**NU points of strength could be summarized as follows:**

- High quality education at competitive prices.
- High quality faculty, experienced in teaching and active in research.
- Curricula benchmarked to international standards for engineering and business accreditation.
- Curricula comparable to top universities abroad but tailored to the needs of the Egyptian market.
- Unique features/specializations in the programs proposed.
- International collaboration with reputable universities and institutes.
- Positive reputation of NU graduate programs.
- Opportunity for undergraduate students to pursue post graduate studies at NU.
- Opportunities for students to receive scholarships and student loans.
- Alliances with industry leaders that will facilitate internships for students and recruitment opportunities for graduates.
- Better equipped than competitors to adapt curricula and facilities to the rapidly changing technological environment.

#### **5- Do you facilitate internships and/or employment opportunities after graduation?**

NU has alliances with industry leaders and business partners who can offer internship opportunities for students especially that internships/service learning is considered a university general education requirement. NU strong ties to business make employment opportunities after graduation also available. The university established a career advising office to help students in this respect. This summer NU facilitated internships to UG students at Cultnet, Piraeus Bank, TE Data and Ramses Hilton.

## Faculty

### **6- How do you recruit your faculty members? What are their nationalities? Are all of them PhD holders?**

NU recruits qualified PhD holders with experience in teaching and research regardless of the nationality. NU has both Egyptian and non-Egyptian faculty members. Recognizing the paramount value of its faculty members to the successful delivery of its mission, Nile University aims at attracting Egyptians who were educated overseas, or who have become professionals and scientists in foreign countries following their education, in addition to international professors willing to make a commitment to the University. In hiring its faculty, NU considers the importance of intellectual and cultural diversity. NU currently has over 30 full time faculty in addition to part-time and visiting professors. There is a plan in place to hire additional full time faculty every semester as the University grows.

## Programs

### **7- What are the graduate and undergraduate programs NU is currently offering?**

#### **Fields of Graduate Studies:**

1. Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA)
2. Management of Technology
3. Construction Engineering and Management
4. Transportation Systems
5. Communication and Information Technology- General Track
6. Wireless Technologies
7. Software Engineering
8. Information Security
9. Microelectronics System Design
10. Nanotechnology

#### **Fields of Undergraduate Studies:**

1. Bachelor of Business Administration degree (BBA)
2. Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering (CE)
3. Bachelor of Science in Electronics and Communications Engineering (ECE)
4. Bachelor of Science in Industrial and Service Engineering and Management (ISEM)

**Please refer to the program booth for more details on each program and for the admission desk for more details on the admission requirements.**

### **8- Are the programs accredited by the Ministry of Higher Education?**

Yes.

### **9- Are the degrees recognized abroad? Can I pursue graduate studies inside and outside Egypt?**

The degrees are recognized both locally and internationally. Students can pursue graduate studies inside and outside Egypt. They can also pursue Masters Degrees at NU with a possibility of a reduction in their Masters graduation requirements while top-ranked students have the opportunity to pursue graduate studies with NU international partners. Currently there are 7 NU alumni pursuing their PhD at well known North American universities.

**10- Is the degree awarded solely by NU or is there an international partner?**

The degree is awarded by NU. However, undergraduate students, especially juniors and seniors, will benefit from the experience of the visiting professors teaching in the graduate programs who will be invited to classes to give presentations and case studies.

NU has collaboration with the following international partners:

- The IESE Business School, University of Navarra, Spain.
- The University of Minnesota Center for Development of Technological Leadership.
- The University of Miami.
- The International Association for Management of Technology.
- The Carnegie Mellon Software Engineering Institute (SEI)
- The Software Engineering Competence Center (SECC).
- The Electrical & Computer Engineering department (ECE) and the Institute of Sensor Systems (ISS) at the Ohio State University.
- The University of Central Florida (UCF) Center for Advanced Transportation Systems Simulation (CATSS).
- Johns Hopkins University.
- Imperial College of London.
- Northwestern University.

**Undergraduate Operations**

**11- What is the class schedule? At what time does the first class start and at what time does the last class end?**

Regular classes are for 1hr 15 mn twice a week. Some courses require tutorials and/or labs as well. Classes start at 8:45 am and end at 4:00 pm Sundays through Thursdays.

