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SORBONNE CENTER FOR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE



Master in
MANAGEMENT OF INNOVATION & ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (MIAI)

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overview

Shape the future of innovation through Artificial Intelligence.

Artificial Intelligence is transforming every industry—from healthcare and finance to energy, government, education, manufacturing and smart cities. Tomorrow's leaders will not simply use AI; they will understand how to manage it responsibly, integrate it strategically and transform organisations through it.

The Master in Management of Innovation and Artificial Intelligence (MIAI) prepares a new generation of professionals capable of bridging technology, innovation and business strategy.

Awarded by Sorbonne Université in Paris, France and delivered at Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi, this interdisciplinary Master's combines management, artificial intelligence, entrepreneurship, digital transformation, governance, ethics and innovation management into a unique international programme. Students learn how AI creates value, how innovation ecosystems evolve, and how organisations successfully implement emerging technologies while addressing legal, ethical and societal challenges.

Through industry projects, research, internships and interaction with leading academics and practitioners, graduates become innovation leaders capable of driving AI transformation across both public and private sectors.

The programme is aligned with the UAE national strategies:

- **UAE AI Strategy 2031**
- **We the UAE 2031**
- **Abu Dhabi Economic Vision 2030**
- **UAE Centennial 2071**
- **Emiratisation & Digital Economy**
- **Sustainable Innovation and Global Competitiveness**



What makes this programme unique?

Where Artificial Intelligence meets strategic leadership

Unlike traditional AI programmes that focus primarily on programming or technical development, the Master in Management of Innovation and Artificial Intelligence (MIAI) prepares future leaders to harness AI as a strategic driver of innovation, organisational transformation, and sustainable growth.

Students develop the business acumen, technological understanding, and leadership skills needed to manage AI-powered change across industries.

An interdisciplinary approach to AI and innovation

The programme integrates Artificial Intelligence, innovation management, entrepreneurship, digital transformation, data-driven decision-making, governance, and ethics into a single multidisciplinary curriculum.

This unique combination enables graduates to bridge the gap between technology and business, making them valuable leaders in an increasingly AI-driven world.

Designed for the future economy

The curriculum is closely aligned with the UAE Artificial Intelligence Strategy 2031, the UAE Digital Economy Strategy, and Abu Dhabi's vision to become a global hub for innovation and advanced technologies.

Through applied projects, industry engagement, and a professional internship, students acquire the practical experience required to lead digital transformation initiatives across public and private sectors.

International excellence rooted in Sorbonne expertise

Awarded by Sorbonne Université and developed in collaboration with the Sorbonne Centre for Artificial Intelligence (SCAI), the programme combines internationally recognised academic excellence with cutting-edge research and industry expertise.

Students benefit from teaching by distinguished faculty from Paris and Abu Dhabi and gain exposure to global best practices in AI and innovation.

A pathway to leadership and global careers

Graduates leave the programme with the strategic mindset, innovation capabilities, and AI literacy required to lead multidisciplinary teams, launch technology-driven ventures, manage AI transformation projects, or pursue doctoral studies. The programme prepares professionals not only to adapt to the future of work—but to shape it.

Flexible learning for future AI leaders

Designed to meet the needs of ambitious professionals, the programme is delivered in English over two years through evening classes, allowing students to advance their careers while pursuing a world-class Sorbonne degree.

Small class sizes encourage dynamic discussions, personalised academic support, interdisciplinary collaboration, and direct interaction with internationally recognised faculty and industry practitioners, creating a rich learning experience that extends beyond the classroom.



