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# AUB AT A GLANCE

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## WHO WE ARE

The American University of Beirut (AUB) is a private, independent, co-educational, and non-sectarian institution of higher learning in Beirut, Lebanon. The university is governed by an autonomous board of trustees and accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. Its degrees are registered with the New York State Education Department and the Lebanese Ministry of Education and Higher Education.

AUB encourages a diverse student body and workforce and is committed to the principle of equal opportunity in education and employment. Consistent with this commitment and with Lebanese, US, and other applicable laws, it is the policy of AUB not to tolerate any kind of discrimination, discriminatory harassment, or sexual harassment misconduct and to provide those who feel they are victims of any kind of discriminatory harassment (including sexual harassment) with mechanisms for seeking redress. Consistent with Title IX of the US Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits sex discrimination in education and interprets sex discrimination as including sexual harassment and sexual violence, AUB maintains an Equity/Title IX coordinator in the Office of the President. The office is also supported by a network of faculty and staff members including an Advisory Council, Title IX deputies, and qualified panel members for formal investigations. Members of the network are certified by the Association of Title IX Administrators (ATIXA).



AUB is a teaching-centered research university that bases its educational philosophy, standards, and practices on the American liberal arts model of higher education. The university encourages freedom of thought and expression and seeks to graduate students committed to creative and critical thinking, lifelong learning, personal integrity, civic responsibility, and leadership.

## THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT – MEDITERRANEO

The American University of Beirut – Mediterraneo in Pafos, Cyprus, is a twin campus of the American University of Beirut (AUB) in Beirut, Lebanon. Its establishment advances AUB's strategic vision, VITAL 2030, which was approved by the Board of Trustees in June 2020 "to ensure AUB's future success, relevance, and sustainability over the next decade and beyond." It has quickly earned a reputation as an academic hub in the coastal city of Pafos, Cyprus.

AUB Mediterraneo is approved by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) as a branch campus of AUB. All departments and programs at AUB Mediterraneo are accredited in Europe and Cyprus through the Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Higher Education (CYQAA) and recognized globally.

Like AUB, AUB Mediterraneo offers an American-style liberal arts education that nurtures critical thinking, creativity, and a global perspective, equipping students to become informed and engaged citizens of the world. The university welcomed its first cohort of 53 students in fall 2023. There are currently more than 150 students from 26 countries enrolled in five undergraduate and two master's degree programs: philosophy, politics, and economics (BA); psychology (BS); computer science (BS); industrial engineering (BS); business administration–management (BBA); business analytics (MS); and engineering management (MS). AUB Mediterraneo is committed to strategic growth and plans to diversify and expand its academic offerings and increase its student body to 2,000 within the next decade.



**We are, among other things, here to build upon a long and profound relationship, an unbroken partnership that we renew through this undertaking. I speak, of course, of the deep ties that have long bound the United States, Lebanon, and Cyprus; three nations of varying sizes aspiring to create better futures for their citizens.**

*Fadlo R. Khuri*

President, American University of Beirut

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE NEW AUB MEDITERRANEO CAMPUS, SEPTEMBER, 4, 2024



AUB Mediterraneo opened its new campus in downtown Pafos, Cyprus in fall 2024. The new campus' distinctive architectural elements were inspired by AUB's iconic Beirut campus and feature a clock tower and green oval area, blending tradition with modern design. It boasts many sustainability features including skylights, extensive greenery, and photovoltaic panels.

Rector Wassim El Hajj, PhD, who is also a professor of computer science at AUB, is the chief academic officer at AUB Mediterraneo. He oversees the strategic academic development of the university, the operation of schools and academic support units, the growth and expansion of academic offerings, the advancement of research programs, and the effectiveness of quality assurance policies and procedures. AUB Mediterraneo's three faculties are led by Dr. Alain Daou (Faculty of Business), an associate professor of entrepreneurship at AUB's Suliman S. Olayan School of Business and director of the Nature Conservation Center at AUB; Dr. Salah Sadek (Faculty of Engineering), a professor of civil engineering and associate dean (since 2018) at AUB's Maroun Semaan Faculty of Engineering and Architecture; and Dr. Malek Tabbal (Faculty of Arts and Sciences), a professor of physics at AUB. Dr. Amy Zenger is the director of the Institute for Liberal Arts.

## **THE DEBS CENTER—AUB NEW YORK OFFICE**

The American University of Beirut's Debs Center–New York Office is the university's administrative and cultural headquarters in North America, where the Board of Trustees is based. Located in the heart of midtown Manhattan, the Debs Center is named in honor of the late Dr. Richard A. Debs, who was a member, chair, and chairman emeritus of the AUB Board of Trustees from 1976 until his passing on January 28, 2024. Dr. Debs was awarded AUB's highest honors in recognition of his many contributions to AUB: the University Medal and a Doctor of Humane Letters, both in 2005.

The office houses executive and financial offices as well as teams dedicated to strengthening connections between AUB and the Americas through alumni relations; North American development and communications activities; and providing support to prospective North American students. The Debs Center also works to promote AUB's wealth of knowledge through cultural and social events via its Global Engagement Initiative and hosts lectures, receptions, conferences, and meetings throughout the year.

## **AUB ONLINE**

One of the components of AUB's strategic vision, VITAL 2030, is to grow the number of online programs to increase the global presence and influence of the university. AUB Online programs target individuals currently employed seeking to enhance their skills, individuals seeking to upskill before reentering the workforce, and individuals and corporations interested in providing training for their employees.

AUB has grown its portfolio of online offerings from five to 38 active programs between 2021 and 2024. The number of new people enrolled in online programs has increased dramatically from 84 in the 2019-20 academic year to 1,883 in academic year 2023-24. In September 2024, there were 2,458 active learners. AUB's current online offerings include graduate degree programs as well as several diploma and certificate programs, which range from individual short-duration courses of three to five days in length to degree programs that take up to three years. Every AUB faculty is currently offering or developing a combination of online degrees, diplomas, or certificates.

## **MOTTO**

That they may have life, and have it more abundantly.

## **ACADEMIC DEGREES AWARDED IN 2023-24**

1,350 undergraduate and 707 graduate  
(including 16 PhDs, 114 MDs, 472 master's degrees, and 105 diplomas)

Total number of degrees and diplomas that AUB has awarded to date: 108,493



## STUDENTS

(as of October 31, 2024)

9,138 students (7,726 full-time, 1,412 part-time), representing 90 countries (including Lebanon)

4,788 female (52%), 4,350 male (48%)

Citizenship: 84% Lebanese, 16% international

There are currently 1,746 students enrolled in master's and executive master's degree programs and 143 doctoral students at AUB.