**12- Do you offer transportation service? To which areas? What are the pick-up points? How frequent? How much are the fees and do they defer according to location? Is the bus service available on weekends?**

Yes, Nu offers transportation services to UG students. Last year bus lines were:

Mohandesen	Maadi	Giza and Pyramids	6 <sup>th</sup> of October
Heliopolis	Nasr City	5 <sup>th</sup> District	

Bus fees are fixed and are based on location. Fees amount to LE 1200 per semester for 6<sup>th</sup> of October and vicinity (El Sheikh Zayed, Pyramids etc) and LE 1800 per semester for other locations. Students could also pay LE 20 for a single bus trip. Transportation is not

available on official holidays. If needed, a weekend bus schedule will be announced a week in advance.

Final routes pick-up points and schedules will eventually be determined based on the number of students registered each academic year and their residences.

### **Tuition & Scholarship**

#### **13- What are the tuition fees for UG? Is it paid as a lump sum or on installments?**

For the undergraduate programs, the tuition fees per credit hour is EGP 1900. Total tuition per academic year depends on the number of credit hours the student has registered for.

- Business students take an average load of 30 credit hours per academic year.
  - Engineering students take an average load of 35 credit hours per academic year.
- The tuition fees for non-Egyptians amount to \$500 per credit hour.

#### **14- What are the tuition fees for Graduate Studies?**

For the graduate programs, the tuition fees per credit hour is EGP 3000. Total tuition per academic year depends on the number of credit hours the student has registered for.

**NU offers scholarships based on merit and need. Please refer to NU tuition and scholarship policy for more details on scholarship categories and maintenance of scholarship.**

#### **15- Why are you priced higher than others/ universities in 6 October (MSA, MUST,...)?**

**NU offers high quality programs at competitive prices.**

NU undergraduate programs have the following features that differentiate them from competition:

- **The curriculum is benchmarked to top universities** in Europe and the US.
- **The curriculum is designed to satisfy ABET and AACSB accreditation requirements.**
- The curricula reflect a **well-rounded education** that provides students with a foundation of knowledge and skills that supports lifelong learning and professional development.
- NU education philosophy enables **students to acquire and demonstrate competencies in effective communication, application of qualitative and quantitative analysis, problem-solving, decision-making, critical thinking, entrepreneurship, team work and leadership.**
- The curricula **combine theories and practice** through case studies, guest speakers, workshops, projects and internships.
- The University offers **possibilities for double majors.**
- The University intends to **establish alliances with top IT companies** such as SAP and Oracle to add practical applications to the business curricula and to certify students as professional users.
- Programs are **structured with both local and global focus.**

- The curriculum has **an internship and a service learning component** to reflect NU commitment to the community.
- **Some specializations are either new to the Egyptian market** (Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management in Business) **or have a unique focus** (Service Management in ISEM). The CE and EE degrees also offer some unique tracks which gives the students the opportunity to cover their areas of interest in more details.
- **Classes are limited to a maximum of 50 students and most of them are divided into 25- student tutorials.** All English classes are limited to 25 students. This improves learning and facilitates interaction between instructors and students.
- Being a research university, NU offers undergraduate students the **opportunity to engage in research activities** in their specializations.
- The University offers opportunities for undergraduate students to **pursue Masters Degrees at NU with a possibility of exemption from some courses in their Masters Graduation requirements.**
- **Top-ranked students have the opportunity to pursue graduate studies with NU international partners.**
- **Internships and recruitment opportunities are available at NU business partners.**

#### 16- What are the accepted means of payment?

NU accepts cash payment, Visa and Master Card credit cards, certified checks and bank transfers to NU accounts.

#### 17- Do you have a bank branch on campus?

NU has opened bank accounts for tuition payment at CIB and HSBC located at Dandy Mall which is 10 minutes far from NU campus.

### Admission

#### A. Undergraduate

#### 18- What are the admission requirements for UG studies?

A Complete application package includes:

- Application form completed and signed.
- Official final high school transcript (stamped) – **Thanawya Amma**, American Diploma: **stamped by** CITA and the IGCSE: **stamped by** the British Council and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Official SAT 1 (& SAT 2 or high school advanced math stamped by CITA in case of majoring in Engineering): stamped by AMIDEAST.
- “Istmara 2 Gond.”
- Computerized birth certificate.
- Copy of national ID or passport (Egyptians).
- Copy of passport (Non-Egyptians).
- Official “Idadia” certificate or proof of 12 years of schooling.
- Application fee: 300 LE (non-refundable).