Programme *highlights*

- Sorbonne Université Master's degree recognised internationally and awarded by one of Europe's most prestigious universities
- Interdisciplinary curriculum combining Artificial Intelligence, innovation management, entrepreneurship, digital transformation, law, governance, and ethics
- Flexible evening delivery, designed to accommodate both recent graduates and working professionals
- Developed in collaboration with the Sorbonne Centre for Artificial Intelligence (SCAI), connecting students to world-class AI research and innovation
- Rigorous academic and applied training integrating strategic management, AI literacy, data-driven decision-making, innovation methodologies, and research
- Direct pathway to doctoral studies and advanced research opportunities in Artificial Intelligence, innovation, management, and digital transformation
- Distinguished international faculty from Sorbonne Université and Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi, complemented by leading industry experts and practitioners
- Research-intensive programme culminating in a Master's thesis under the supervision of internationally recognised academics
- Small cohort learning environment promoting personalised mentoring, collaborative learning, interdisciplinary teamwork, and close interaction with faculty
- Industry-driven projects, case studies, and a professional internship, providing hands-on experience in solving real-world AI and digital transformation challenges
- Strong career prospects across technology, consulting, government, finance, healthcare, energy, entrepreneurship, and AI-driven industries
- Access to an international academic, research, and professional network, spanning Sorbonne Université, SCAI, industry partners, and innovation ecosystems in Europe and the UAE
- Aligned with the UAE AI Strategy 2031 and Abu Dhabi's innovation ecosystem, preparing graduates to contribute to national and global digital transformation initiatives
- Comprehensive support from SUAD's Career Centre, including career coaching, internship placement, employer engagement, and professional development

Programme structure

The Master in Management of Innovation and Artificial Intelligence (MIAI) is a 120 ECTS, two-year programme delivered in English over four semesters. It combines academic excellence with practical experience through an interdisciplinary curriculum that integrates Artificial Intelligence, innovation management, entrepreneurship, digital transformation, governance, ethics, and applied research.

Designed to equip students with both strategic vision and practical expertise, the programme progressively develops competencies in AI-enabled decision-making, innovation leadership, and organisational transformation. Learning takes place through interactive lectures, case studies, group projects, applied research, industry engagement, and a professional internship, culminating in a Master's thesis under academic supervision.

The flexible evening schedule enables students to balance their studies with professional commitments while benefiting from close interaction with faculty, industry experts, and fellow students.

Language of Instruction	English
Duration	2 years (4 semesters), **120 ECTS**
Teaching Methods	Lectures, seminars, workshops, case studies, applied projects, industry engagement, research supervision, and professional internship
Semester Courses	**Semester 1 – Foundations of AI and Innovation:** Students build a strong foundation in Artificial Intelligence, innovation management, data-driven decision-making, and AI governance while developing analytical and strategic thinking skills. **Semester 2 – Digital Transformation and Entrepreneurship:** The courses focus on applying AI within organisations, understanding digital transformation strategies, entrepreneurship, finance, cybersecurity, and responsible innovation. **Semester 3 – Advanced AI Applications and Innovation:** Students explore advanced AI applications across industries while developing AI products, innovation strategies, user experience design, and research capabilities. **Semester 4 – Professional Experience and Research:** The final semester is dedicated for professional immersion through an internship and the completion of a research-based Master's thesis addressing a real-world AI or innovation challenge.
Final Requirements	Professional internship, Master's thesis, and oral defence

Semester 1

Introduction to Artificial Intelligence
Introduction to Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (Tech Foundations)
Innovation Management and Tech Strategy
Data Science for Decision Making
Law and Governance of Artificial Intelligence

Semester 2

Digital Transformation and AI Application
Product Innovation through AI
Tech Entrepreneurship and Business Models
Interdisciplinary Innovation Project
Digital Law
AI Challenges and Strategies

Semester 3

Green AI
AI Product Lifecycle and User Experience
Data Protection
2 Elective Courses (Advanced Applications in Artificial Intelligence)

Semester 4

Professional Internship
Applied Research
Master's Thesis
Oral Defence

Assessment & graduation requirements

Assessment is designed to foster continuous learning and the practical application of knowledge throughout the programme. Students are evaluated through a combination of individual and group assignments, case studies, presentations, applied projects, research reports, and written examinations, ensuring the progressive development of analytical, strategic, and leadership skills.

The programme places a strong emphasis on experiential learning, with industry-oriented projects enabling students to address real-world challenges in Artificial Intelligence, innovation, and digital transformation.

Continuous assessment is complemented by regular feedback from faculty to support academic and professional growth.



To graduate, students must successfully complete 120 ECTS credits over four semesters, including all taught modules, a professional internship, and a research-based Master's thesis addressing a contemporary challenge in Artificial Intelligence or innovation management. The programme culminates in the oral defence of the Master's thesis, demonstrating students' ability to integrate academic knowledge with practical and research expertise.

