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Applying

1) What is The University of Science and Technology mission statement?

The University of Science and Technology is designed to bring effective participation in the 21st century science, to elevate local technologies to the world level, and to increase national productivity. The University of Science and Technology aims to contribute to building a knowledge-based society founded on creative thinking by providing a merit-based education and engaging with the public at-large.

2) When was the university founded?

Zewail City of Science and Technology is a not-for-profit, independent institution of learning, research and innovation. The concept of the City was proposed in 1999 and its cornerstone laid on January 1, 2000. After many delays in its establishment, the January 25, 2011 Revolution brought a revival to the project with an Egyptian Cabinet of Ministers’ decree on May 11, 2011 and law number 161 on 20 December 2012. The Cabinet a National Project of Scientific Renaissance and named Zewail City of Science and Technology labeled the project. The University of Science and Technology started the first admissions and foundation year classes in the academic year 2013/2014.

3) Where do I apply?

The application is online only so you can apply online on http://www.zewailcity.edu.eg/ during the announced dates of admissions.

4) How can I apply? Do I need to come in person?

You can apply only online on the university website (www.zewailcity.edu.eg). Attach scanned copies of the available of the below mentioned documents:

- One photo (passport size with a white background)
- Copy of the National ID for Egyptian males applicants / copy of the passport for foreign students
- English Proficiency Exam results, if available*
- Copy of a Birth Certificate
- Secondary School Transcript or Mark Sheet
- University transcript for transferred students

* Students will be asked to attend The University of Science and Technology English Test unless they submit a recent score of an international standardized English test
5) When can students apply?
Students who have final results or IGCSE students can apply starting from 1 February 2016 till 27 July 2016.

6) What is the deadline for submitting student applications?
27 July 2016.

7) I am not an Egyptian can I apply to The University of Science and Technology?
Yes.

8) What is the Language of the instruction?
English is the language of instruction.

9) My secondary school certificate results are not recent, can I apply?
Yes, you can apply if you are currently enrolled at another university as per the below requirements:

- Minimum 96% score of Egyptian secondary school certificate (Math or Science section)
- To submit an academic record of continued academic activity.
- Minimum university GPA of 3.0 or "Good"
- Acceptance will be pending approval of academic committee

10) Do you accept transferred students?
Yes

11) How can I transfer credits from a previous institution to The University of Science and Technology?
Previously studied courses are not transferable so if you want to transfer you will be considered as a “first time freshman”.

Admissions Requirements

12) How much is the Admissions Application Fee?

There are no fees for the application till present, and any change will be announced.

13) Which High school certificates does The University of Science and Technology accept?

The University of Science and Technology accepts the following certificates:
- Egyptian Thanawiya Amma
- Thanawiya Azharia
- STEM high school
- Thanawiya Amma from Arab countries
- American High School Diploma
- Canadian Diploma
- French BAC
- German Abitur
- IGCSE /GCSE/GCE
- International BAC
- Other equivalent high school certificates

14) What is the Minimum score required for applying to The University of Science and Technology?

Each certificate type has a minimum requirement for the application stated in the below answers.

15) If I am a public School graduate can I apply to The University of Science and Technology?

Yes, the University of Science and Technology is offering equal opportunities and an admission is based on merit so if you are fulfilling The University of Science and Technology admissions application requirements.

16) What are the minimum requirements of the Egyptian Thanawiya Amma for the application?

Thanawiya Amma, Math or Science section, applicants are required to submit the results of the final sitting with at least 96% to be considered for admissions application.
17) What are the requirements of the Thanawiya Azharia for the application?

Achieving an overall score equivalent to 96% in Egyptian Thanawiya Amma. All religion subjects...etc. are not calculated.

18) What are the requirements of the STEM high school certificate for the application?

Achieving an overall score 80%. All religion subjects...etc. are not calculated.

19) What are the requirements of the Thanawiya Amma from Arab countries for the application?