## TUITION IN 2024-25

The tuition and fees of full-time undergraduate programs vary depending on the student's faculty, major, and year.

### Undergraduate tuition

Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences: \$26,495

Faculty of Arts and Sciences: from \$24,575 to \$26,015

Faculty of Health Sciences: \$27,305

Maroun Semaan Faculty of Engineering and Architecture: \$37,831 (includes mandatory summer term)

Rafic Hariri School of Nursing: \$27,379 (includes mandatory summer term)

Suliman S. Olayan School of Business: \$28,325

### Graduate tuition

Faculty of Medicine: \$45,265

## MISSION

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The American University of Beirut (AUB) is an institution of higher learning founded to provide excellence in education, to participate in the advancement of knowledge through research, and to serve the peoples of the Middle East and beyond. Chartered in New York State in 1863, the university bases its educational philosophy, standards, and practices on the American liberal arts model of higher education. The university believes deeply in and encourages freedom of thought and expression and seeks to foster tolerance and respect for diversity and dialogue. Graduates will be individuals committed to creative and critical thinking, lifelong learning, personal integrity, civic responsibility, and leadership.

## LEADERSHIP

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### **PRESIDENT FADLO R. KHURI, MD**

The 16<sup>th</sup> president of the American University of Beirut (AUB), Fadlo R. Khuri's leadership has been transformative. He assumed office on September 1, 2015. He has led the university through the third worst economic collapse since the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, the devastating August 4, 2020, Beirut explosion, the pandemic, and the war on Lebanon in 2023–24, providing enlightened leadership under sustained pressure. Under his leadership, AUB has forged strong partnerships with leading foundations and universities around the world and enhanced its global reputation as a mission-driven university. In March 2024, the Board of Trustees voted “unanimously and with great enthusiasm” to extend President Khuri's five-year appointment as president through 2030.

Khuri negotiated a new faculty contract, restored tenure, tripled financial assistance awarded to AUB students, and diversified the student body by attracting outstanding students from across Africa and Asia. He recruited and empowered inclusive and brave senior leadership teams, 50 percent of whom are women.

Other highlights of recent years include Khuri's leadership of the successful BOLDLY AUB fundraising campaign that raised more than \$805 million for university priorities and attracted the single largest gift in AUB history; the implementation of a tobacco-free policy at the university and medical center (in 2018); the reintroduction of academic tenure (in 2018); the establishment of an independent nursing school (in 2018); the relaunch of the Worldwide Alumni Association of the American University of Beirut (WAAAUB), the university's global alumni association, in 2019; the adoption of VITAL 2030, a new campus master plan and strategic plan for the university (2019); setting up more than a dozen schools for Syrian refugees and securing electronic medical records for 15,000 refugees; the launch of AUB Online (renamed AUB Global in 2024); establishing the American University of Beirut – Mediterraneo in Pafos, Cyprus,



AUB's first twin campus outside Lebanon; and securing the Keserwan Medical Center, AUB's first community hospital, in Jounieh, Lebanon.

Khuri also enhanced and revised national cancer guidelines for Lebanon in 2018. He co-led a highly effective national COVID-19 vaccination campaign, vaccinating 99.7 percent of AUB faculty, students, staff, and alumni and 93 percent of adults over the age of 70 across Lebanon. Under his leadership, the AUB Medical Center adopted EPIC seamlessly and became the first member of the COSMOS research consortium outside the US.

During his tenure as president of the American University of Beirut, the university has risen dramatically in global rankings: from 801 (in 2015) to 381 (in 2024) in the US News list of Best Global Universities. AUB's academic and research reputation has also grown and is reflected in its dramatic rise in the QS World University Rankings, from 501 (in 2016) to 250 (in 2025).

Prior to joining AUB, Dr. Khuri was a faculty member at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, from 1995 until 2002.

He joined the Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia where he was appointed to the Frances Kelly Blomeyer Chair in 2002 and the Roberto C. Goizueta Chair in translational research in 2007. Khuri was instrumental in leading the development of several major cancer-related programs in the United States and was the principal investigator on a number of National Cancer Institute and American Cancer Society grants. He has authored over 750 publications, including 385 peer-reviewed journal articles, 55 reviews, 45 editorials and perspectives in leading journals, 250 meeting abstracts, and over 15 letters, notes, chapters, and short surveys. He served for 10 years (2011-21) as editor-in-chief of Cancer, the oldest and one of the most prestigious journals in the field.

Khuri has also served as a permanent member of multiple peer review committees for the American Cancer Society, American Society of Clinical Oncology, and the National Cancer Institute (NCI), and was chair of the National Institutes of Health's Clinical Oncology Study Section. He has received numerous awards in recognition of his scholarly achievements including the 2006 Nagi Sahyoun Award of the Middle East Medical Assembly; the 2013 Richard and Hinda Rosenthal Memorial Award by the American Association for Cancer Research; TAKREEM's Scientific and Technological Achievement Award in 2015; and the 2018 Ben Qurrah Award, the World Health Organization's No Tobacco Award, and the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer's Joseph W. Cullen Award, also in 2018. Khuri became a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 2014, a full member of the Lebanese Academy of Sciences in 2015, and a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in 2017. He is the current vice president of the Lebanese Academy of Sciences.

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For over almost 160 years we have been a steady hand in ever shifting sands, and we cannot—will not—stop now. Now more than ever, Lebanon needs us. The Middle East needs us. America needs us. The world needs us.

*Abdo G. Kadifa* \_\_\_\_\_

Chair, Board of Trustees, American University of Beirut

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## A BRIEF HISTORY

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The American University of Beirut was established as the Syrian Protestant College in 1866. The college opened with its first class of 16 students on December 3, 1866. Throughout its history, the university has expanded and developed new faculties and programs. In 1867, the university started the School of Medicine. Four years later, in 1871, it added both a school of pharmacy and a preparatory school. The latter became independent in 1960 and is now known as International College. The opening of the hospital (currently the American University of Beirut Medical Center) in 1905 was followed by the establishment of a school of nursing (named the Rafic Hariri School of Nursing in 2008). In the early 1950s, several new programs were introduced. The Faculty of Engineering and Architecture (named the Maroun Semaan Faculty of Engineering and Architecture in 2017) was established in 1951; the Faculty of Agriculture (now the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences) opened its doors in 1952; and the School of Public Health (now the Faculty of Health Sciences) was started in 1954. In 2000, the university, which had been offering business education since 1900, established an independent school of business (named the Suliman S. Olayan School of Business in 2003) as its sixth faculty. AUB celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2016. The Rafic Hariri School of Nursing became AUB's seventh faculty in 2018.