Graduation requirements:

- Successfully complete **120 ECTS credits**
- Pass all taught courses and assessments
- Complete the **professional internship**
- Submit and defend the **Master's thesis**
- Fulfill all academic and attendance requirements of Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi

Career prospects

Artificial Intelligence is transforming every sector of the global economy, creating unprecedented demand for professionals who can bridge technology, innovation, and business strategy.

The Master in Management of Innovation and Artificial Intelligence prepares graduates to lead AI-driven transformation, manage innovation, and shape the future of organisations across both the public and private sectors.

Combining expertise in Artificial Intelligence, innovation management, digital transformation, entrepreneurship, governance, and strategic decision-making, graduates are equipped to take on leadership roles in multinational corporations, government entities, consulting firms, technology companies, startups, financial institutions, healthcare organisations, and research centres.

The programme also provides a strong foundation for doctoral studies and academic research, enabling graduates to pursue PhD programmes in management of artificial intelligence, innovation management, digital transformation, business, and related disciplines at leading universities worldwide.

Opportunities span nearly every sector, including:

- Artificial Intelligence and Technology
- Government and Public Sector
- Smart Cities and Digital Government
- Banking and Financial Services
- Healthcare and Life Sciences
- Energy and Sustainability
- Telecommunications
- Manufacturing and Industry 4.0
- Retail and E-commerce
- Logistics and Supply Chain
- Consulting and Professional Services
- Entrepreneurship and Startups
- Higher Education and Research



Example roles

- AI Strategy Consultant
- Innovation Manager
- Digital Transformation Manager
- AI Product Manager
- Technology and Innovation Consultant
- Business Transformation Manager
- AI Project Manager
- Data and AI Strategy Manager
- Product Innovation Manager
- Entrepreneurship and Startup Founder
- Innovation Policy Adviser
- AI Governance and Ethics Specialist
- Smart Cities and Digital Innovation Specialist
- Research and Development Manager
- Business Development Manager
- Management Consultant
- Chief Innovation Officer (career progression)
- Chief Digital Officer (career progression)

Career Centre support

SUAD's Career Centre supports students throughout their programme offering one-on-one career advising, CV / cover letter support, internship placement assistance, and employer connections through the JobTeaser online platform.

What can I do with a major in Management of Innovation & Artificial Intelligence (MIAI)?

Where graduates in Management of Innovation & Artificial Intelligence (MIAI) can work

Government & Public Sector

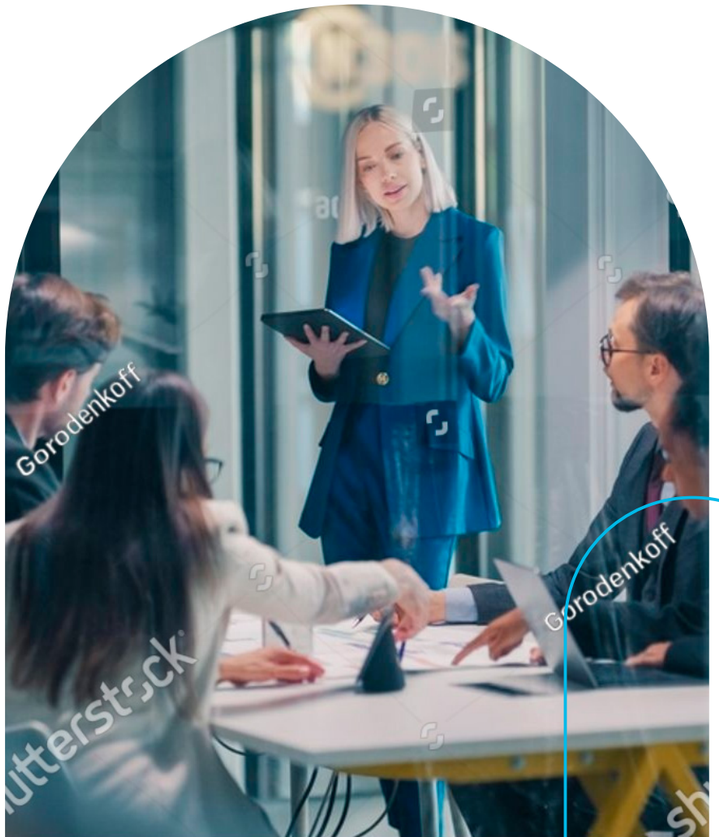
- Abu Dhabi Government
- Dubai Government
- Abu Dhabi Digital Authority
- Department of Government Enablement
- Abu Dhabi Investment Office
- Abu Dhabi Investment Authority
- Abu Dhabi Global Market