A scientific oriented Arab Thanaweya Amma with achieving an overall score equivalent to 96% in Egyptian Thanawiya Amma. All religion, PE, behavior, arts, military subjects...etc. are not calculated. Yemeni Thanaweya requires submitting a proof of 12 years of schooling and Saudi Thanawia Amma students have to pass the General Aptitude Test and submit it with the online application.

20) What are the requirements of the American High School Diploma for the application?

Achieving an overall score equivalent to 98% in Egyptian Thanawiya Amma. Having successfully completed 8 different subjects. Subjects less than one credit are not accepted. Subjects as PE, music, religion, etc... are not counted. Accepted students must have been studying at least the last 3 years (grade 10, 11 and 12) in the American system. Subjects can be calculated from Grade 11 (maximum 3 subjects) and/or 12 (minimum 5 subjects). The minimum scores are a combined total score of 1440/2400 in SAT I and a total score of 1100/1600 is required, with a minimum score of 500 for each subject (qualifying subject). Noting that additional subjects of SATII more than the minimum 2 required subjects will be counted of and considered. Students who receive an American high school diploma must submit a proof of 12 years of schooling.
21) What are the requirements of the Canadian Diploma for the application?

i. Achieving an overall score equivalent to 96% in Egyptian Thanawiya Amma. Canadian diploma from schools inside Egypt: Having successfully completed 8 different subjects (including the qualifying subjects) Accepted students should have spent the last 3 years of study in the Canadian System (Grades 10, 11 and 12). Subjects less than one credit are not accepted. Subjects can be calculated from Grade 11 (maximum 3 subjects) and from Grade 12 (Minimum 5 subjects). Subjects as PE, music, religion, etc.... are not counted. SATI minimum score is 1440/2400 and SATII (in qualifying subjects) minimum score is 1100/1600.

ii. Achieving an overall score equivalent to 96% in Egyptian Thanawiya Amma. Canadian diploma from international schools in Canada except Quebec province: Having successfully completed 8 different subjects (including the qualifying subjects) Accepted students should have spent the last 3 years of study in the Canadian System (Grades 10, 11 and 12). Subjects less than one credit are not accepted. Subjects as PE, music, religion, etc.... are not counted. Advanced level subject in Grade 12 is required either in Biology or Math with studying it in Grade 11 too.

22) What are the requirements of the French Baccalaureate for the application?

Achieving an overall score equivalent to 96% in Egyptian Thanawiya Amma. The number of subjects to be calculated is 7 (including the qualifying subjects). A total score of minimum 10/20 is required as a passing grade. 5 points will be added to each course in the evaluation as a bonus and final percentage will be calculated according to the student’s score in each course and the corresponding coefficient.

23) What are the requirements of the German Abitur for the application?

Achieving an overall score equivalent to 96% in Egyptian Thanawiya Amma. Having acquired the qualifying subjects in Grade 11 and 12. The number of subjects to be calculated is 7 (including the qualifying subjects).

24) What are the requirements of the IGCSE Certificates for the application?

Achieving an overall score equivalent to 95% in Egyptian Thanawiya Amma. Having successfully completed 12 years of schooling, completed 8 IGCSE / GCSE / GCE subjects and minimum 1 AL subject or 2 ASL subjects. IGCSE OL subjects obtained should be of the extended system not of the core system. Accepted number of sitting is 5 (taken during not more than 3 successive years) .The University of Science and Technology accepts for the application a minimum grade of "C" at the Ordinary or Advanced Supplementary Level (Math, Chemistry, Physics or Biology), and a minimum grade of ‘D’ at the Advanced Level (Math, Chemistry, Physics or
Biology). Subjects repeated are not double counted. Only the best subjects are considered, noting that additional subjects of Advanced Level Subjects and Advanced Supplementary Level will be counted and considered.

25) What are the requirements of the International Baccalaureate for the application?

Achieving an overall score equivalent to 96% in Egyptian Thanawiya Amma. Passing 6 subjects with a minimum of 3 taken in the high level (including the qualifying subjects). A total score of minimum of 24/45 is required. Passing the English language is a must for acceptance. Theory of Knowledge, Extended Essay & Creativity are required. Students must obtain the final graduation IB diploma to be considered for admission.

