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Return to Campus

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DEAR CAMPUS COMMUNITY

The past 16 months have been a turbulent time not only for the UAEU but for all higher education institutions around the world. In March 2020 we were forced to switch overnight to online teaching and to send all our students home. Moving courses to online delivery during the pandemic was not an easy task, yet all of you worked as one community to accomplish this goal.

Words cannot express the pride I feel in the care and dedication of all our faculty, students, and staff who have worked together to continue our students' education during these extraordinary times.

In December 2021 the UAE authorized the use of Sinopharm followed by the approval of other vaccines that hit the market, bringing the hope that our students can return to campus.

REOPENING UAEU CAMPUS

While we are all anticipating returning to normal, we must proceed carefully. A Taskforce for reopening the UAEU campus has worked on a plan with careful attention to ongoing changes and guidance being developed by health authorities. We will continue to seek further direction and to keep a close watch on health data as UAE society gradually reopens. We will adapt our plans as warranted by developing conditions and guidance. Our primary goal remains the protection of lives.

Our major decision is to divide all undergraduate students into two groups. The first group will attend two weeks of classes on campus (face to face), while the second group will attend classes online during the same period. The two groups will alternate in a rotational system every two weeks until the end of the Fall Semester. We will continue to observe the developing epidemiological information and direction from health experts.

Our goal in implementing these changes is the protection of our students, staff, faculty members, and members of the wider community. Many of these changes require all of you once again to adjust to new ways of interacting, and to adapt to new schedules and modes of teaching and learning.

Let us show strength of mind and team spirit as we reopen our campus. The success of this scenario depends on all members of the UAEU community choosing to protect lives by wearing facemasks and by following all the measures found in this brochure and in circulars sent by HR and Student Affairs.

With warm regards,

Professor Ghaleb Ali Alhadrami Al Breiki
Acting Vice Chancellor



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CHANGES TO CAMPUS LIFE

The UAEU's goal of protecting lives is reflected in our major decision to reopen the campus by allowing only %50 of undergraduate students to be present at any time. In addition, everyone on the campus must follow strict guidelines.

All students will receive an electronic copy of this guide. There will be more details to follow in the coming weeks.

Faculty and staff should raise concerns or questions with their Head of Department. Students should use the email talktous@uaeu.ac.ae to contact the Office of Student Affairs.

Access to Campus

- Access to campus is limited to staff, students, faculty, and pre-approved deliveries and guests who have received two doses of an approved vaccine.
- All those testing positive for COVID19 are forbidden from access to campus.
- All faculty are expected to return to campus, whether teaching online or on-campus.
- All UAEU community members should adhere to the guidelines for COVID 19 testing and engage in the contact tracing procedures implemented by the UAE and Abu Dhabi Health Authorities.
- Temperature checks and face masks are required for entry. Face masks must be worn at all times.
- Those using shared equipment, shared laboratories, and desks must sanitize their hands on arrival and before departure.
- No classes should be scheduled after 11:00 am on Thursday to allow students from outside Al Ain to depart Campus by 12:00 noon.
- Requirements for return to campus do not apply to individuals who have been refused re-entry to the UAE.

General Safety Measures

- Maintain appropriate social distancing and avoid crowding hallways and elevators
- Conduct work and meetings remotely whenever possible (office-to-office phone calls, emails, E-Services, video conferencing).
- Colleges and Departments must request authorization for in-person activities with no less than 2 weeks advance notice.
- Limit your social activities.

Special Areas

- All enclosed areas are secured with notices marking the appropriate social distance measures and other protective protocol appropriate to that area.
- Shared research and teaching laboratories have additional strict procedures posted in the area.
- The capacity of buses will be limited, and their timetables will be changed to ensure the timely and safe arrival of students on campus.
- All students must wear a mask and observe social distance rules while in or waiting for university transportation.
- Social gatherings in residential accommodation are forbidden. Again, social distancing rules must be observed at all times.
- All undergraduates are required to stay in residential accommodation for a complete two-week period. They will be permitted to return home only in case of emergencies.



CHANGES TO ACADEMIC LIFE

We intend those undergraduate students will enjoy face-to-face classes wherever possible. This will be made possible by operating a rotation system, with only %50 of students on campus at any one time, as follows:

Undergraduate Students

Students will be divided into two groups.

