

MSc in Applied Artificial Intelligence

Professional Occupations

- 1. Data Analyst / Data Scientist
- 2. AI Systems Architect
- 3. Data Visualization Expert
- 4. AI Developer
- 5. Machine/Deep Learning Engineer
- 6. AI Solutions Architect
- 7. Healthcare Data Analyst
- 8. AI Product Manager
- 9. Business Intelligence Analyst
- 10. AI Consultant
- 11. AI Research Scientist

Program Overview

The MSc in Applied Artificial Intelligence (AAI) at Alfaisal University offers a comprehensive, four-semester graduate program that prepares students to pioneer advancements in AI. The curriculum provides a robust foundation in the core disciplines of AI, with an emphasis on both theoretical and practical knowledge. By combining theory with hands-on practice, the program facilitates active learning through collaborative projects that reflect real-world challenges.

Program Objectives

The offered program's aims and objectives:

- Capacity development for technologists to advance the applied AI industry in the Kingdom.
- To prepare distinguished, high-caliber manpower with special skills and capabilities in the area of research, creativity, and innovation to develop AI products of national and strategic significance.



The MSc in AAI program consists of a core component plus a set of electives through which students may concentrate on a particular area or diversify their knowledge in the field. Students in the AAI MSc program have the choice between a thesis and a non-thesis (project) option.

Thesis Option

Students opting for the thesis track are required to complete four core and four electives in addition to their theis work. The thesis is valued at 18 credits, with a total of 24 credit hours of coursework. This option is ideal for those interested in research or academic careers in AI.

Non-thesis (Project) Option

Students who choose the non-thesis track are required to complete four core and six elective courses in addition to completing a project. This path totals 30 credit hours of coursework and 12 credits for the project. This option is suited to those aiming for a practical, hands-on approach in their AI career.

Tracks

Applied Artificial Intelligence
Intelligent Robotic Systems
Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare
Business Intelligence





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Alfaisal University MSc in Applied Artificial Intelligence | Study Plan Summary | Effective Fall 2024

| Credit Hours Required for MSc in Applied Artificial Intelligence | | | |
|--|------------|----------|-------|
| Thesis Option | | | |
| Type of | Compulsory | Elective | Total |
| Core | 12 | - | 12 |
| Elective | - | 12 | 12 |
| Thesis | 18 | - | 18 |
| Total | 30 | 12 | 42 |

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| Summary | | |
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| Courses | Credit Hours | |
| Core and elective courses | 24 | |
| Thesis I (MAI 600) | 9 | |
| Thesis II (MAI 601) | 9 | |
| Total credit hours required | 42 | |

| Year One - Fall semester | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Course Code | Course Title | Credit Hours | |
| MAI 551 | Machine Learning | 3 | |
| MAI 552 | Probability and Statistics for Al | 3 | |
| MAI 553 | Trustworthy and Ethical AI Systems | 3 | |
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| Year One - Spring semester | | | |
|----------------------------|---------------|--------------|--|
| Course Code | Course Title | Credit Hours | |
| MAI 554 | Deep Learning | 3 | |
| MAI 5xx | Elective I | 3 | |
| MAI 5xx | Elective II | 3 | |
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| Year Two - Fall semester | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|--|--------------|
| Course Code | Course Title | | Credit Hours |
| MAI 5xx | Elective III | | 3 |
| MAI 600 | Thesis I | | 9 |
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| Year Two - Spring semester | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| Course Code | Course Title | Credit Hours | |
| MAI 5xx | Elective IV | 3 | |
| MAI 601 | Thesis II | 9 | |

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| | Project Option | | | |
| Type of Compulsory Elective Total | | | | |
| Core | 12 | - | 12 | |
| Elective | - | 18 | 18 | |
| Thesis | 12 | - | 12 | |
| Total | 24 | 18 | 42 | |

| Summary | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--|
| Courses | Credit Hours | |
| Core and elective courses | 30 | |
| Project I (MAI 595) | 6 | |
| Project II (MAI 596) | 6 | |
| Total credit hours required | 42 | |

| Year One - Fall semester | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|--|
| Course Code | Course Title | Credit Hours | |
| MAI 551 | Machine Learning | 3 | |
| MAI 552 | Probability and Statistics for Al | 3 | |
| MAI 553 | Trustworthy and Ethical AI Systems | 3 | |

| Year One - Spring semester | | |
|----------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Course Code | Course Title | Credit Hours |
| MAI 554 | Deep Learning | 3 |
| MAI 5xx | Elective I | 3 |
| MAI 5xx | Elective II | 3 |

| Year Two - Fall semester | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| Course Code | Course Title | Credit Hours | |
| MAI 5xx | Elective III | 3 | |
| MAI 5xx | Elective IV | 3 | |
| MAI 595 | Project I | 6 | |
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| Year Two - Spri | ar Two - Spring semester | |
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| Course Code | Course Title | Credit Hours |
| MAI 5xx | Elective V | 3 |
| MAI 5xx | Elective VI | 3 |
| MAI 596 | Project II | 6 |

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| Course code | Course Name | CHrs |
| MAI 555 | Computer Vision and Pattern | 3 |
| MAI 556 | Generative Al | 3 |
| MAI 561 | Advanced Artificial Intelligence | 3 |
| MAI 562 | Human-Centered Al | 3 |
| MAI 563 | Artificial Intelligence: Principles and | 2 |
| | Techniques | 3 |
| MAI 564 | Systems and Tool Chains for Al | 3 |
| MAI 565 | Software Testing and Quality | _ |
| | Assurance in Al Systems | 3 |
| MAI 566 | Principles and Engineering | |
| | Applications of Al | 3 |
| MAI 567 | Al in Cybersecurity | 3 |
| MAI 568 | Natural Language Processing and | 1 |
| | Large Language Models | 3 |

| Course code | Course Name | CHrs |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|------|
| MAI 569 | Information Theory in Al Systems | 3 |
| MAI 570 | Speech Recognition and | 3 |
| | Understanding | 3 |
| MAI 571 | Al in Robotics | 3 |
| MAI 572 | AI-Driven Data Science Techniques | 3 |
| MAI 573 | Embedded Systems for Robotics | 3 |
| MAI 574 | Autonomous Robots | 3 |
| MAI 575 | Health Informatics | 3 |
| MAI 576 | Clinical Decision Support Systems | 3 |
| MAI 577 | Data Management and Big Data | 3 |
| MAI 578 | Business Analytics and Decision- | 3 |
| MAI 579 | Data Visualization and Dashboard | 3 |