26) What are the requirements of any other secondary school certificate?

Other Programs and Certificates that complete a rigorous secondary scientific education program are welcomed to apply as long as the condition of achieving an overall score equivalent to 96% in Egyptian Thanawiya Amma is fulfilled.

27) What are the credentials, which are needed to be submitted to the University of Science and Technology after the acceptance?

1. 6 photos (passport size with a white background).
2. Birth Certificate
3. Copy of the National ID for Egyptian male students/ copy of the passport for foreign students
4. English Language test result if available
5. Form Namozag 2 Gond and 6 Gond for all male students or 7 Gond including the military number for students born before the year 1996.
6. HIV Test for Non-Egyptians
7. Medical certificate for Egyptians.
8. Legal residence document or a passport including entry and exit dates for Arab Thanaweya Amma applicants or any other high school certificates from outside Egypt.
9. Legal residence document or passport including Arab country entry and exit dates for Arab Thanaweya Amma applicants
10. Passing The University of Science and Technology Zewail academic admissions test and English Placement Test (results will be posted to the student file by the university).
11. Passing the Interview.
12. Proof of passing Arabic Language – Thanawiya Amma level – for other foreign certificates, if available

28) What are the credentials which are needed to be submitted by transferred students to the University of Science and Technology after the acceptance?
1. Faculty transcript for students studying more than one year with a General Grade at least "Good" or "GPA 3.0"
2. Form Namozag 2 Gond and 6 Gond for all male students or 7 Gond including the military number for students born before the year 1996
3. All credentials stated in question number 27

29) Do I have to submit the Arabic and Religion test results with my credentials?

If you already sit for the test, you have to submit its results. If not, you have a chance to sit for it at any time during your university study but before graduation.

30) What is the institution number assigned for the University of Science and Technology by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) for directly mailing the SAT test results?

SAT: 7209
31) **What Test do I have to take?**

Students who intend to join the University of Science and Technology have to sit for the English Proficiency Test or submit a recent score of any international English proficiency exam (e.g., TOEFL or IELTS).

32) **What is the amount of the English Proficiency Test fees?**

There are no fees for the EPT test till present. In case of any change, it will be announced.

33) **Who will be eligible for the University of Science and Technology English Proficiency Test?**

Applicants who did not sit for TOEFL or IELTS will be entitled to sit for this Language Exam. Also, those who took those tests and did not achieve the required scores (see Question 35 below for the required scores) will have to take this exam.

34) **Who will be exempted from taking the University of Science and Technology English Proficiency Test?**

The University can exempt students from the English proficiency exam if they submit the minimum required test scores of TOEFL or IELTS within the last two years.

35) **When is the date for taking the university’s English Proficiency Test and where it will be held?**

The English Proficiency Test will be scheduled and the date will be sent by email to the applicants. The test will be administered at the University of Science and Technology's Sheikh Zayed campus, in front of Juhayna Square, 6th October City, Egypt.
36) What is the required TOEFL or IELTS score to start the Academic program at the University of Science and Technology?

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37) If I didn’t achieve the English score to be accepted in the Academic Program?

Student who achieve a score below the required level and fall in the category of remedial English course will be entitled to study Intensive English Program along with their course of study.

38) If I did not pass the University Intensive English Program exit test?

You may have another chance to repeat the University Intensive English Program based on the evaluation of your overall performance.

39) Can I repeat the English Proficiency Test if I did not achieve the minimum required score?

No you can’t.
40) What is the institution number assigned for the University of Science and Technology by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) for directly mailing the TOEFL test results?

TOEFL: 2893
University Study Cost, Scholarship and Financial Support

41) What is the amount of the university study cost per semester?

The student’s cost for study is currently 55,000 EGP (Fifty Five Thousands Egyptian Pounds) per semester, and is subject to an annual increase. This cost includes access to original individual textbooks during the courses, access to transportation routes supplied by Zewail City and mandatory laboratory supplies for experiments. Every student has to pay a Financial Contribution (FC) for his/her cost of study in the University depending on his / her Family Financial Status.