- Group 1: students from CBE, CIT, COS, COL, and the Health Sciences program of CMHS.
- Group 2: students from COE, CFA, CHSS, and CEDU.

On Saturday 28th August 2021 Group 1 will return to campus to attend two weeks face to face classes until Thursday 9th September. During this time, Group 2 will study online.

On Saturday 11th September Group 2 will return to campus to attend two weeks face to face until Thursday 23rd September. During this time Group 1 will study online.

This rotation system will continue until the end of the Fall Semester.

Medical Students

Classes for students taking the degree of Doctor of Medicine will take classes in the College building at Tawam Campus, under the rules put in place by the College.

Medical student training will be aligned with the recommendation of UAE Health Authorities, the Ministry of Health and Prevention, and the Ministry of Higher Education.

Postgraduate Students

Students will attend in person classes on campus unless the College decides otherwise. Students must coordinate with their academic advisor.

Students of Determination

Please contact the Office of the Dean of Student Life at talktous@uaeu.ac.ae or call 800 UAEU to arrange for any support required.

For technical assistance and support for online courses, all students should contact helpdesk@uaeu.ac.ae or DoIT@uaeu.ac.ae

Procedures for On-Campus Classes

- Classes will be held on campus only if it is safe to do so.
- The majority of laboratory classes will be held on campus, as directed by the College.
- On-Campus classes will be delivered according to social distancing and other protective protocols
- The course timetable will be included in the course syllabus and posted on Banner and Blackboard at the start of the semester.
- Students registered for classes to be held on campus may be required to change sections or courses to ensure appropriate social distancing. Any new assignments will be posted in the affected student's Banner E-Services
- Students who are People of Determination should contact the Office of Dean of Student Life at talktous@uaeu.ac.ae or call 800 UAEU to arrange for any support or accommodation required.
- Students or faculty who are persons at higher risk of complications from COVID 19 or are currently in co-isolation with complications from COVID 19 should coordinate with their head of Department.
- Students or faculty who develop symptoms on COVID19 or who live with a person who develops symptoms should not return to campus. They must report their circumstances to their head of Department and isolate at home for the required length of time.

Faculty Office Hours

- Faculty should replace in person office hours with virtual office hours and organize an appropriate means to schedule student access for an equivalent of the required hours.
- Outside of classes in person on campus, all meetings with students should be held online.

Research and Laboratories

- All faculty members are granted access to their offices for the purpose of research. Social distancing and occupancy protocols must be always observed.
- Research collaboration should be done remotely when possible.
- Library and other facilities will be open for use under social distancing protocols.
- Additional protective protocols and guidelines will be posted in each laboratory.
- Full personal protective equipment (PPE) must be worn, including a face mask and a laboratory coat.
- Guests are not permitted in the laboratory.
- Laboratory equipment and surfaces must be sanitized at regular required intervals.
- Staff occupancy is limited to 55% or less.
- All personal in laboratories must sanitize their hands and gloves and dispose of PPE in the designated bins.

Laboratory Classes

- Additional protective protocols and guidelines will be posted in each laboratory.
- Ensure that students are wearing full protective gear specified for the lab area and dispose of PPE in the proper bins.
- Only faculty/staff teaching, and students enrolled in the laboratory class are permitted to enter the laboratory while the class is in session.
- Always maintain 55% or less of occupancy capacity.
- Follow scheduled teaching times to permit students to properly dispose of PPE, allow for disinfection/cleaning, and to avoid gatherings in hallways.

Classrooms

- Enrollment in courses will be adjusted to 55% of occupancy capacity, with no enrollment capacity overrides permitted.
- Students and faculty members must wear face masks at all times.
- No food or beverages are allowed in the classrooms.
- Social distancing and sanitization protocols must be followed.
- Do not move furniture or rearrange seating.
- Maintain 55% or less of the classroom occupancy capacity.
- The start and end times of classrooms must be observed exactly to avoid crowding in the hallways and to permit time for cleaning and disinfection.



CHANGES TO RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION

Residential accommodation will be granted as follows:

- All International Students
- All Medical Students
- Undergraduate students every two weeks (rotational system %50 capacity).
- Postgraduate students who need to work in labs and have no other accommodation.

If a student requires housing and is not included in one of these categories, the student should contact DVCSE@uaeu.ac.ae to make a special request.