On September 6, 2023, AUB welcomed the first cohort of 53 students to the American University of Beirut – Mediterraneo (AUB Mediterraneo) in Pafos, Cyprus, AUB’s first twin campus outside Lebanon. In 2024, AUB acquired the Keserwan Medical Center in Jounieh, its first community hospital, which includes 80 beds with an additional 10 same-day beds and 13 “emergency” cubicles. This strategic decision reaffirms AUB’s mission and commitment to provide the most advanced high-quality healthcare in Lebanon and the region, to continue pioneering in healthcare, and to become a leading multisite academic medical center by expanding the geographical reach of its medical services.

## FORMER PRESIDENTS

Peter F. Dorman	2008-15
John Waterbury	1997-2008
David S. Dodge	1996-97
Robert M. Haddad	1993-96
Frederic P. Herter	1987-93
Calvin Plimpton	1984-87
Malcolm H. Kerr	1981-84
Harold E. Hoelscher	1977-81
Samuel B. Kirkwood	1965-76
Norman Burns	1961-65
J. Paul Leonard	1957-61
Stephen B.L. Penrose, Jr.	1948-54
Bayard Dodge	1923-48
Howard S. Bliss	1902-20
Daniel Bliss	1866-1902

## Also Served:

Makhlouf Haddadin (acting)	2015
George Tomey (deputy)	2006
Samir Makdisi (acting deputy and then deputy)	1993-98
Makhlouf Haddadin (acting deputy)	1992-93
Ibrahim Salti (deputy)	1987-93
Lutfi Diab (acting)	1986-87
Raja N. Khuri (acting)	1985-86
Samir K. Thabet (acting)	1984
David S. Dodge (acting)	1981-82
James Cowen (interim)	1976-77
Constantin K. Zurayk (acting)	1954-57
Edward F. Nickoley (acting)	1920-23

## TIMELINE

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- 1862 The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions asks Dr. Daniel Bliss to establish a college of higher learning that includes medical training.
- 1863 The State of New York grants a charter for the Syrian Protestant College.
- 1866 The college welcomes the first class of students on December 3.
- 1866 Faculty of Arts and Sciences is founded.
- 1867 Faculty of Medicine is founded.
- 1871 The cornerstone for College Hall, the first building on campus, is laid.
- 1873 Ada Dodge Memorial Hall is inaugurated.
- 1873 College Hall is inaugurated.
- 1874 Lee Observatory is inaugurated.
- 1879 Marquand House is inaugurated.
- 1883 Jesup Hall is inaugurated.
- 1891 Assembly Hall is inaugurated.
- 1900 Daniel Bliss Hall is inaugurated.
- 1900 Fisk Hall is inaugurated.
- 1900 School of Commerce is established.
- 1902 Post Hall is inaugurated.
- 1905 American University Hospital (now the American University of Beirut Medical Center) opens.
- 1905 School of Nursing is founded (named the Rafic Hariri School of Nursing in 2008).
- 1914 West Hall is inaugurated.
- 1920 The Syrian Protestant College is renamed the American University of Beirut.
- 1921 The university becomes completely co-educational. (The first woman was admitted to AUB's School of Nursing in 1905).
- 1931 Van Dyck Hall is inaugurated.
- 1945 Nineteen former AUB students are delegates to the signing of the United Nations Charter.
- 1951 School of Engineering is founded (named the Maroun Semaan Faculty of Engineering and Architecture in 2017).
- 1952 School of Agriculture is founded (now the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences).
- 1952 Nami Jafet Memorial Building is inaugurated.
- 1954 School of Public Health is founded (now the Faculty of Health Sciences).
- 1954 Bechtel Engineering Building is inaugurated.
- 1957 Murex Hall and Jewett Hall are built.

- 1960 Mary Dodge Hall is built.
- 1960 Penrose Hall is built.
- 1962 Laura Boustany Hall is opened.
- 1965 Nicely Hall is dedicated.
- 1965 Emile Bustani Hall (Physics Building) is inaugurated.
- 1975 Protracted civil strife begins in Lebanon. AUB remains open throughout the duration of the Lebanese Civil War.
- 1975 Nicholas George Saab Memorial Medical Library is dedicated.
- 1975 Diana Tamari Sabbagh Basic Science Building is inaugurated.
- 1984 Kerr Hall is inaugurated.
- 1988 Elmer and Mamdouha El-Sayed Bobst Chemistry Building is inaugurated.
- 1992 Houssameddine Hariri Building is inaugurated.
- 1999 College Hall reopens.
- 2000 School of Business is founded (named the Suliman S. Olayan School of Business in 2003).
- 2001 Raymond S. Ghosn Building is dedicated.
- 2004 Pierre Y. Aboukhater Medical Art Building is inaugurated.
- 2007 AUB reintroduces PhD programs.
- 2007 Dar Al-Handasah Shair and Partners Architecture Building is inaugurated.
- 2007 CCC Scientific Research Building is inaugurated.
- 2008 Charles Hostler Student Center is inaugurated.
- 2009 Rafic Hariri School of Nursing is inaugurated.
- 2009 Suliman S. Olayan School of Business is inaugurated.
- 2009 Pierre Y. Abou Khater (Fahed) Building is inaugurated.
- 2010 AUB launches AUBMC 2020, the largest expansion of the Medical Center in AUB history.
- 2014 Wassef & Souad Sawwaf Building is inaugurated.
- 2014 Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs is inaugurated.
- 2014 Ray R. Irani Oxy Engineering Complex is inaugurated.
- 2016 Fadlo R. Khuri, MD, is inaugurated as AUB's 16th president.
- 2016 The American University of Beirut celebrates its 150th anniversary.
- 2017 AUB announces BOLDLY AUB: The Campaign to Lead, Innovate, and Serve, a \$650 million fundraising campaign, the largest and most ambitious fundraising campaign in its history.
- 2018 Halim and Aida Daniel Academic and Clinical Center is inaugurated.
- 2018 Munib and Angela Masri Institute of Energy and Natural Resources is inaugurated.
- 2019 Groundbreaking for the New Medical Center Expansion.