42) Does the University of Science and Technology offer scholarships and financial support for students?

Yes.

43) Do you have several types of scholarships and financial support?

Zewail City offers every year a number of full and partial scholarships based on merit and the university resources. Generally, scholarships are reserved for Egyptian students with academic special qualifications and based on student’s achievement in the Admissions Exam.

Zewail City offers a number of financial supports to its Egyptian students based on merit and need based on the financial status of the student’s guardian or parent.

44) Who can apply for a financial support?

All accepted students who cannot afford to pay all the university fees have the right to complete the Social and Financial Survey Form, enclose with it the required supporting documents and financial status proofs to apply for the scholarship and financial support.

45) Who is eligible to apply for the financial support?

In order to be eligible to apply for the scholarship and the financial support, certain requirements must be met:

1. Fulfillment of Admission requirements (see the “Admissions Requirements” section).
2. Demonstrating a financial need with the submission of the Social and the Financial Survey application and all the required supporting documents and financial status proofs.
46) **What is the Social and Financial Survey Form?**

It is a form to be requested by the student from the Office of Admissions and Registration on which a parent or a guardian writes down information about the resources of the family and all the family members' information with their monthly expenses.

47) **What are the required supporting documents to be enclosed with the Social and Financial Survey Form?**

Any document proves the family monthly expenses has to be enclosed like electricity or gas or phone bills, school or university fees receipts, medical bills, installments proofs, etc.

48) **What is the importance of the required supporting documents to be enclosed with the Social and Financial Survey Form?**

The more supporting documents are enclosed, the more it helps the evaluation committee to give an accurate percentage of the scholarship and the financial support off the university fees.

49) **What is the percentage of the financial support offered by the University of Science and Technology?**

The percentage of the financial support offered through the University of Science and Technology will range from 0 – 100% deduction off the tuition fees. Financial support grants will be determined according to the student or family financial need, as appropriate, within the university budget limitations. Financial need is defined as the difference between the tuition fee costs of attending the UST programs and the amount a student or family can contribute towards these costs.

50) **What is the process for applying for the financial support?**

1. Fill out the Social and the Financial Survey.
2. Provide the necessary required documents and enclose it to the completed Social and Financial Survey form. Submit all to the Office of Admissions and Registration after receiving the final acceptance email to join the university.
3. The eligibility and the amount of the scholarship and the financial support to be granted to the student will be decided based on evaluation of the submitted documents.
51) Where we submit the Social and Financial Survey Form with therequired supporting documents?

All the documents are to be submitted to the Office of Admissions and Registration to the staff in charge.

52) When do I know if I am granted a scholarship and a financial support?

Admissions and Registration office will notify you after careful evaluation of applicants’ requests with the supporting documents. You will receive a notification phone call including the amount to be deducted from the tuition by the Office of Admissions and Registration. This process will be done confidentially by the University officials.

53) Once I am granted a scholarship or a financial support, is it guaranteed that I will continue having it until graduation?

The scholarship and the financial support are reviewed every year and those who continue to fulfill a good standing in their academic performance will continue having their scholarships and financial support.

54) What are the criteria to remain an eligible student for the scholarship and financial support ward?

To remain eligible for the scholarship and financial support award, undergraduate students must meet the following academic criteria:
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above.
- Maintain a full-time status (12 credit hours per semester or above); with the exception of a graduating senior and during their final semester; then the financial aid award will be calculated in proportion with the number of registered credits.

55) When is the time for applying for the financial support?

The students can apply for the financial support after receiving their final acceptance email of joining the university.

56) Do I need to renew the scholarship and the financial support every semester?

1. Undergraduates who were granted a scholarship and a financial support do not have to renew their applications as long as they meet the above-mentioned conditions.
2. Undergraduates who failed to meet the above-mentioned conditions must submit a scholarship and a financial support regaining form. Renewal of their scholarship and financial support will be subject to an evaluation of their academic performance.
57) Do I have to review the financial support award at anytime?