Rules for residential accommodation may change according to guidance from the UAE Health Authorities.

Use of Residential Accommodation

- International, postgraduate, and medical students will be housed in separate buildings
- Check-in and departure times will be organized according to a strict timetable, to minimize the number of students arriving/leaving at the same time
- Each student will have his/her own room.
- Students displaying COVID 19 symptoms or who have tested positive for COVID 19 will be assigned to quarantine accommodation.
- All students must fill out health questionnaires when checking into the residences.
- Students staying in the residences are not permitted to return home for two weeks except in case of emergencies.

Safety in Residential Accommodation

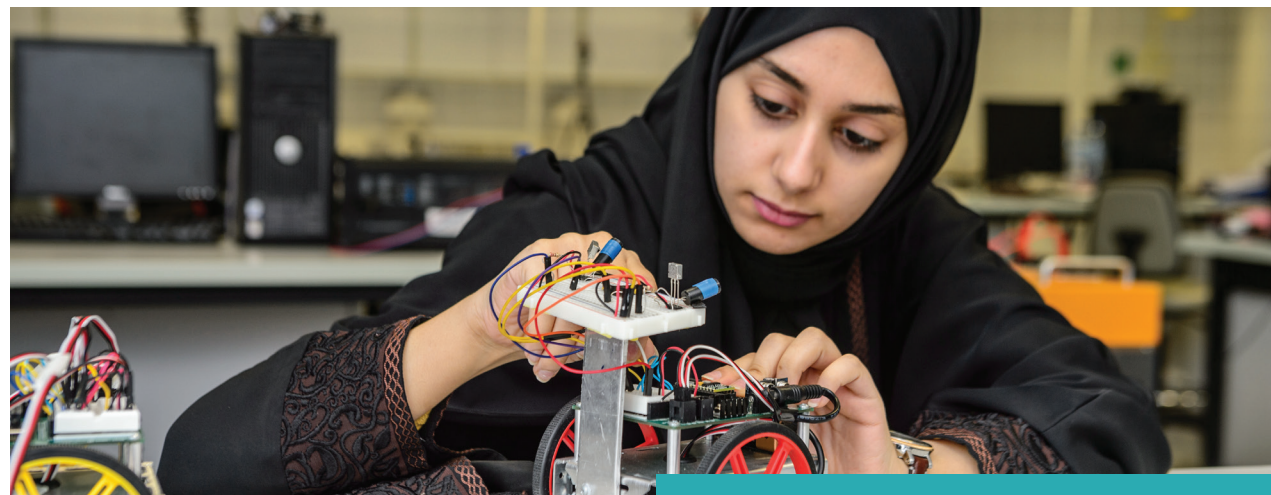
- Students who are living in student residences must be fully vaccinated.
- Students who are living in residential accommodation must be tested negative for COVID 19 within 48 hours before arrival, engage in contact tracing procedures, and have temperature checks while entering/leaving student residences.
- Students who develop COVID 19 symptoms such as constant dry cough, fever, or difficulty breathing must report immediately to the clinic.
- Regulations for gatherings, use of kitchens, cafeterias, restaurants, bathrooms, and other shared spaces will be both emailed to students and posted in public areas.
- All students must wear a mask when in communal areas or when in enclosed spaces with others.
- Buses will have limited capacity and altered schedules to ensure the timely and safe arrival of students on campus.
- All students must wear a mask while in university transportation and abide by the social distancing rules.
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Plan for Opening of Campus