- 6 passport size photos.
- Official student status “Bayan Hala” from previous university (transfer students).
- English Proficiency :
  1. A score of 61 or above in the IBT (Internet-based TOEFL).  
Fee: \$160 = 1120 LE.
  2. A score of 500 or above in the ITP (Institutional testing program TOEFL) taken at Amideast and score at least 3/5 in the Amideast administered essay exam.  
Fee: 522 LE.
  3. A score of 6 or above in the IELTS taken at the British Council.  
Fee: 850 LE.

Note: your package must include a copy of all the above originals.

### **19- What is the minimum GPA for UG admission?**

Last year, NU accepted students with a minimum GPA of 68% or equivalent for engineering majors and a minimum GPA of 65% or equivalent for business major. High school GPA ranged from 65% to 121.5% with a mean of 90.78%.

### **20- What certificates and scores does NU accept for UG admission?**

**In its admission, Nile University follows the general rules and guidelines set by its office of admission and the Ministry of Higher Education.**

**Criteria for the main certificates accepted are listed below:**

#### **Thanaweya Amma**

Nile University accepts a score of at least 70 percent for Egyptian Thanaweya Amma. For any engineering major two math courses, physics and chemistry are required. If one course is missing, students must take an equivalent substitute in their first semester.

For Thanaweya Amma from **Arab countries**, a score of at least 75 percent is required. For engineering majors math, physics and chemistry are required.

#### **American High School Diploma**

Nile University considers admission of a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 (on a scale of 4.0). Students must have passed a minimum of 8 courses of one credit each, including the qualifying subjects for the chosen major, all of which should have been passed in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Students may have completed some of the subjects from the 11<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grade with a maximum of 2 subjects. Students must submit SAT I scores with minimum of 1200 and SAT II for engineering majors with a minimum of 900.

Students who have scored high on Advanced Placement (AP) courses may be granted transfer credits. For engineering majors, Math (pre-calculus, calculus is recommended), physics and chemistry, which are covered in grades 10, 11 or 12 are required.

#### **IGCSE/GCSE/GCE**

For admission at Nile University the following eligibility criteria applies:

Applicants have to submit certificates of 8 subjects at the O-Level with a minimum grade of "C" (these may only be in the extended and not in the core system) or 7 subjects at O-Level + one subject at A-Level or AS-Level, with a minimum grade of "C" at O-Level and "E" at A-Level or AS-Level subjects. Subjects must be completed in the three and a half years prior to university enrollment. Applicants who have completed Advanced Level subjects may be granted transfer credits.

For engineering majors, four O-Level science courses (math, physics, chemistry and information technology), two AS-Level science courses (math, physics or chemistry) or one A-Level math course are required.

### **International Baccalaureate**

Applicant should have completed the Baccalaureate diploma degree and satisfied its general requirements. Transfer credit may be granted.

For engineering majors math, physics and chemistry at the advanced level are required.

### **French Baccalaureate**

Nile University accepts applicants with a minimum average of "passable" grades. Transfer credits may be granted.

For engineering majors math, physics and chemistry are required.

### **German Abitur**

Nile University accepts admission of applicants with a minimum average of 4.0. Transfer credits may be granted.

For engineering majors math, physics and chemistry are required.

***For other certificates of other countries, Nile University follows the general rules set by the Ministry of Higher Education.***

## **21- How many credit hours could be transferred for IB/Abitur/French Bac./British Certificates holders?**

Nile University grants transfer credit for advanced level subjects completed at the secondary school education granting the certificates mentioned above. Transfer credit is granted for coursework that is comparable in content and scope as well as to the appropriateness and applicability of credits to the courses at Nile University.

Nile University grants transfer credits for main subjects according to the following classification:

- **German Secondary School Certificate-Abitur**  
Transfers are up to 30 credits for academic subjects with scores of ten or more (out of 15).
- **French Baccalaureate II**  
Transfers are up to 30 credits for academic subjects with advanced level scores of minimum 14 (out of 20).