Artificial Intelligence & Technology

- G42
- Core42
- Presight
- AI71
- Microsoft
- Google
- Amazon Web Services
- IBM
- Oracle
- SAP

Banking & Financial Services

- First Abu Dhabi Bank (FAB)
- Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank (ADCB)
- Emirates NBD (ENBD)
- HSBC
- Mastercard
- Visa



Consulting & Professional Services

- McKinsey & Company
- Boston Consulting Group
- Bain & Company
- Accenture
- Deloitte
- PwC
- EY
- KPMG

Energy, Industry & Smart Infrastructure

- ADNOC
- Masdar
- Mubadala
- EDGE Group
- Total Group
- Siemens

Healthcare, Research & Innovation

- Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi
- Technology Innovation Institute
- Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence (MBZUAI)
- Research centres and innovation hubs worldwide

Entrepreneurship & Startups

- AI startups
- Innovation accelerators
- Venture capital firms
- Technology incubators
- Corporate innovation labs

Further Study Options

Graduates may pursue further academic study, including doctoral research in business and management, with a focus on innovation and the organisational impact of artificial intelligence. Potential research areas include:

- Innovation Management & Entrepreneurship
- Business Strategy & AI-driven Organisational Transformation
- Technology Governance & Regulation, including doctoral research in law for graduates with an appropriate legal background

Institutions where graduates may explore relevant doctoral opportunities include:

- Université Paris Dauphine–PSL (France) – Management Research
- Imperial College London – Imperial Business School (UK) – Management & Entrepreneurship
- INSEAD (France / Singapore) – Entrepreneurship & Innovation
- University of Toronto – Rotman School of Management (Canada) – Strategic Management & Technology Innovation

Admission depends on academic background, research preparedness, the proposed research project and the availability of suitable supervision.

Admission prospects

Admission to the Master in Management of Innovation and Artificial Intelligence (MIAI) is based on academic achievement, motivation, and the applicant's potential to succeed in an interdisciplinary, internationally recognised Master's programme.

General application requirements

Admission to the MIAI programme requires a recognised Bachelor's degree (L3 or equivalent) in one of the following disciplines:

- Mathematics, Physics, Computer Science, or Engineering
- Law, Management, Economics, or Health Sciences
- Equivalent qualifications demonstrating readiness for master's-level study, (minimum of 3 years relevant professional experience).

Applicants must have successfully completed a Bachelor's degree with one of the following results:

- Bachelor in a relevant field with a CGPA of 3 out of 4 or equivalent; or
- Bachelor with a minimum of second-class honours; or a Bachelor with an average of 12 out of 20.

For applicants who obtained a Bachelor's degree below the required score:

- Students with a GPA between 2.5 and 2.99 (or equivalent as per the equivalency table) may be conditionally admitted under probation during the first semester. They will be authorised to continue in the programme only if they achieve an average of at least 12 out of 20 by the end of the first semester. The decision will be made official after completion of the first semester and is based on academic performance.
- Students with a GPA below 3 may be admitted on the basis of their professional and / or personal experience, subject to approval through the VAPP procedure by Sorbonne University's or Université Paris Cité's VAPP commission.

Language proficiency:

For Master programmes taught in English, applicants must provide one of the following:

- A valid academic IELTS certificate with a minimum overall band score of 6.0 (valid for 2 years); or
- TOEFL certificate with a minimum score of 79 (or equivalent), valid for 2 years; or
- Proof of being a native English speaker who has completed three full years in an English-medium institution within a maximum period of three years; or an equivalent qualification.

Interview

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to:

- Submit a Statement of Purpose
- Complete a Technical Placement Test (to assess readiness and identify any required bridging modules)
- Attend an admissions interview evaluating motivation, academic preparedness, critical thinking, and communication skills.
- Direct entry to M2 for applicants who already hold a relevant Master's degree, following approval by Sorbonne Université.