Weeks	Actions	Repetitive Actions	Awareness Actions
Week -1 8/8/2021	• Sanitization of all campus buildings and residential areas • Assigning rooms to newly admitted students • Evaluation of current COVID-19 related action plan		
Week 0 15/8/2021	• Student orientation (hybrid), advising and online registration • Welcome of international students • Assignment of residential accommodation to students		
Week 1 22/8/2021	• Start of undergraduate classes (all classes will begin online)		
Week 2 29/8/2021	• G1: Resident students arrive to the residential areas (28th August) • G1: Al-Ain students arrive on campus (29th August) • Preparation of Al Ain students' transportation • Face-to-Face classes and Lab sessions start (29th August)	• Continuous sanitizations • Rapid response team1 weekly reports • Hotline services • Biweekly free PCR tests on campus	• Students' Handbook • Website updates • Social media posts • Weekly online students' activities • Weekly mental health awareness
Week 3 5/9/2021	• G1: Resident students depart campus (9th September) • Sanitization of all residential areas • Evaluation of student behavior and campus measures		
Week 4 12/9/2021	• G2: Resident students arrive to the residential areas (11th September) • G2: Al-Ain students arrive on campus (12th September) • Preparation of Al Ain student's transportation • Face-to-Face classes and Lab sessions start		
Week 5 19/9/2021	• G2: Resident students depart campus (23rd September) • Sanitization of all residential areas • Evaluation of student behavior and campus measures		
Week 6 26/9/2021	• G1: Resident students return to the residential areas (25th September)		
Week 7 3/10/2021	• G1: Resident students depart campus (7th October) • Sanitization of all residential areas • Evaluation of student behavior and campus measures		
Week 8 10/10/2021	• G2: Resident students arrive to the residential areas (9th October)		
Week 9 17/10/2021	• G2: Resident students depart campus (21st October) • Sanitization of all residential areas • Evaluation of student behavior and campus measures		
Week 10 24/10/2021	• G1: Resident students arrive to the residential areas (23rd October)		

Weeks	Actions	Repetitive Actions	Awareness Actions
Week 11 31/10/2021	- G1: students depart campus (4th November) - Sanitization of all residential areas		
Week 12 7/11/2021	G2: Resident students arrive to the residential areas (6th November)		
Week 13 14/11/2021	- G2: Resident students depart campus (18th November) - Sanitization of all residential areas - Evaluation of student behavior and campus measures		
Week 14 21/11/2021	G1: Resident students arrive to the residential areas (20th November)		
Week 15 28/11/2021	- G1: Resident students depart (date to be confirmed subject to National Day celebrations) - Sanitization of all residential areas - Evaluation of student behavior and campus measures		
Week 16 5/12 2021	G2: Resident students arrive to the residential areas (4th December)		
Week 17 12/12/2021	- G2: Resident students' departure (16th December) - Sanitization of all residential areas - Evaluation of student behavior and campus measures		

¹ Rapid Response Team includes representatives from the Health and Safety Department, Health Services, Student Affairs, and Khadamat



FIRST YEAR STUDENT ORIENTATION

First-Year Orientation will be hybrid. Students will be trained to use online technology, will enjoy virtual campus tours, and join social activities online. Our primary goal is to ensure all students are ready to start their online courses.

Throughout the Fall Semester, the Office of the Dean of Student Life will offer on-campus small-group tours for first-year students and their parents. The Office of the Dean of Student Life will be in contact with first-year students and their parents throughout August and September to offer training, guidance, and support regarding student life and activities, and their engagement with the university when studying online at home. The Office of Dean of Students' Life would like to maintain contact with all new students throughout the Semester. If you are a new student, please don't hesitate to email any questions regarding the orientation, preparation for online courses, or any other general inquiries: talktous@uaeu.ac.ae.

FACILITIES

- **Sport facilities** will be open and available. Please follow the posted protocols for use of facilities, disinfection, and social distancing.
 - **Library and other Academic Support Services** will be open. Please follow the posted protocols for use, disinfection, and social distancing and access remotely whenever possible.
 - **Restaurants and cafes** will be open. Please follow the posted protocols for disinfection and social distancing when using the facilities.
 - The ADCB branch on campus remains closed until further notice.
- Please check the UAEU website for operating hours of the above facilities.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

CALL our hotline 800 UAEU with any inquiry

PERSONS OF DETERMINATION
talktous@uaeu.ac.ae

SUPPORT FOR THOSE AT HIGHER RISK OF COMPLICATIONS FOR
COVID 19
talktous@uaeu.ac.ae

HOUSING
residential.life@uaeu.ac.ae

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
7134013 3(0) 971+

FIRST YEAR STUDENTS AND ORIENTATION QUESTIONS
talktous@uaeu.ac.ae

TECHNOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE WITH ONLINE COURSES
helpdesk@uaeu.ac.ae

GENERAL QUESTIONS
DVCSE@uaeu.ac.ae

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR REGISTRATION OR COURSES?
Please contact your College's advising unit or your faculty
advisor

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR FACULTY AND STAFF
SUPPORT FOR ONLINE TEACHING
CETL@uaeu.ac.ae

