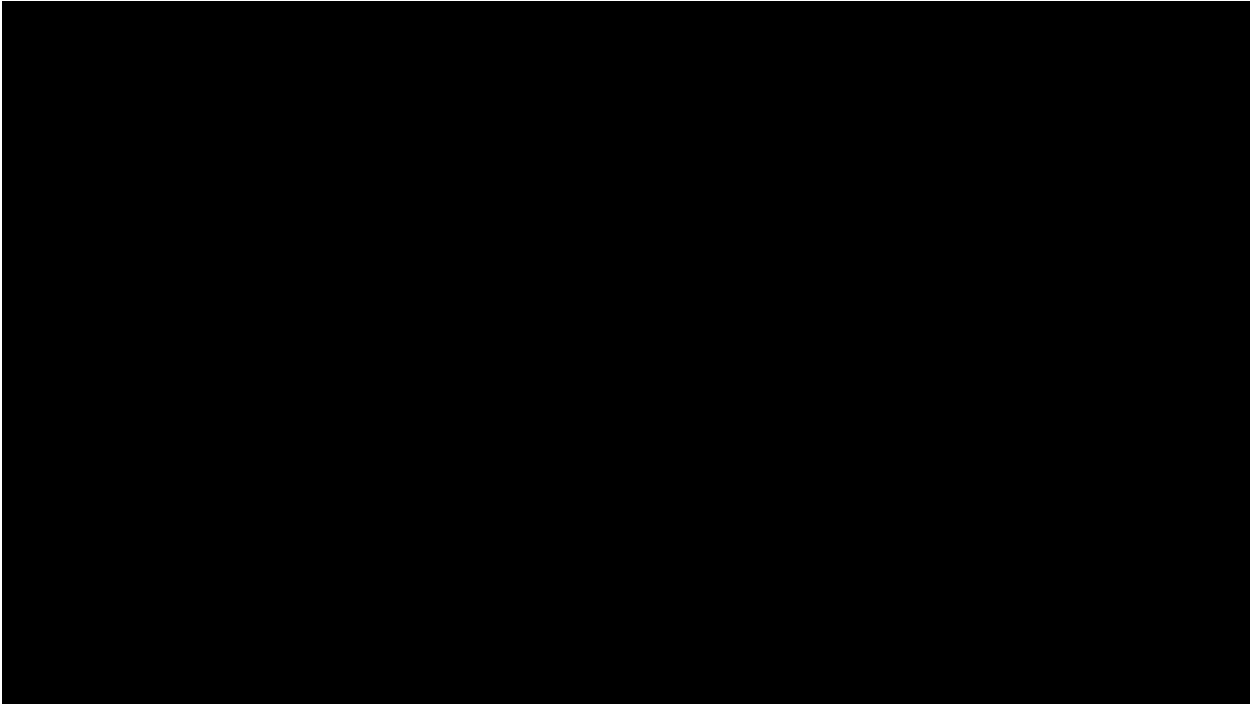


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28,119 SACM sponsored students in the U.S. as of 10/2020. There are 150 SACM students at IUP most are related or families have more than 1 individual here at IUP.

The Saudi Arabian Ministry of Higher Education has a list of approved Degrees at IUP (see list at end of document) that are recognized by their government. Students cannot easily change majors or fields of study once here. Not all degrees on the SACM approval list are paid for – the list shows degrees that are recognized in Saudi Arabia after a student returns to work at home. The Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission (SACM) is part of the embassy in D.C. that facilitates the funding and support for Saudi students while they are in the U.S.

SACM Sponsorship typically includes payment of all tuition, fees, health insurance and a monthly stipend for living costs. If family members travel with them – health insurance and a stipend is included to cover costs for their family. Scholarships are given in 1 year increments and details are listed on a Financial Guarantee. This guarantee goes to the IUP Bursar's office for billing. Any failure to meet SACM guidelines – certain GPA, submitting transcripts, not enrolling in too many online classes (During COVID – the # of online classes is more flexible. Under normal circumstances – undergraduate students can take a maximum of 12 online credits per degree; and graduate students can take a maximum 6 online credits per degree). Not following these rules could impact the student NOT being able to get monthly stipends OR Not being sponsored anymore by SACM.

Students have their own portal account with SACM and this is how they typically submit documentation and communicate with SACM. All communication is in Arabic – so students



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Completing a second degree - Students who complete an undergraduate degree who stay in the U.S. for a master's







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