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International Students Guide

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Welcome to E-JUST



Dear International Students,

“Ahlan w Sahlan”, “Youkoso” Welcome to Egypt-Japan University of Science and Technology – Alexandria, Egypt!

We would like to thank you for joining our community and encourage you to make the most out of your time here. Your college experience will be what you make it and your opportunities will only be limited by the limits you put on yourself.

With the start of a new academic year, take advantage of all of the services available to help you achieve your full potential. Supporting you is our mission. So, here is a guide that we believe will be of great assistance.

Your Offices on Campus

Regional and International Affairs Office

Regional and International Affairs (RIA)

- Location: 2nd floor, Headquarter (HQ), room no.310
- Email: international.affairs@ejust.edu.eg
- Phone: 002 03 4599806

Student Affairs Office / Academic Affairs Office

Registration Team:

- Location: 1st floor, Headquarter (HQ), room no. 201
- Email: pg.registration@ejust.edu.eg
- Phone: 002 03 4599802



Graduation Team:

- Location: 1st floor, Headquarter (HQ), room no. 201
- Email: pg.graduation@ejust.edu.eg
- Phone: 002 03 4599802

Campus Management

- Location: Building (A) and Building (7), ground floor
- Email: housing@ejust.edu.eg
- Mr. Abdelbadee Elmahdee – Campus and Housing General Manager –
Phone: 002- 01006526616
- Mr. Amr Eid – Maintenance Unit Manager –
Phone: 002- 01000033636

Travel Plans

We understand that travelling and residing abroad can be overwhelming and many of our students may not have travelled abroad before, so here are a couple of things that our international students might find helpful:

Travel Tips:

- Print out your acceptance letter (just in case)
- Travel with dollars not with one's home currency
- Don't over-pack
- Carry a spare copy of your passport
- Keep important items in a carry-on luggage
- Write down on a piece of paper the contact info and address of your guesthouse
- Let your bank know to which country you're travelling to and when
- Scan your important documents and email them to yourself
- Don't forget your yellow fever card!



What to bring and what not:

✔ What to bring	✘ What not to bring
Power adaptor	Alcohol
Medications	Drugs
Scarf, used as a head cover in case you want to tour some religious sites.	Pocket-knives
Umbrella	Firearms, including sporting guns
Sunglasses	Live, frozen or stuffed birds or any bird-derived products
Swimming suit	*Note: <i>Most of these items/recommendations are optional and it depends on the person's lifestyle and preferences.</i>
Warm clothes	
Cap	
Comfortable shoes	
One formal attire	
Traditional dress	
Food / snacks from home	
A couple of towels	
Laptop and Camera	



Visa & Residency

Egypt entry visa:

- Egypt requires that you have a student visa in order to enter the country. You will need to check with the Egyptian consulate/embassy in your country.
- As part of the application process, you must submit a copy of your passport, along with the acceptance letter provided by E-JUST Regional and International Affairs office (RIA). Additional documents like medical certificate and bank statements might also be required.
- Kindly note that issuance and renewal of student visas is at the discretion of the Egyptian government.

How to Apply for a Visa to Enter Egypt:

- You may acquire a visa application form from any Egyptian consulate/embassy.
- Do not wait until the last minute to apply. Allow yourself several weeks for getting the visa as usually visa processing takes several weeks.
- After arrival to Egypt, you must apply for the residency permit at the Egyptian passport administration with help of E-JUST RIA office.
- Some nationalities, must acquire passport registration stamp from the passport administration within the first ten days of arrival.

Residence permit:

According to Egyptian regulations, international students get a residence permit for one year, renewed annually. RIA office supports international students to get/renew their residence permits in Egypt through:

- Issuing all the supporting documents which are needed to apply for the residence permit.
- Accompanying students to the passport administration to proceed with his/her application for residence permit.
- The student must apply for the residence permit after his/her arrival in Egypt (within the first two weeks of arrival)
- Renewing the residence permit, usually takes one month. So the student should start the application for renewing the residency one month before the expiration date.

Finances & Budgeting

Financial arrangements before you leave:

Cost of living usually varies according to individual student's choices and lifestyle. We advise you to have some cash money (In Dollars) when you come to Egypt.

Egypt is a cash-based society. It is necessary to always have a minimum of LE 300 in your pocket. In addition, new students must be certain to bring enough start-up cash, since it may take up to one month to open a bank account or to receive your monthly stipend (in case you have a scholarship).