Other education systems:

Conditions apply to other foreign curricula in accordance with the admission policy set by Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi. Contact Student Recruitment at: admissions@sorbonne.ae for more details.

Equal opportunity:

Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi welcomes applications from students of all nationalities and backgrounds, regardless of country of origin, income, gender, religion, or physical condition.

Tuition Fees

(Including admin. fees - over 2 years)

AED 166,400 (approximately US$ 45,344)

Up to 100% scholarship available for this programme!**

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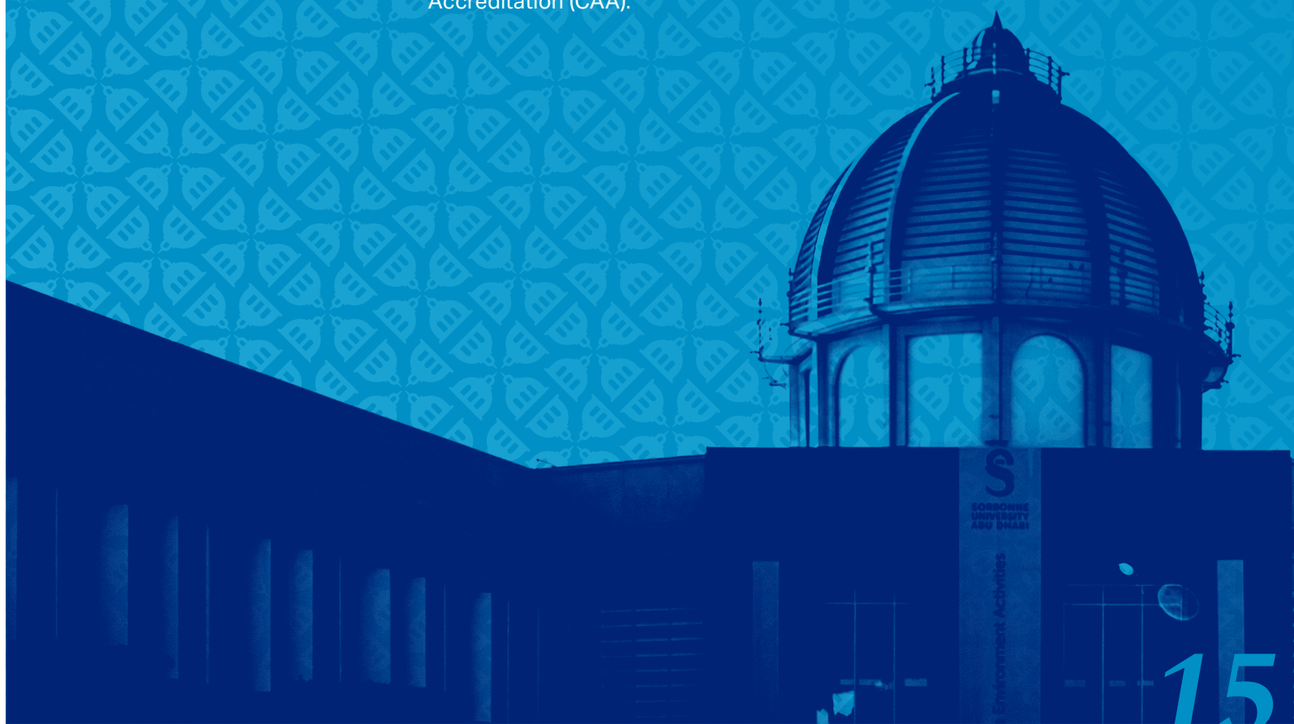
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Why Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi?

In today's fast-paced and globalised world, education and communication play a pivotal role in shaping progressive and dynamic societies. The French education system is renowned for cultivating rigorous inquiry and, debate skills – essential qualities for developing future innovators and leaders.

Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi is a globally recognised institution that bridges civilisations, offering a multicultural environment that fosters tolerance, curiosity, harmony, and cultural awareness - vital qualities for success in the modern economy. Students benefit from internationally acclaimed faculty, state-of-the-art facilities, and globally recognised degrees, all of which equip them with the tools necessary for a successful and impactful career.

This degree is awarded by Sorbonne Université and accredited by the French Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation. Furthermore, this programme is accredited by the Commission for Academic Accreditation (CAA).



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