

VCUQatar Opens Registration for Spring Community Classes 2015

Doha, Qatar – Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar’s Community and Outreach Program is pleased to open registration for spring community classes. Course offerings include classes in different art, design and craft areas by noted local and international instructors.

The Community Education Program at VCUQatar continues to expand. The current set of 55 courses includes popular classes in photography, camera filming, drawing and painting, jewelry making, fashion styling and making, home, event and graphic design, Islamic pattern construction, fashion dress making, a number of other making and craft classes, Adobe and AutoCAD, as well as art classes for children of several age groups under the age of 15.

The eight-week program runs from late January to early April with a two week break in early March. Unless otherwise noted, all non-credit community classes are open to both, women and men, ages 15 and above, and are taught in English at the VCUQatar building located within the Education City campus on Al Luqta Street.

In addition to the well over 40 non-credit classes held at VCUQatar, the university is offering community courses in partnership with and at IAID as an extension of its own program and to complement IAID’s program. VCUQatar courses on offer at IAID include charcoal and pastel drawing, fashion illustration, advanced watercolor painting, collage with discarded materials, decoupage and two children’s classes: one stroke painting and ceramic mosaics.

VCUQatar is also offering a short program for female high school students who are interested in art and design. The program, taught in Arabic, includes ceramic mosaics, gouache painting, party planning and puppet making and is open to girls ages 10 to 14. Classes can be booked individually or as a complete program at a discounted fee.

For more information or to register for VCUQatar’s 2015 spring community classes, please visit www.qatar.vcu.edu.

Note to Editors:

About Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar:

VCUQatar is the Qatar campus of the prestigious Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts in Richmond, Virginia. Established in 1998 through a partnership with Qatar Foundation, VCUQatar offers students the opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in fashion design, graphic design, interior design and painting & printmaking, a Bachelor of Arts degree in art history and a Master of Fine Arts degree in design.

In addition to a comprehensive annual public events program that includes a wide range of exhibitions, lectures and fashion events, the University hosts the biennial international design conference Tasmeeem and the biennial Hamad bin Khalifa Islamic Art Symposium, attracting globally recognized designers, artists and scholars while fostering sustainable, university-community partnerships that enhance the educational, economic and cultural vitality of Qatar. For more information please visit www.qatar.vcu.edu

Qatar Foundation – Unlocking Human Potential

Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development is a private, non-profit organization that is supporting Qatar on its journey from carbon economy to knowledge economy by unlocking human potential for the benefit of not only Qatar, but the world.

Founded in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Amir of Qatar, QF is chaired by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser.

QF carries out its mission through three strategic pillars: education, science and research, and community development. QF's education pillar brings world-class universities to Qatar to help create an education sector in which young people can develop the attitudes and skills required for a knowledge economy. Meanwhile, its science and research pillar builds Qatar's innovation and technology capacity by developing and commercialising solutions through key sciences. Finally, its community development pillar helps foster a progressive society while also enhancing cultural life, protecting Qatar's heritage and addressing immediate social needs in the community.

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