Keep your bank account open at home, or open up a bank account before you leave. Be sure to check with your bank to determine what fees you may be charged for each overseas ATM transaction.

Students who are awarded a scholarship will receive their stipend on a monthly basis (by the end of each month).

Cost of Living

In order to give you a better sense of how much it costs to live in Egypt, here is a link to a useful website; <https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/in/Alexandria>





Egyptian Currency

Opening Bank Accounts

Students who are awarded a scholarship need to open a bank account to receive their monthly stipend.

- RIA office support students to open their bank accounts by issuing all the supporting documents which are needed to open bank account.
- Accompany students to the bank to open the account.
- The student must share the bank account number and information with RIA and Financial affairs office to receive his/her stipend.

Banking and Currency

The official currency of Egypt is the Egyptian Pound (EGP). The symbol used for the EGP is L.E or in Arabic (ج.م). In Arabic, Egyptian pounds are called “gineih” and piasters are called “qirsh” The Egyptian pound is mainly a paper currency and there are various denominations.

Paper notes are available in the form of 5 ,10 ,20 ,50 ,100 ,200 and 1. Coins are available in denominations of 1 EGP, 50 and 25 piaster. All Egyptian notes are bilingual with an Arabic and English face.

Currency exchange is available at official banks and they have better exchange rate than official money exchange offices and bigger hotels. Banking hours are from 8:30am to 2:00 pm (Sunday to Thursday). Banks are closed on Fridays, Saturdays and national holidays.

Coping with the culture

The choice to live and study abroad is a major undertaking in cross-cultural living and learning. It is a great chance to make new friends, experience different cultures and it will widen your horizon. It is common for new arrivals to go through a period of cultural adjustment to a new, unfamiliar environment but we will be there for you.

Food

The Egyptian cuisine is known to be rich in spices and herbs such as; cumin, garlic, coriander, mint, cloves etc. It shares some qualities with the Eastern Mediterranean cuisine.

The Egyptian cuisine makes heavy use of legumes, vegetables and fruit. The most common meats in Egyptian cuisine are; pigeon, chicken and beef but they are more on the expensive side.

The food in Alexandria and the coast of Egypt tend to use a great deal of fish and seafood, Our traditional drink is red tea “Shai”.

To know more, go to this website:

<https://www.memphistours.com/Egypt/Egypt-Wikis/Egypt-Information/wiki/Egyptian-Food>

Dress Code

Egypt is known to be a Muslim conservative country but unlike the norm in other Arabian countries, we do not have a traditional dress. However, we advise our students to dress modestly to avoid any unwanted attention.

For example, no crop tops and no miniskirts and short dresses. But in touristic places, you can dress freely.

Being a student at E-JUST requires you to be responsible of your actions, abide by the rules and be as presentable as possible. E-JUST has its own dress code for all of its students, staff and academics to follow.



E-JUST's Dress Code (Outfits and things to avoid):

- Ripped Jeans
- Neck chains and bracelets (Males)
- Face covering veil
- Any kind of caps in the buildings (Males)
- Have long hair in an odd way (Males)
- Shorts or Bermuda shorts
- Slippers
- Miniskirts or short blouses with tight pants
- Pajamas, training outfits or home robes
- Sleeveless or strapped blouses as well as transparent pieces of clothing

Religion:

Religion in Egypt controls many aspects of social life and is endorsed by law, and the state religion of Egypt is Islam.

The two most recognized religions in Egypt are Islam and Christianity. Approximately 94.9% of the population of Egypt is Muslim and the Christians represent about 5% of the population.

The vast majority, 95%, of Christians in Egypt belong to the Coptic Orthodox Church of Alexandria. Freedom of worship and beliefs are recognized in Egypt. Mosques and churches are to be found everywhere.

Language:

The official language of Egypt is standard Arabic, however, the day-to-day language used is Egyptian Arabic, which is a local dialect.

On campus, most E-JUST students, staff and academics are able to speak English.

Our international students are able to pick up the local dialect easily and with the help of Arabic courses in the preparatory year, speaking in Egyptian Arabic won't be a challenge.

Weather:

Egypt is known for its warm desert-like climate but unexpectedly temperatures can vary considerably throughout the year. For example, Alexandria and Borg-Al Arab can get rainier than Cairo and it definitely differs from one location to the other.