Students who received the financial support award and encountered changes in their financial situation and wish to review their award amount will need to pick up a petition form from the office of Admissions and Registration and submit it with supporting documents proving their change in their financial situation.
Acceptance and Registration

58) What is the next step after giving my credentials to the office of Admissions & Registration?

Upon giving all your required credentials, you will receive a checklist including all received documents and the rest of the pending ones.

59) How do I know that I am accepted?

After you are selected to sit for the admissions exam and English Proficiency Exam, pass them and pass the interview, the university will review and evaluate your application according to admission policies and you will receive an e-mail to notify you about your acceptance to acknowledge your eligibility to join The University of Science and Technology program.

60) What is the foundation year program?

Foundation programs (also known as access or bridging courses) bridge the gap between the qualifications you have and those you need to be prepared with for progressing onto courses of the undergraduate degree program at The University of Science and Technology.

61) What are the social sciences and humanities courses?

All students entering The University of Science and Technology must complete 21 credit hours of Social Sciences and Humanities courses. Social Sciences and Humanities courses provide the foundation for cultivating a well-rounded student who is prepared for a fully productive life. The core courses ensure broad education and complement the subject courses that provide in depth specialized education. Required courses cover areas in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, Arabic, Arab World history, communication skills, literature, management, philosophical thinking, and social sciences.

The University of Science and Technology believes that this helps the students develop an appreciation of the social, cultural, intellectual and aesthetic values that shape society and the human experience. Details regarding General Education courses can be found in the Student Handbook on the web site.
62) What are the subjects offered in the foundation year?

- Introduction to Classical Mechanics (4crs)
- Introduction to Electromagnetism (4crs)
- Chemistry I (4crs)
- Chemistry II (4crs)
- Calculus I (3crs)
- Calculus II (3crs)
- Biology I (4crs)
- Biology II (4crs)
- Science & Technology Seminar (1cr)
- Technical English (3crs)
- Philosophical Thinking (3crs)

63) What is the structure of the first year in terms of courses?

A solid foundation in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), during the first year, students will study 37 credit hours of physics, chemistry, biology, mathematics, technology and engineering.

64) Does the University offer English Language Courses?

As part of the first year academic curriculum an English course will be taught in the different language skills Reading, Writing, Speaking, and Report Writing.

65) Can you help me select courses that suit my background and career objectives?

Faculty academic advisor will help you in selecting your courses.

66) What are the dates for Registration?

1. Fall 2016 registration starts on September 11-15, 2016 for new students.
2. Spring 2017 registration starts on December 11 - 22, 2016
3. Summer 2017 registration starts on July , 2 - 3, 2017
67) When do Classes begin?

1. Fall 2016 classes will begin on September 18, 2016
2. Spring 2017 classes will begin on February 12, 2017
3. Summer 2017 classes will begin on July 2, 2017

68) What does Late Registration mean?

Late registration means registering on the first day of classes of the new term till the end of the first week of classes.

69) Is there a penalty for late registration?

Yes, an additional amount will be charged. Late registration fees are announced at the beginning of every academic year.

70) When is the late registration deadline?

Sept 18 - 22, 2016

71) When is the last day of the term Withdrawal from courses?

1. Fall 2016: December 15, 2016
   • Spring 2017: May 4, 2017

72) Can I change my schedule after the beginning of a term?

Yes, during the first week of study.

73) Does the University offer summer session?

Yes

74) What are the dates for the drop/add process?

• Fall 2016: Sept 18 - 22, 2016
• Spring 2017: Feb. 12-16, 2017
• Summer 2017: July 2-3, 2017
75) Do you offer any courses via internet or distance learning?

No
Academic Regulations

76) How do I know the academic performance and regulations?

You will find an online copy of The University of Science and Technology handbook on http://www.zeugailcity.edu.eg/zewail-university

77) Can I register online?

Registration will be online; any conflict will be handled by the office of the Registrar.