- 2019 Inauguration of the Talal and Madiha Zein AUB Innovation Park (Zein AUB iPark).
- 2019 Rededication of the renovated Penrose Hall.
- 2020 The Board of Trustees approves VITAL 2030, AUB's strategic vision.
- 2022 Inauguration of the Palestine Land Studies Center.
- 2022 AUB signs an agreement with the Municipality of Pafos, Cyprus to establish a twin campus of the American University of Beirut, the university's first twin campus outside Lebanon.
- 2022 AUB announces a revamped and uplifted logo.
- 2022 Celebration of the opening of the Ayman and Sawsan Asfari Institute Building.
- 2023 AUB celebrates the inaugural opening ceremony of the American University of Beirut – Mediterraneo in Pafos, Cyprus.
- 2024 AUB acquires the Keserwan Medical Center, its first community hospital.
- 2024 AUB dedicates the Mary Bliss Dale Courtyard at the Rafic Hariri School of Nursing.

#### Did you know?

Three entrepreneurs who got their starts at the Talal and Madiha Zein AUB Innovation Park (Zein AUB iPark), were included in the Forbes Middle East's 30 Under 30 list in December 2024.

## BOLDLY FORWARD

AUB celebrated its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2016. At the culmination of the yearlong celebration in January 2017, AUB President Fadlo R. Khuri announced BOLDLY AUB: The Campaign to Lead, Innovate, and Serve, a \$650 million five-year fundraising campaign to ensure that AUB can continue to:

- **LEAD** by producing thought leaders and community leaders with the passion and drive to effect significant and meaningful change.
- **INNOVATE** by keeping AUB at the forefront of groundbreaking movements and ideas in the MENA region and beyond.
- **SERVE** the communities around us, near and far, through outreach, research, and leadership in healthcare.

#### The goals of the BOLDLY AUB campaign were to:

- Enrich the educational and research experience of students and faculty.
- Serve the healthcare needs of the region.
- Prioritize innovation and entrepreneurship.
- Engage with communities in the region to achieve real impact.
- Secure the university's long-term sustainability.

### **Did you know?**

The BOLDLY AUB campaign concluded on June 30, 2024. It raised more than \$805 million, far surpassing its original \$650 million target.

The \$650 million financial goal of the campaign was reached ahead of schedule: \$654 million was raised as of June 2021. Because of the extraordinary challenges in Lebanon and at AUB at that time, the AUB Board of Trustees decided to extend the BOLDLY AUB campaign until June 30, 2024. At the conclusion of the campaign, on June 30, 2024, the university had raised more than \$805 million.

The BOLDLY campaign transformed the fabric of our university. It is during the BOLDLY campaign that the percentage of students receiving financial assistance increased dramatically: 88.5 percent of AUB students are now receiving financial assistance (including financial aid from the university, donor-funded scholarships, scholarships funded by grants, etc.). More than 65 percent of students are receiving financial assistance that covers more than half of their tuition costs. More than 20 percent of AUB students are not paying any tuition at all.

Donations contributed to the BOLDLY campaign have also enhanced our facilities, expanded research funds, and supported community outreach initiatives. Among the many achievements of the BOLDLY AUB campaign is the establishment of 265 endowed scholarships, awards, and fellowships, which will provide funding for student scholarships, awards, and fellowships in perpetuity; 386 current scholarships and fellowships, which enabled the university to provide record amounts of financial assistance in recent years;



**One of my proudest accomplishments of our administration is that the university has tripled the amount of financial assistance towards AUB students during our nine years. This is due in no small part to the success of the BOLDLY AUB campaign. I think we also want to give credit and thank our extraordinary donors.**

*Fadlo R. Khuri* \_\_\_\_\_

President, American University of Beirut

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another \$196 million earmarked for buildings and major facilities, an essential investment in our infrastructure; \$80 million for academic and healthcare centers, institutes, and departments, providing critical resources that facilitate teaching, research, and patient care: almost \$62 million for patient care, ensuring that those who are struggling financially can still get the care they need; and \$28 million to establish academic chairs, anchoring critical academic programs.

## VITAL 2030

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Given the daunting challenges facing Lebanon, the MENA region, and our increasingly connected world, AUB cannot rely purely on its legacy of excellence and impact. Like any successful, sustainable institution, the university must keep moving forward to ensure that it renews its purpose and relevance in a rapidly unfolding future. As AUB embarked on its second 150 years with new senior leadership and a fresh vision, the time was right to begin enacting substantive, systemic changes that would pave the way for future progress. VITAL 2030 was proposed as AUB's strategic vision. The result of three years of intensive engagement with stakeholders across the institution, the new strategic vision seeks to ensure AUB's future success, relevance, and sustainability over the next decade and beyond. VITAL is a mnemonic for five themes, which allow the university to focus energy and resources, strengthen operations strategically, bring all stakeholders together towards common goals, establish agreement around intended outcomes, and course-correct when necessary.

### These themes are:

- V** Valuing our community and sharing our values
- I** Integrating a humanities, technology, and purpose-based education across all disciplines
- T** Transforming the university experience
- A** Advancing a world-class research agenda
- L** Lifting the quality of health and medicine across our region – LIFE

VITAL 2030 and the campus master plan for 2030 were developed in tandem with multi-stakeholder engagement, with each framework able to inform the other. These initiatives also aligned with the objectives of the five-year \$650 million BOLDLY AUB capital campaign, which was concluded on June 30, 2024. The campaign's priorities included enriching education and research, fostering interdisciplinary innovation and entrepreneurship, enhancing healthcare, solidifying community relevance, and ensuring sustainability. Starting in late 2019, this new vision for AUB had to be repeatedly adapted in response to the disruptions and instabilities associated with the October 17, 2019, uprising, the deterioration of the Lebanese economy, and later with the COVID-19 lockdown and an imminent global recession.

Following the June 2020 Board of Trustees meetings, five working groups, aligned with VITAL strategic goals and objectives, were formed to engage trustees more in the strategic planning process, mobilize them to work on critical issues during the current crisis, and benefit from their diverse expertise and experience. Approved recommendations were incorporated into the university's strategic plan, and an action plan was developed for each recommendation.

In April 2021, and in line with AUB's strategic direction to prioritize university growth on-campus and beyond, AUB engaged the Albright Stonebridge Group (ASG) to undertake a rigorous, independent review and strategic analysis of its geographic expansion plans. Pafos, Cyprus, emerged among the leading opportunities and subsequently, ASG worked with AUB to develop an in-depth market overview. In September 2021, the AUB Board of Trustees approved the establishment of the American University of Beirut – Mediterraneo (AUB Mediterraneo), a private not-for-profit twin campus of AUB with a regional scope, attracting students from all over the Mediterranean basin and beyond. Similar to AUB, AUB Mediterraneo bases its educational philosophy, standards, and practices on the American liberal arts model of higher education. The university encourages freedom of thought and expression and seeks to graduate people committed to creative and critical thinking, life-long learning, personal integrity, civic responsibility, and leadership.