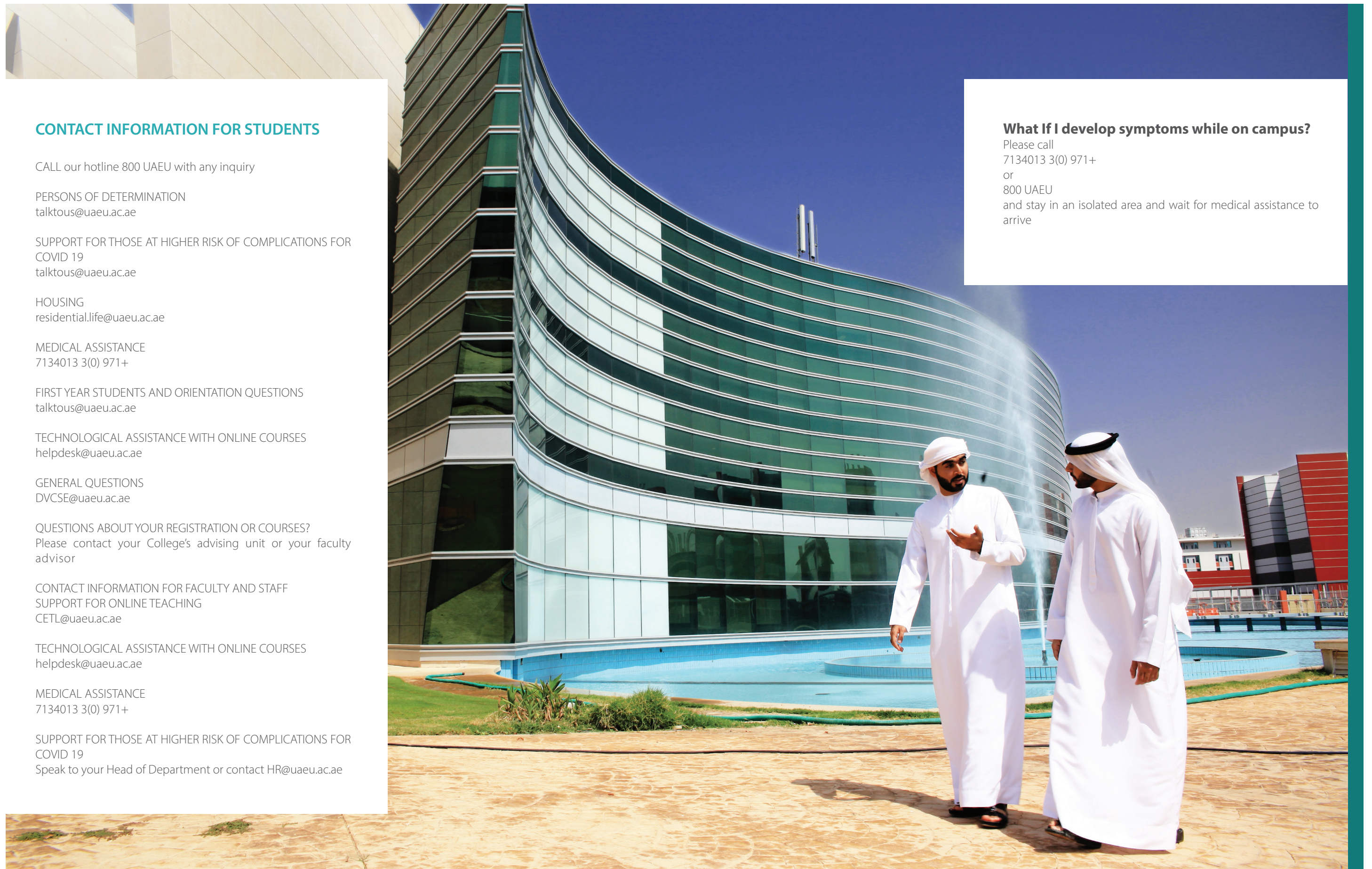
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MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
7134013 3(0) 971+

SUPPORT FOR THOSE AT HIGHER RISK OF COMPLICATIONS FOR
COVID 19
Speak to your Head of Department or contact HR@uaeu.ac.ae

What If I develop symptoms while on campus?

Please call
7134013 3(0) 971+
or
800 UAEU
and stay in an isolated area and wait for medical assistance to
arrive



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