78) How do I register for my courses in a semester?

You can check the courses offerings online and select your schedule of courses to be approved by your advisor.

79) What is the curriculum structure of The University of Science and Technology majors?

The Foundation year = 37 credit hours
The major requirements courses of Science majors = 127 credit hours
The major requirements courses of Engineering majors = 157 credit hours

80) What is the academic load per semester?

Maximum 18 credit hours per semester

81) Is it allowed to have an academic overload?

It requires a high GPA and the Head of the Major approval.

82) Is it permitted to withdraw from courses?

Withdrawal is permitted in case the student has a medical reason or family circumstances that require withdrawing for one semester. Student may fill out a Withdrawal Form, get all the required approvals then submit the form to the Office of Admissions and Registration.
83) **What is the classes' attendance policy?**

Each professor has the right to set up the attendance policy and participation of the students in their classes in the light of the university policy.

84) **What are the components of my final grade?**

Student’s grade is evaluated throughout the whole semester, given examinations, quizzes, reports, discussions, assignments, midterm examinations and final examination. Every professor has his own criteria on weighing these components.

85) **What is the grading system of The University of Science and Technology?**

GPA grading system out of 4.0 as follows:

- A   = 4.0
- A-  = 3.7
- B+  = 3.3
- B   = 3.0
- B-  = 2.7
- C+  = 2.3
- C   = 2.0
- C-  = 1.7
- D+  = 1.3
- D   = 1.0
- F   = 0.0

86) **Am I allowed to repeat a course?**

Yes, as long as it does not conflict with other requirements of the department major and according to the university policy. Students are allowed to repeat only four courses to improve their grades during the whole study period.

87) **What is the probation policy?**

Students who fail to reach 2.0 cumulative grade point average are not permitted to register for more than 13 credit hours and they are not allowed to participate in the University activities. In case the student fails to achieve the minimum GPA 2.0 for 2 semesters he will be academically suspended.

88) **What is the minimum GPA required at graduation?**

The student must achieve at least a 2.0 GPA.
89) **May I have a copy of my transcript or student record?**

Yes you can apply for a student copy or official transcript for a charged fee (70EGP) or you can have it for free from the students’ service web system.

90) **Is it allowed to study double majors?**

Yes, a student who pursues a double major must have high average approved by Dean. Student should consult the advisor before the written approval from the Dean. The regulations of double counted courses will be subject to the University approvals. A Student must have a faculty advisor for each major, and both advisors must approve the graduation plan for each major.

91) **Is there any minors?**

Students may select one or more of the minors offered in the university. Selecting a minor is an optional, and a total of 15 credit hours are requirements in any minor. The minors must contain some upper-level course, at least 9 credits. Courses may include those taken as electives with maximum of 6 credit hours.

92) **Is there a specialization within a major?**

There are different specializations with each major, students can double the specialization. The specialization has specific courses required based on the major requirements.
Programs at the University of Science and Technology

93) What are the offered majors in The University of Science and Technology?

Bachelor of Engineering Majors:

1. **Space and Communication Engineering**
   The program in Space Science and Communications Technology provides students with a full training in Mathematics and Physical Sciences as required for an Engineering course during the first 2-3 years, together with a foundation in Communications technology with specific applications to space and satellite systems.

2. **Environmental Engineering**
   The Environmental Engineering major will provide students with an interdisciplinary background in Physical and Life Sciences, with a focus on principles and skills needed to manage the interactions between human communities and their physical environment.

3. **Nanotechnology Engineering**
   The Nanotechnology Engineering program is an interdisciplinary program sharing a common foundation with all programs delivered at The University of Science and Technology during the first two years.

4. **Renewable Energy Engineering**
   The Renewable Energy major is a five year program aiming at graduating Engineers with solid knowledge in state of the art techniques for generating green energy.

Bachelor of Science Majors:

5. **Materials Science**
   The Materials Science program at The University of Science and Technology is an interdisciplinary program that covers materials from various prospective.

6. **Nanoscience**
   The Nanoscience program focuses on scientific phenomena that occur at sizes around a nanometer.