Average Temperatures in Egypt:





Transportation:

On Campus:

E-JUST Shuttle Services are available for the commute between the headquarters and the main campus on a daily basis. A time schedule will be provided upon arrival. It is free of charge.

Getting Around Borg Al-Arab and Alexandria

 A bus leaves Borg El-Arab for Alexandria city approximately every hour. It is considered one of the cheapest methods. You can catch it from the bus stop next to El-Atiq Mosque and you will get dropped off in El-Shataby next to Alexandria University. Mainly Tuk Tuks are used for commuting around Borg-El-Arab city, it is very cheap and efficient. The fare differs according to the distance but to go downtown it costs around 5 to 10 LE.  “SWVL” is a transportation application that has several fixed bus lines running from Borg El-Arab city to Alexandria.

The application is available for android and iOS phones. A trip from Borg El-Arab to Alexandria and vice versa costs 31 EGP.

 You can book a cab through “Halan” application.

The application is available for android and IOS phones and the fair differs according to the distance. The meter starts from 7 LE.

Also, there is a minibuses station in town to commute to Alexandria for 10LE.

Getting around Alexandria and Cairo:

Metro: The metro system or the subway metro is in Cairo covering many areas. It has 3 lines and it covers 92 stations over the city. It costs around 5 to 10 LE.

Railways: The Egyptian railway system is the best way for long journeys.

There are three classes of carriage on the train; the first and the second ones are air-conditioned.

There are sleeping trains but the price will be much more than normal ones. It costs around 70 to 250 LE one way trip.

El Tram: it is more like metro but much slower and not underground.

It is very cheap but reaches far and many places in Alexandria. It costs around 5 LE.

Buses: Buses are one of the most popular means of transportation in Egypt.

They are wide spread. It is considered one of the cheapest transportation means and it is easily accessed.

When you pay the fare, you should take a ticket to prove your payment later.

Each bus has a bus number in Arabic on the front in the driver's upper area.

It costs around 5 LE.

Microbuses: Microbuses are well known for their high speed. They are also very widespread in Cairo and all other governorates.

They are smaller than buses. The fare differs from one place to another depending on the distance and there is no ticket.

Microbuses are easily accessed as they can be found at certain stations for 2 to 10 LE.

Taxis: Taxis are one of the most preferable means of transportation in Egypt because they are faster and more relaxed.

However, they are more expensive than other means. It is better to ask a local beforehand to avoid overpaying and kindly ask the driver to operate the meter or agree with him on the fare beforehand.



Uber and Careem: Uber and Careem services are types of private cars reserved from a specific application from the mobile store.

They are better than the usual taxi because the fare is known and calculated based on a particular system.


Tuk Tuk(Tricycle): they are common in towns and small villages, are very cheap and used as taxi.


How to travel from Alexandria to Cairo (and vice versa):

Since Cairo is the capital of Egypt, it hosts most if not all of the international countries' embassies/consulates. So sometimes, our international students travel there for various reasons, such as to renew passport. Here is a simple schedule demonstrating the means available to do so.

Means of Transportation	Price (Subject to Change)	Notes	Average Duration
Train	70 LE	Egyptian railway	3 hours
Bus	Varies	Superjet or Gobus	
Local Minibus	50 LE		
Swvl or Uber bus	90 to 105 LE	Mobile application	

Shopping

 The biggest supermarket in town is “Fathalla”, where you can find most of your needs. It’s a 10 minute ride from E-JUST campus.

 Another big store where you can get your needs is Carrefour. It is located at El-Orouba mall on North Coast Rd. It’s open every day from 10:00 am – 12:00 am. Moreover, Shopping for clothes and more specific items can be done in Alexandria City Centre.

<https://www.carrefouregypt.com/> to give you a sense of what kinds of products and ingredients found in Egyptian markets.

Online Shopping

- Souq.com: <https://egypt.souq.com/>
- Jumia.com: <https://www.jumia.com.eg/>



Campus Life and Student Services

Since E-JUST is all about cultural diversity and creating an international environment to cater for all of our students whether they are Egyptian or foreigners, we do our best to provide different activities that will give you the opportunity to explore many aspects of the Egyptian culture and get to form new friendships easily and smoothly.