AUB submitted a proposal for establishing AUB Mediterraneo in response to an open call initiated by the Municipality of Pafos in October 2021 inviting higher education institutions to express interest in establishing a university in Pafos, Cyprus. In November 2021, the Municipality of Pafos approved the AUB proposal. Subsequently, and after extensive negotiations, AUB and the Municipality of Pafos signed a landmark agreement to establish the AUB Mediterraneo campus in Pafos in April 2022.

An executive director was appointed in August 2021 to oversee the implementation of the expansion project in Cyprus, and later in October 2021, two university-wide working groups were formed to drive and coordinate the academic and non-academic aspects of the twin campus. The working groups ensured ongoing coordination with the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) to develop the plan for a branch campus and ensure the extension of accreditation. Further coordination with the Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education (CYQAA) was established to clarify requirements for registration and accreditation. Dar Al-Handasah developed a fully-fledged master plan.

In September 2024, AUB Mediterraneo inaugurated its new campus in Pafos, Cyprus. This twin campus now provides a new hub for students across the Mediterranean and beyond, offering an education rooted in AUB's American liberal arts model while promoting regional collaboration and academic excellence. The campus, built with sustainable features and designed to foster innovation and cultural exchange, reflects AUB's commitment to growth and international outreach.

# AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT MEDICAL CENTER

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[www.aubmc.org](http://www.aubmc.org)

Mr. Joseph G. Otayek, Medical Center, Director

The AUB Medical Center (AUBMC) is an academic medical center dedicated to the passionate pursuit of improving the health of the community in Lebanon and the region through the delivery of exceptional and comprehensive quality care to our patients, excellence in education and training, and leadership in innovative research. AUBMC is the private, not-for-profit teaching center of the Faculty of Medicine. The 377 operational-bed hospital offers comprehensive tertiary/quaternary medical care and referral services in a wide range of specialties and medical, nursing, and paramedical training programs at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

## Did you know?

AUB hosted the first National Research Day of Lebanese medical schools on April 27, 2024, an event that marked a milestone in medical research collaboration.



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AUBMC is the first medical institution in the Middle East to have earned the five international accreditations of Joint Commission International (JCI), Magnet, College of American Pathologists (CAP), Joint Accreditation Committee for EBMT and ISCT Europe (JACIE), and the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education – International (ACGME-I), attesting to its superior standards in patient-centered care, nursing, pathology/laboratory services, and graduate medical education.

## ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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### ADMISSIONS

[www.aub.edu.lb/main/admissions](http://www.aub.edu.lb/main/admissions)

AUB seeks students who have demonstrated academic achievement and promise. The university admits students regardless of race, religion, gender, or disability.

#### Did you know?

There were 8,188 students from 90 countries enrolled at AUB in 2023-24.

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

We believe that every student who is accepted to AUB should be able to attend, regardless of their economic circumstances, and without incurring the burden of long-term debt. In 2023-24, AUB awarded \$120.1 million in financial assistance, from institutional funds (\$73 million), foundation and US government grants (\$18.7 million), donor-funded scholarships (\$16.7 million), and staff-dependent scholarships (\$11.7 million).

Please note that \$30 million of the \$73 million from institutional funds represents the 20% discount provided in fiscal year 2023-24.

## CAMPUS LIFE

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AUB is located in the neighborhood of Ras Beirut. Its 61.2-acre (247,691-square-meter) campus overlooks the Mediterranean Sea and includes academic and administrative buildings, athletic fields, a private beach, a bird sanctuary, and a repository of native and non-native trees and shrubs. The university comprises seven student residences, the AUB Medical Center, the Charles Hostler Student Center, four libraries, computer labs, two art galleries, the Archaeological and

Natural History museums, and one of Lebanon's few geological collections. The Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences' Advancing Research Enabling Communities (AREC) Center, a 244.8acre (990,714 square meters) research farm and educational facility, is in the Beqaa Valley.

Additionally, AUB has expanded its presence to Pafos, Cyprus, with the newly established AUB Mediterraneo campus. This campus spans 0.9 hectares (approx. 2.2 acres) and offers 11,220 square meters of built-up space, including academic buildings, administrative facilities, and student amenities. It integrates green public spaces and sustainable features, reflecting AUB's commitment to environmental stewardship while serving as a vibrant hub for education and cultural exchange.

## STUDENT LIFE

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[www.aub.edu.lb/SAO/housing](http://www.aub.edu.lb/SAO/housing)

AUB is the first residential university in the Middle East. Whether they live on or near the campus in Ras Beirut, AUB students attend and participate in outstanding academic, athletic, civic, and club activities. AUB offers its students the opportunity to live in its residence halls and participate in a rich community life on its beautiful campus. We provide quality housing facilities and services to ensure an environment that enables our students to thrive personally and academically. The total capacity of the residence halls is 1281 beds. Around 1,097 AUB students live on campus in university housing. The cost for university housing ranges from \$1,538 for a standard double room to \$3,926 for a suite per person, per academic term.

## CENTER FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

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[www.aub.edu.lb/ccecs](http://www.aub.edu.lb/ccecs)

### VISION

The Center for Civic Engagement and Community Service (CCECS) positions AUB as a civic convener and responder to societal conflicts and challenges while realizing the potential of university students as change-makers in local and global contexts.



## MISSION

Leveraging operational research, campus community, and socially responsive partnerships to tackle the most pressing societal challenges facing Lebanon, and beyond. This is reflected under two crosscutting tenets:

- Student Life
- Community Development Projects

### STUDENT LIFE: VOLUNTEERING, INTERNSHIPS, WORKSHOPS, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

During the 2023-24 academic year, 1,498 AUB students engaged in 1,592 volunteering rotations and community-based internships completing 22,838 hours with 346 community partners. Around 700 students participated in workshops tailored to prepare them for the design and development stages of their community service projects. In addition, 381 students led 81 projects across Lebanon addressing challenges under the following thematic areas: refugee education, gender gap in STEM fields, period poverty, wildfires, heritage preservation, eco-tourism, and child protection, among others.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

CCECS served more than 3,473 direct beneficiaries under its strategic community development projects including:

- **STEP:** Strengthening Tertiary Educational Pipelines
- **Classroom in a Toolbox:** ProFuturo Digital Solution in Informal Tented Settlements
- **Al Maymouna Education:** Building School Capacity for Educational Improvement

AUB's civic engagement through CCECS has earned growing international recognition. In 2015, AUB was designated as the "most civically engaged

campus” in the Middle East and North Africa by the Ma’an Alliance. In 2016, AUB-CCECS won the MacJannet Prize for Global Citizenship from Tufts University and the MIT Enterprise Forum Pan Arab’s “Innovate for Refugees” Award. AUB-CCECS also received the Learn by Design Honorary Award at South-by-South West (SXSW) EDU in 2018 and was shortlisted for the WISE Awards for high-impact projects providing solutions to 21st-century education challenges. In November 2018, AUB-CCECS received the Dr. Fritz Redlich Human Rights Award from Harvard University.

## OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

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[www.aub.edu.lb/sao](http://www.aub.edu.lb/sao)

The Office of Student Affairs (OSA) enriches and broadens students’ educational experience by organizing and encouraging social, physical, cultural, professional, and intellectual activities that promote personal development and psychological well-being. OSA includes Student Activities, University Sports, the Counseling Center, the Accessible Education Office, the Career Hub, the Work Study Program, and Student Housing. Students are encouraged to participate in student governance, student publications, and more than 80 active clubs and societies. The office also organizes major events such as Student Elections, New Student Orientation, and the Job Fair as well as regular workshops and awareness sessions for students. Outlook, AUB’s official student newspaper since 1949, is now published online by a team of students and covers a wide range of topics related to campus life and beyond.





## UNIVERSITY SPORTS

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[www.aub.edu.lb/SAO/sports](http://www.aub.edu.lb/SAO/sports)

The Charles Hostler Student Center is a state-of-the-art sports and fitness facility that includes activity rooms (aerobics, karate, cheerleading); an amphitheater; amusement center; diet and nutrition center; AUB Beach; auditorium; multi-purpose indoor courts (basketball, volleyball, handball, futsal, and badminton); internet café; and fitness center (weight and cardio rooms). University sports facilities also include the Green Field; a six-lane outdoor track; indoor pool; and squash and tennis courts. Hundreds of AUB students participate in athletic activities each year. Among the most popular sports are football, tennis, swimming, basketball, futsal, and volleyball. AUB varsity teams are typically among the strongest in national leagues and enjoy a strong gender balance in sports.

## FACULTY AND STAFF

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### FACULTY

Total number of instructional faculty (as of October 29, 2024): 1,056  
(792 full-time, 264 part-time)  
Faculty breakdown by gender: 576 males, 480 females

## STAFF

Campus Non-Academic Staff (Management and Non-Management): 1,444 (789 males, 655 females)

Faculty of Medicine: 101 (27 males, 74 females)

AUB Medical Center: 2,292 (1,121 females, 1,171 males)

## LIST OF ENDOWED FACULTY CHAIRS

### FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

- Alfred H. Howell Chair in History and Archaeology
- Altaf S. Al Sabah Visiting Chair in Women and Societal Development Studies
- Constantine H. and Bonnie Issidorides Chair in Organic Chemistry
- Edward W. Said Endowed Chair in American Studies
- Jabre-Khawarizmi Endowed Chair in Arabic and Islamic Science
- Mamdouha El-Sayed Bobst Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science
- Mamdouha El-Sayed Bobst Visiting Professorship
- Margaret Weyerhaeuser Jewett Chair of Arabic
- Mary Fox Whittlesey Visiting Professorship
- Michael Atiyah Chair in Mathematical Sciences
- The Mohammad Atallah Chair for Ethics
- Philip K. Hitti Endowed Chair in Middle Eastern Studies
- Philippe Jabre Endowed Professorship in Art History and Curating
- Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al-Nahyan Chair of Arab and Islamic Studies

### FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

- Gangarosa Family Endowed Chair for Safe Water and Sanitation

### FACULTY OF MEDICINE

- Azeez and Marie El-Khoury Professorship in Ophthalmology
- Chair in Conflict Medicine in Honor of Dr. Ghassan Abu-Sittah
- Iskandar & Olina Haurani Visiting Professorship in Medicine
- Pillar Genomics Institute of Precision Medicine Endowed Chair
- Raja N. Khuri Deanship for the Faculty of Medicine

### MAROUN SEMAAN FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE

- Al Mu'allim Mohamed Awad Binladin Chair in Architecture in the Islamic World
- Dar Al Handasah (Shair & Partners) Endowed Professorship in MSFEA
- Howard W. Page Professorship in Engineering
- Mohammed Abdulmohsin Al-Kharafi Chair in Engineering
- The Qatar Chair for Energy Studies

## **SULIMAN S. OLAYAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**

- Abdul Aziz Al-Sagar Chair in Finance
- Coca-Cola Chair in Marketing
- Husni Ahmed Sawwaf Chair in Business and Management
- Kamal Shair Chair in Leadership at OSB
- Sheikh Said Himadeh Distinguished Visiting Professorship

## **RESEARCH**

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[www.aub.edu.lb/research](http://www.aub.edu.lb/research)

AUB fosters an intellectual community on campus where faculty are empowered by their own research and are encouraged to engage in collegial discourse and interdisciplinary innovation. This commitment supports the university's mission "to participate in the advancement of knowledge through research" and enhances the educational experience of all AUB students. Faculty and students (undergraduate, graduate, and PhD students), working individually and collaboratively with colleagues at the university and in partnerships with other institutions, are advancing our knowledge of various issues. These include the development of renewable energy resources, strategies for a sustainable environment in arid climates, peace mediation and dialogue, and treatments for human diseases. AUB faculty members partner with more than 60 universities and research centers worldwide. AUB offers its students and faculty several resources and services through its libraries, laboratories, computing centers, and administrative offices, conveniently located throughout campus.

In recent years, research has become increasingly important at AUB where it is encouraged, supported, and rewarded through the advancement of faculty in professorial rank and the graduate degrees earned by master's and PhD students. AUB is currently home to many research centers and institutes that focus on critical expertise and resources to address complex research problems and the rapidly changing needs of Arab societies.

## **CENTERS AND INSTITUTES**

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### **OFFICE OF THE PROVOST**

- Asfari Institute for Civil Society and Citizenship
- AUB Press
- Center for Advanced Mathematical Sciences (CAMS)
- Center for Civic Engagement and Community Service (CCECS)
- Continuing Education Center (CEC)
- Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL)
- Farouk Jabre Center for Arabic and Islamic Science and Philosophy
- Global Health Institute (GHI)

- Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs (IFI)
- Nature Conservation Center (NCC)
- The Munib and Angela Masri Institute of Energy and Natural Resources
- The Palestine Land Studies Center (PLSC)

### **Did you know?**

GHI launched a new program on climate change and health that explores the nexus of climate change, health, and social justice in the MENA region. The program is in collaboration with the Asfari Institute for Civil Society and Citizenship and the Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs (IFI), with the support of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and the Ford Foundation.