7. **Physics of the Earth & Universe**
   The Physics of the Earth and Universe Major is designed to provide the rigorous background in Mathematics and Physical Sciences required for a career in theoretical, computational, or experimental scientific research and/or education.

8. **Biomedical Sciences**
   The Biomedical Science major is designed to provide students with basic and applied knowledge in the field of biology as it applies to health and disease.
94) How long does it take to finish Science Programs?

One foundation year plus 3 years in science programs; it takes 4 years to finish the science program and graduate.

95) How long does it take to finish the Engineering program?

One foundation year plus 4 years in engineering programs, it takes 5 years to finish the engineering program and graduate.
Major Declaration

96) What is the meaning of Major Declaration?

It is when you announce to the University what program you want to be enrolled in and your courses will be registered accordingly.

97) Why should I declare my major?

Declaring your major will specify the required core courses you will be taking throughout the years in University of Science and Technology- Zewail City and accordingly your academic plan will be advising you to register in which courses till you finish your selected program.

98) What if I changed my mind in declaring my major?

You are allowed to do that by filling in another major declaration form and wait for its approval.

99) Can I change my major after the time of courses' registration is over?

No, you cannot change your major declaration except before the registration process begins.

100) How can I complete the Declaration of Major process?

First, sit with the major coordinators and the faculty members to be able to select the major according to your preference. After the scientific advising with the faculty members and you decided on the major to declare it, visit the Admissions and Registration office in the specified dates to fill in the declaration from with the approval signature to get enrolled in the specified major.

101) What If I missed the deadline of declaring my major?

The declaration of major is opened for two times each year, and before the registration period of each semester. You can change your major declaration during the registration period.
When can I declare more than one Major?

Declaration of double major will not be approved in the foundation and the second year in the University. However, you can double major in the third year with high GPA and an Academic Committee approval. Requirements will be announced to students accordingly.

If my double major is approved what courses will I be taking?

This will be arranged with your advisor and your academic plan but all what you have to take are the core courses for both majors and the common ones will be double counted.

If I declare my major what are the requirements for approving my declaration?

The approval will be according to the number of students in each major and priority of places will be granted to the ones with higher GPA. Moreover, the university action will be considered upon submitting all declaration forms.

What is the meaning of Minor? Is it Optional?

It is taking 5 or 6 courses from another major if you are interested in it, and it is optional you don't have to declare a minor to graduate. You can also substitute some of the elective courses you are required to take for completing the number of credit hours to graduate with some of the minor courses if applicable. The elective courses may be double counted for the degree and the minor.

When Can I declare my Minor?

Minor declaration will not be taking place until you complete the required credit hours for it. Also, after completion of credit hours you have to come to the Admissions and Registration office to declare it because if you did not request that, it will not be written in your transcript.

What about the major specialization?

It is not optional you have to select a concentration in the major you declared to be able to register its required courses. You can track each major concentration form the University's handbook.
108) **Can I track double specialization?**

Yes, double specialization is optional and it is within the same major.

109) **How can I declare double specialization?**

Taken the required courses for each specialization is considered with the department and Dean's approvals.
**Transportation**

110) **Does the university offer Transportation Service?**

Yes, transportation service is offered to students.

111) **How can I apply for the university’s transportation?**

Fill in the transportation form and submit it to the Student Service Center.

112) **What are the fees required for transportation and what are the payment terms?**

Transportation fees will be evaluated and announced by the start of each fall semester.

113) **How can I get the schedule and routes for the buses?**

The Updated student bus routes are posted online or you can get it from the Student Service Center.

**Housing**

114) **Does the university provide housing facilities?**

Until The University of Science and Technology housing facility is established, the Student Affairs Department will provide guidance to students seeking residential areas in neighborhoods around the ZC campus.

115) **Where do I get assistance for housing?**

You can seek help from the office of the Student Service Center.
Student Life

116) What is the student life like?

All non-academic activities is offered through the Student Affairs Office ranging from sports, trips, arranging events and joining committees.

