

USA Map

Arizona?

Arizona is known as one of the hottest states in the United States, but is it as hot as Oman or more? Arizona in the last few years became one of the best places in the U.S to live in because of the healthy environment and its great weather around the year. Here are why Omani students should consider Arizona as one of their choices:

- Arizona is characterized by its warm dry desert climate that attracts many people, so this state has become one of the fastest-growing areas in the U.S.
- The Arizona desert is not the same as the Arabian deserts, it is not hot all year round, but
- rather witnesses the four seasons of the summer, winter, spring, and fall; but as any desert, it can get very hot in the summer.
- The climate is diverse in Arizona. There is the cold and snow up north in the state and the dry and warm in the south.
- The people of Arizona are among the most welcoming of others and are always smiling and love to help others.
- Arizona has a large percentage of Arab students so that the person does not feel alien at all.
- Because of the large percentage of Arabs, there are so many halal restaurants and markets that sell Arabic food.



- The way of life and life is not expensive but is quite appropriate in exchange for the services a person receives.
- Arizona is a very popular place for tourism -around 45.5 million visitors in 2018- that has many attractive destinations such as the Grand Canyon, Sedona, and Phoenix.

Popular Places to Visit



Sedona



Grand Canyon



Flagstaff



Havasu Falls

Tempe?

- Transportation is available in every part of the city, such as the metro and buses, at reasonable prices.
- There are many fun activities the students can do, such as hiking, water sports at Tempe Town Lake, and spending time in Tempe downtown.
- Tempe town lake is a very huge lake near Arizona State University where you can do many activities such as running, fishing, and renting a boat.
- Most of the services needed by the student such as restaurants, barbershops, or markets; Close by and can be reached by walking or using public transportation.
- There is a mosque in the university where the five daily prayers are held in addition to Friday prayer.



Popular Places to Visit



'A' Mountain



Hole in the Rock – Papago Park



Tempe Town Lake



Big Surf Waterpark

Arizona State University – ASU

Arizona State University is one of the best and strongest universities in the U.S. ASU has topped U.S. News & World Report's "Most Innovative Schools" list since the inception of the category in 2016. ASU again placed ahead of Stanford and MIT on the list, based on a survey of peers. ASU graduate programs place among the best in the nation, according to U.S. News & World Report's 2021 "Best Graduate Schools" rankings. Twenty-nine graduate programs are top-10 in the country, ranking among the best schools for law, education, business, public affairs, fine arts, and others. the university had nearly 90,000 students attending classes across its metro campuses. Academic programs are spread across four distinct campuses which are:

1-Tempe campus: ASU's Tempe campus is in downtown Tempe, Arizona, about eight miles (13 km) east of downtown Phoenix. The Tempe campus is also the largest of ASU's campuses. The Tempe campus is ASU's original campus, and Old Main, the first building constructed, still stands. Almost all Omani students are studying at this campus. However, some of them have classes on other campuses, but the rest of the classes are taken on Tempe campus.

2- West campus: The West campus lies about 12 miles (19 km) northwest of downtown Phoenix and about 18 miles (29 km) northwest of the Tempe campus.

3- Polytechnic campus: the campus is in southeast Mesa, Arizona, approximately 25 miles (40 km) southeast of the Tempe campus, and 33 miles (53 km) southeast of downtown Phoenix.



4- Downtown Phoenix campus: The Downtown Phoenix campus was established in 2006 on the northside of Downtown Phoenix. The campus has an urban design, with several large modern academic buildings intermingled with commercial and retail office buildings.

How to move from campus to campus?

There are two choices to transport from campus to another campus which are using your own car that the campuses are in different cities or using ASU shuttles that transport every half hour.

For more information please visit:

<https://www.asu.edu/rankings>

<https://www.asu.edu/about>

Global Launch

Global Launch is ASU's English language platform that propels students, educators, and other professionals to thrive in the global marketplace. They provide academic preparation services, training in multilingual communication, and professional skills development. All classes are in Tempe campus. It consists of 6 levels. Each level takes about 2 months. In each level, you are going to study 4 main subjects which are: reading and writing, listening and speaking, structure, and one elective. The good thing about this institute is that when you are at level 6 and you got 'B' in all subjects you will be transferred to ASU without taking an IELTS or TOFEL test. Most of the students in Global Launch are Asian. Global Launch has friendly and lovely teachers that you want to work with.

For more information please visit:

<https://global-launch.asu.edu/>

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Transportation

Valley Metro:

- Bus: Luxury busses that transit around the campus and the surrounding towns.

They cover Tempe, Mesa, Phoenix, Scottsdale.

- Metro: regional transit system in and around the Phoenix, Arizona, metropolitan area.



- Streetcar: is a future streetcar extension of Phoenix's Valley Metro Rail light rail system.



Orbit:

- Bus: Standard buses that transit around the campus and the surrounding towns. They cover Tempe and Mesa. They are free of charge.



Uber / Lyft:

Private cars that can be ordered through their application from the App Store/ Play Store. Cost around \$0.5/minute.



E-Scooter:

Required to download their application. There are different companies such as, Lime, Bird, etc. Cost \$1 to unlock and then \$0.40/min.



Bicycle/skateboarding:

The university provides special parking for those two types of transit all around the campuses and approximately for every building.



Bank Options

- JP Morgan (Chase)
- Bank of America
- Wells Fargo
- US Bank

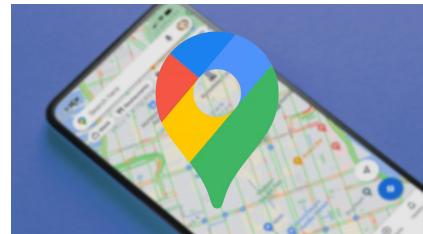


Telecom Companies

- T-mobile & Sprint
- Verizion
- AT&T

Recommended Applications

Google maps: It would asset you at the beginning of your experience to help you see the places around you and be able to show you the routes of places when you are willing to walk somewhere.



Zillow: This application shows you different kinds of accommodations in your area if the student wanted to rent a house or an apartment with their known friends.



Trip advisor: Students who are new and interested in searching for new entertainment places, restaurants, tourist attractions, and people's opinions about the places they visited.



Priceline: During long weekends, Spring Break, Fall Break, Christmas Breaks, and other vacations this application is for Airline tickets, Hotels, Cars renting, and it has really great packages at affordable prices.



Groupon: In this application there are many coupons for many places. Coupons for movies, car rentals, dentists, and many other places.



Yelp: This is an application that would summarize student's time to find good restaurants, cafes, and other places around the city and read people's reviews about it. Also, in this app people can see the menus or the prices of the places before going there.



Lyft & Uber: most common transportation companies. Lyft, and other applications.