## **FACULTY OF AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD SCIENCES**

- Advancing Research Enabling Communities Center (AREC)
- Environment and Sustainable Development Unit (ESDU)
- Laboratories for the Environment, Agriculture and Food (LEAF)

## **FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

- Anis Makdisi Program in Literature (AMPL)
- Center for American Studies and Research (CASAR)
- Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies (CAMES)
- Center for Arts and Humanities (CAH)
- Critical Humanities for the Liberal Arts (CHLA) Program
- Environmental Policy Planning Program (ENVP)
- FAS E-Learning and Innovation
- Freshman Program
- General Education (GE) Program
- Graduate Program in Computational Sciences (GPCS)
- Institute of Financial Economics (IFE)
- Islamic Studies Program
- Kamal A. Shair Central Research Science Laboratory
- Science and Mathematics Education Center (SMEC)
- University Preparatory Program (UPP)
- Zaki Nassif Music Program (ZNMP)

## **FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

- Center for Public Health Practice (CPHP)
- Center for Research on Population and Health (CRPH)
- Knowledge to Policy (K2P) Center

## **FACULTY OF MEDICINE**

- Abu-Haidar Neurology and Behavioral Science Center (AHNI)
- Children's Cancer Institute
- Children's Heart Center
- Clinical Research Institute
- Hamdi Al Zaim Interstitial Lung Disease Outpatient Center
- Health & Wellness Center
- Naef K. Basile Cancer Institute (NKBCI)
- Nehme and Therese Tohme Multiple Sclerosis Center
- Pillar Genomics Institute of Precision Medicine
- Salim El-Hoss Bioethics and Professionalism Program
- Women's Health Center
- Wound Care Center

## **MAROUN SEMAAN FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE**

- Rada and Mutaz Sawaf Center for Arab Comics Studies

## **SULIMAN S. OLAYAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**

- The Case Hub
- Center for Women in Business and Leadership (CIBL)
- Rami Fouad Makhzoumi Initiative in Corporate Governance
- Samih Darwazah Center for Innovation Management and Entrepreneurship

# **UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION** \_\_\_\_\_

## **GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM**

AUB is committed to providing undergraduate students with a rigorous liberal education curriculum. AUB students are exposed to both an in-depth learning experience in their chosen field of specialization as well as a breadth of knowledge in an array of intellectual experiences including critical thinking, problem solving, and social and communication skills. The General Education Program offers an assortment of courses to help students succeed in their chosen fields of study. In addition to courses in their academic majors and the opportunity to take minor concentrations in specific fields, all AUB undergraduate students complete a minimum of 33-36 credits of general education requirements in communication skills, humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and quantitative thought. These courses provide all AUB undergraduates with fundamental skills and knowledge that nurture their intellectual growth and guide them to become knowledgeable and well-informed graduates.

# GRADUATE EDUCATION

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## MA PROGRAMS

There are currently 1,385 students enrolled in master's and executive master's degree programs. AUB's eight faculties offer 84 master's degrees and post-graduate academic diplomas.

## PHD PROGRAMS

There are currently 143 doctoral students enrolled in 13 PhD programs:

- Arabic Language and Literature
- Arab and Middle Easter History
- Biomedical Sciences with the below disciplines:
  - Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics
  - Cell Biology of Cancer
  - Microbiology and Immunology
  - Neurosciences Program
  - Pharmacology and Toxicology
  - Physiology
- Biomedical Engineering
- Cell and Molecular Biology
- Chemistry
- Civil Engineering
- Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Environmental and Water Resources Engineering
- Epidemiology
- Mechanical Engineering
- Nursing Science
- Theoretical Physics



# ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

## FACULTIES AND SCHOOLS

AUB offers more than 140 programs leading to bachelor's, master's, MD, and PhD degrees. The language of instruction is English (except for courses in the Department of Arabic and Near Eastern Languages).



**AMERICAN  
UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT**  
**FACULTY OF AGRICULTURAL  
& FOOD SCIENCES**

The Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences (FAFS) has two departments (Agriculture, Nutrition and Food Sciences) that offer five bachelor's degrees, 14 master's degrees, one online graduate diploma, one graduate professional diploma, and one joint PhD degree program with the Faculty of Medicine. The faculty operates three research and outreach centers: The Laboratories for the Environment, Agriculture and Food (LEAF), created in 2020, the Environment and Sustainable Development Unit (ESDU), created in 2001; and the 244.8-acre (990,714 square meters) Advancing Research Enabling Communities (AREC) center in Lebanon's Beqaa Valley that was founded in 1953.

### FAFS offers the following degree programs:

- Agribusiness (BS)
- Agricultural Economics (MS)
- Agriculture (BS) and Diploma of Ingénieur Agricole
- Animal Science (MS)
- Biomedical Sciences/Nutrition (PhD, with the Faculty of Medicine)
- Ecosystem Management (MSES)
- Food Safety (MS)
- Food Science and Management (BS)
- Food Security (MS)
- Food Technology (MS)
- Irrigation (MS)
- Nutrition (MS)
- Nutrition and Dietetics (BS)
- Nutrition and Dietetics – Coordinated Program (BS)
- Nutrition and Dietetics – Coordinated Program (MS)
- Plant Protection (MS)
- Plant Science (MS)
- Poultry Science (MS)
- Public Health Nutrition (MS, with the Faculty of Health Sciences)
- Rural Community Development (MS)
- Food Security (Graduate Online Diploma)
- Global Supply Chain Management (Graduate Professional Diploma)

(Established as the School of Agriculture in 1952)

Dean Ammar Olabi, PhD

Number of instructional faculty:  
29 (24 full-time, 5 part-time)

Number of undergraduates:  
370 (342 full-time, 28 part-time)

Number of graduate  
(master's and graduate diploma)  
students: 115  
(62 full-time, 53 part-time)

### Did you know?

FAFS now offers an MS  
in Nutrition and Dietetics  
Coordinated Program.



The Faculty of Arts and Sciences (FAS) is AUB's oldest faculty. It is home to 16 departments, spanning four disciplinary areas: humanities, natural sciences, quantitative thought, and social sciences. FAS offers 27 bachelor's degrees and 32 master's degrees, one of which is online, 48 minors, 7 diplomas (3 of which are online), and four PhD programs in Arab and Middle Eastern History; Arabic Language and Literature; Cell and Molecular Biology; and Theoretical Physics. Additionally, 17 research centers, institutes, and programs, as well as one central core laboratory all fall under the FAS umbrella.