- **British Certificates (GCE Advanced Level)**  
Credit transfers are only for A-level subjects with grades of a minimum "B".
- **International Baccalaureate Diploma/Certificate**  
Nile University grants up to 30 transfer credit for higher level academic subjects with grades of five, six, or seven (out of seven). Also, up to 15 credits of lower-division general elective transfer credit for the completion of the IB Diploma with a minimum total point of 30. No transfer credits are granted for subsidiary level subjects.

**22- Does NU allow acceptance into majors from the gate versus declaration of major during the 1<sup>st</sup> year or a combination of both?**

NU accepts students into majors (Business versus Engineering) from the gate and also accepts non-declared majors. The latter group must declare a major during their first year of study.

**23- Do you admit quotas from each HS certificate or convert them all to a unified scale?**

All degrees are converted to a unified scale.

**24- Do you admit High School Diplomas based on their GPA only or require SAT and develop a weighted index of both criteria?**

According to MOHE policies, a combined index of GPA (40%) and SAT 1 (60%) is used. SAT 2 or Advanced Math is required for Engineering and could be used as a bonus.

**25- What is your English placement policy?**

All undergraduates have to present ONE of the following:

- a score of 61 or above in the IBT (<http://www.ets.org/portal/site/ets/menuitem>), or
- a score of 6 or above in the IELTS (<http://www.britishcouncil.org/egypt-exams-english-exams-ielts.htm>), or
- a score of 500 or above in the ITP (Institutional testing program TOEFL administered by AMIDEAST) and at least 3/5 in Amideast administered essay exam.

**26- Does the SAT exempt students from the English placement test? What SAT score do you require?**

No, it does not. Students' evaluation is based on a combined index of their scores in high school and the SAT score. The minimum SAT1 score is 1200 and the minimum SAT2 score is 900.

**27- When does the spring 2011 semester start?**

First day of classes is Sunday February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

**28- How and where do we apply? What is the application fee? Is it refundable?**

Students may apply at NU admission office. For UG studies, the application fee is LE 300 and it is non-refundable. Upon acceptance, students must pay a place reservation fee of

LE 5000 which is deductible from their first semester tuition. In case of withdrawal anytime before a month from the first day of classes, students will be refunded LE 2500.

### **29- What are the documents required for UG admission?**

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## **B. Graduate**

### **30- What are the admission requirements for Graduate studies?**

Generally, students admitted to NU are required to hold an appropriate university degree, preferably in a technology or business related discipline. Decisions on admission to the university are made by the admissions committee based on the student's academic records, English score, GRE or GMAT scores, recommendation letters, a personal interview and the student's statement of purpose. General guidelines are a grade of "Good" from recognized universities in Egypt or a GPA of 3.0 from an accredited university or program. An acceptable English score (a score of 61 or above in IBT or a score of 500 or above in paper-based or a score of 6 or above in IELTS) is required from applicants who did not receive their prior degrees from an English speaking institution. The academic committee of Nile University may admit a student with a GPA lower than 3.0 based on the overall evaluation of the student file, work experience, and his/her potential for successfully pursuing postgraduate studies.

### **31- What is the application fee? Is it refundable?**

For Graduate studies, the application fee is LE 200 and is non-refundable.

### **32- What are the documents required for Graduate admission?**

A complete application package includes:

- Complete application form and personal statement.
- 2 Copies of all university level- degrees.
- 2 Copies of all university-level transcripts.

- For English:

1-A score of 61 or above in IBT ( Amideast)

2-A score of 500 or above in paper-based TOEFL (Institutional TOEFL)

Administered by AMIDEAST

3-A score of 6 or above in IELTS administered by the British Council

- Recent CV .(2 Copies)
- Copy of an official ID or Passport.
- Four recent passport-size photographs
- Recommendation letters. [optional]
- Application fee of LE 200 non refundable.

### **C. General**

#### **33- Can we apply online?**

Yes, you can fill in an online application.

#### **34- What is the admission deadline?**

Thursday January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

#### **35- Who are the contact persons for admission?**

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**36- What is NU policy about textbooks?**

Text books will be sold to students in NU bookstore.

**37- Is student housing available? Is there an office at NU that can help us finding housing opportunity in the area?**

Currently, this service is not available. However, NU will facilitate finding decent accommodation for students requiring this service. (This is currently under consideration)