Trips and Tours

E-JUST organizes a yearly trip to one of the touristic cities in Egypt for our international students. The average duration is 3 to 5 days. Also, E-JUST organizes a couple of one day trips to touristic attraction sites that usually are partially/fully funded by the university.

Cultural Activities (Meet & Greet, International Week, movie night)

E-JUST makes effort to help our international students get accustomed to us, the Egyptian culture and make them feel at home.

We highly encourage you to get sociable and participate in our weekly, monthly or yearly activities and events such as; meet & greets, international week, movie nights and much more.

So, don't forget to bring stuff from your home country such as traditional wear/clothes, food, instruments for our show and tell.



Restaurants and Dining Options

Food and culture are an essential part of the university experience at E-JUST.

We are also committed to ensuring that our students have access to healthy food options.

Below is a list of options for on-campus restaurants, cafes and their operating hours:

Venue	Location	Working Hours	
		From	To
Le Nerval Restaurant	Activities Hub Building – 1st Floor	7:00 am	9:00 pm
E-JUST Café	Administrative building	9:00 am	10:00 pm
E-JUST Guest House Restaurant	E-JUST Guest House Ground floor	7/24	
Japanese Restaurant	Administrative building	12:00 pm	10:00 pm
Supermarket / Stationary Shop	Administrative building	9:00 am	10:00 pm

Medical Assistance

The university clinic is open daily from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

A doctor and ambulance are available on campus on call 24/7.

E-JUST is conveniently located in New Borg El-Arab City close to Al-Salam Royal Hospital.

ATMs

Two Automated Teller Machines (ATM) are available on campus.

National Bank of Egypt's ATM is located on the ground floor of the administrative building while the Arab African International Bank's ATM is located at the eastern fence of the administrative building close to the main entrance.

Sports

E-JUST recognizes that students are different and are motivated by sports and physical activities. We also recognize that getting physically active positively affects students' energy, improves their mental health and their academic performance.

E-JUST has a one of a kind sports facility. The Activities Hub building includes a heated indoor swimming pool, a squash court and fully equipped gymnasium and locker rooms. The secondary campus also includes four football fields, two tennis courts and a multi-purpose sports court.

E-JUST has a full staff of full-time coaches and trainers available on campus.

Security

E-JUST considers the safety of its students of the utmost importance.

There is a security office on campus guarding E-JUST premises 24/7.

All students must carry their ID cards all the time and show to the officers when needed.

Health Check-up & How to use the medical card

Health Check-up (after Arrival) / HIV Test

According to the Egyptian Ministry of Higher Education regulation, any international student must undergo HIV Test in Egypt after arrival at one of the governmental hospitals in Egypt, and in case the test is positive, the student will be deported.

- RIA office coordinates conducting the HIV test to the new international students.
- Usually the result of the test is received after 2 weeks.

Medical Insurance and the medical card

All students under scholarships will be covered by a medical company that has agreements with E-JUST. Thus, here is how to use it;

- Students will be given their medical cards and the network of doctors / clinics / pharmacies or hospitals covered by the insurance company.
- Stick to the network in order to save a lot of money.
- Show your medical card at the reception area and follow their instructions if there is any.



Accommodation & House manners

Accommodation:

Our campus offers various housing options to accommodate single and married students, academic staff and visiting scholars

Campus services include:

- Fully furnished apartments or single rooms
- Security services
- Medical services:
 - ✓ *Clinic hours 9:00 am – 4:00 pm*
 - ✓ *On Call doctor 24/7*
 - ✓ *Ambulance available on campus 24/7*
- Self-service laundry area (for free)
- Maintenance services (for free)
- High speed Wi-Fi (for free)

House Manners:

In order to live in the dormitory, all of our students must abide by the rules and keep their rooms/apartments clean, tidy and mind the usage of the equipment available.

The student is responsible for his residence in the dormitory during his/her study period.

Here are some of the house manners students must keep in mind;

- No pets allowed
- No smoking
- Students must maintain the appliances and the cleanliness of the apartment
- No visitors are allowed unless in the designated area for visitors
- No males allowed in the females dorm and vice versa
- No major gatherings without acquiring permission first
- No loud noises



Useful Applications

Useful apps and websites:

1. “Bkam?” to compare prices between shops
2. “FilBalad” Cinema guide
3. Booking.com
4. Airbnb
5. Tripadvisor
6. “Here wego” offline maps
7. Yellowpages.com.eg