117) Is the campus equipped with facilities for disabled students?

The university is in the process of availing facilities to cater for different kinds of special needs. The university will announce these facilities after they are established.

118) Is there a clinic?

Yes, the physicians and the nurses are available every day from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, except for Fridays and Saturdays. The University Clinic is located in the Academic Building ZC2–Basement.

119) How can I find dates for the University events?

Check the calendar of events on the University's website.

120) Do you offer counseling to the students?

Student Counseling is available. More information available on the Student Affairs website.

121) Are there sports facilities?

Yes, facilities include indoor areas designated for weight training and aerobics, table tennis as well as a large gymnasium. Outdoor areas to include a track, basketball, volleyball, handball and two tennis courts, basketball/football, volleyball courts are planned and will implementation is in progress. All fields are to be lit for night play.

122) Is there a library?

Yes, there is a university Library which provide a full range of services and a huge of online recourses
Food Services

Is there food on /or near campus?

Yes, a selected company for catering and food services is supervised by the University administration. The Company provides a variety of healthy catering services to all faculty, students, researchers and staff. Hot plates of food are offered to the full University community through the Cafeteria. In addition, it serves refreshments and a variety of hot and cold sandwiches. The Cafeteria is located in the Basement of the Academic Building (ZC2). The operating hours are from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm every day except for Fridays & Saturdays. Meal plan contracts are offered upon request for students, faculty and staff.
124) What is needed to access the Student Web?

1. Valid student ID number
2. PIN (Personal Identification Number)
3. Call the IT Department

125) Who can use The University of Science and Technology Student Web?

All the University enrolled students are entitled to use the University Web and e-learning to check their schedule, grades, transcripts, registered courses, assignments, etc.

126) Where can I get additional information about The University of Science and Technology?

You can visit us on our website http://www.zewailcity.edu.eg/zewail-university

127) How do I buy my books?

You can receive your books from the Office of Admissions and Registration, use it and return it after finishing the course or buy it.

128) Is there post-graduate studies?

The launching of a post graduate studies department in the University of Science and Technology is already planned; it will be announced during 2015/2016. Right now research is conducted in the Zewail City Research Institutes.

129) What is the relation between the University and the Researchinstitutes?

Graduate studies research will be conducted in Zewail City's research institutes. Research will be conducted at the highest level, with the aim of ultimately reaching the level of institutes such as the Max Planck Institutes in Germany. These institutes will be dedicated to broad but interrelated scientific and technological disciplines. Some fields of research will be particularly relevant to the needs of Egypt and the region. These include R&D in energy, information technology, medicine, and other areas relating to water resources and global climate change.
130) **What are the career opportunities for the graduates?**

The mission of the University Career Services is to provide guidance and resources to The University of Science and Technology student body for the achievement of their career-related goals. In partnership with faculty and University staff, career services will provide information, programs, and consultations to help them better understand the career-related needs of students. In partnership with alumni, parents, and employers, career services will develop informational and experiential networks and that involve them as resources in support of providing training and career opportunities for students.

131) **Are there any campus tours for accepted students?**

There will be an orientation session where new students will be taken for a campus tour before starting the new semester.

131) **Is there a parking area for students?**

Yes, the parking policy is:

1. The University of Science and Technology demonstrates parking zones with numbered parking lots designated for faculty & staff, undergraduates and graduates.
2. Members of the University community who need to park on campus must obtain a permit from Transportation & Parking Services.
3. The University of Science and Technology reserves the right to ticket, tow, or boot vehicles parked on University property in violation of parking policy. All citations and expenses related to violations including vehicles with University parking permits are issued against the vehicle owner who is responsible for all violations and citations.

132) **Are the students entitled to give their opinions about their courses and instructors?**

Evaluation forms will be available and the students are required to fill it in. The gathered information will be taken into consideration by the university administration to develop the course content and the instruction process.

133) **Does the evaluation affect my grade?**

No, the forms will be anonymous; the university is the only concerned by the content delivered by students.