The faculty, through its teaching and research, promotes free inquiry, academic integrity, and respect for diversity and equality. FAS contributes to AUB's mission by encouraging students to be inquisitive and critical, and by teaching them how to speak, write, learn, present opposing views, and navigate ambiguities.

### **FAS offers the following degree programs:**

- Anthropology (MA)
- Applied Mathematics (BA, BS)
- Arab and Middle Eastern History (PhD)
- Arabic Language and Literature (BA, MA, PhD)
- Archaeology (BA, MA)
- Art History (BA)
- Art History and Curating (MA)
- Biology (BS, MS)
- Cell and Molecular Biology (PhD)
- Chemistry (BS, MS)
- Clinical Psychology (MA)
- Computational Science (MS)
- Computer Science (BS, MS)
- Economics (BA, MA)
- Education (MA)
- Education / Elementary (BA)
- English Language (BA, MA-frozen admissions)
- English Literature (BA, MA)
- Environmental Policy Planning (MS)
- Financial Economics (MAFE-frozen admissions)
- Geology (BS, MS-frozen admissions)
- History (BA, MA)
- Islamic Studies (MA)
- Mathematics (BA, BS, MS)
- Media and Communications (BA)
- Media Studies (MA)
- Middle Eastern Studies (MA)
- Petroleum Geosciences (BS)

(Established in 1866)

Mamdouha El-Sayed Bobst  
Dean of the Faculty of Arts and  
Sciences Farès el-Dahdah, PhD

Number of instructional  
faculty: 382 (234 full-time,  
148 part-time)

Number of undergraduates:  
2,171 (2,027 full-time,  
144 part-time)

Number of graduate  
(master's and graduate diploma)  
students: 522 (269 full-time,  
253 part-time)

Number of PhD students: 24  
(all full-time)

### **Did you know?**

The Science and Mathematics Education Center (SMEC) will be organizing its 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Science, Mathematics, and Technology Online Fair on April 26, 2025.

- Philosophy (BA, MA)
- Physics (BS, MS)
- Political Studies (BA, MA)
- Psychology (BA, MA-frozen admissions)
- Public Administration (BA, MA-frozen admissions)
- Public Policy and International Affairs (MA)
- Sociology (MA)
- Sociology – Anthropology (BA)
- Statistics (BA, BS, MA-frozen admissions, MS-frozen admissions)
- Studio Arts (BA)
- Theoretical Physics (PhD)
- Transnational American Studies (MA-frozen admissions)

The faculty also offers teaching diplomas (TD) in Elementary Education and Secondary Education and diplomas (DIPL) in Educational Management and Leadership and Special Education and a diploma (DIPL) in Development Studies. It also offers one online master's degree (MA) in Computing in Education, and three online graduate diplomas (DIPL) in Online Education; Islamic Studies; and AI and Data Science, respectively.



#### AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

The faculty awards graduate and undergraduate degrees through four departments (Environmental Health; Epidemiology and Population Health; Health Management and Policy; and Health Promotion and Community Health) and a Division of Health Professions run jointly with the Faculty of Medicine (FM). FHS also contributes to the teaching of public health to medical students and physicians-in-training at FM and offers courses in two joint programs: Scholars in HeAlth Research Program (SHARP) with the FM and Public Health Nutrition (PHNU) with the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences. FHS hosts a Center for Public Health Practice (CPHP), a Center for Research on Population and Health (CRPH), and a Knowledge to Policy (K2P) Center. The three centers work closely with departments and academic programs to facilitate the synergy between teaching/learning, research, practice, and policy. In 2022 and as part of ongoing information management initiatives at FHS, the

Established in 1954 as an independent school of public health, the Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) achieved faculty status in 1978.

Dean Abla Mehio Sibai, PhD

Number of instructional faculty:  
49 (43 full-time, 6 part-time)

Number of undergraduates:  
295 (277 full-time, 18 part-time)

Number of graduate (master's and graduate diploma) students:  
218 (79 full-time, 139 part-time)

Number of PhD students: 14  
(all full-time)

#### Did you know?

The Knowledge to Policy (K2P) Center at FHS, a WHO Collaborating Center for Evidence-Informed Policy and Practice, has been selected to co-host the 9<sup>th</sup> Global Symposium on Health Systems Research (HSR 2026) in Dubai.

Public Health Education Office launched the Faculty and Student Portals. These two portals are resource hubs providing access to essential information on academic requirements and policies, advising, volunteering, internships, and practicum opportunities through a single online platform. The faculty also hosts the University for Seniors (UfS) Program.

### **Did you know?**

The Humanitarian Engineering Initiative, a joint MSFEA-FHS initiative, has launched the Health Information Bot Assistant (HIBA), a revolutionary AI-driven chatbot.

### **FHS offers the following degree programs, diplomas, and minors:**

- Environmental Health (BS)
- Environmental Health [Interfaculty Graduate Environmental Sciences Program] (MS)
- Epidemiology (MS, PhD)
- Epidemiology and Biostatistics (MPH)
- Health Care Leadership (Executive Master's – EMHCL)
- Health Communications (BA)
- Health Management and Policy (MPH)
- Health Promotion and Community Health (MPH)
- Health Research-SHARP (MS, with the Faculty of Medicine)
- Humanitarian Engineering and Public Health Innovations (Diploma for professionals and graduate students; minor for undergraduate students)
- Medical Audiology Sciences (BS, in collaboration with the Faculty of Medicine, frozen)
- Medical Imaging Sciences (BS, in collaboration with the Faculty of Medicine)
- Medical Laboratory Sciences (BS, in collaboration with the Faculty of Medicine)
- Public Health (minor for AUB students)
- Public Health in Conflict and Protracted Crises (optional certificate for MPH students)
- Public Health Nutrition (MS, with the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences)



**AMERICAN  
UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT**  
FACULTY OF MEDICINE

The Faculty of Medicine (FM) has provided medical education to students in Lebanon and the Middle East for over 150 years. In conjunction with the AUB Medical Center, founded in 1902, **FM offers an MD degree, in addition to the following degrees:**

- MS in Biomedical Sciences  
[Disciplines: Biochemistry, Human Morphology, Microbiology and Immunology, Neurosciences (Interfaculty), Pharmacology and Therapeutics, Physiology]
- PhD in Biomedical Sciences  
[Disciplines: Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics, Cell Biology of Cancer, Microbiology and Immunology, Pharmacology and Toxicology, Physiology, Neurosciences (Interfaculty), Nutrition (with the Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences)]
- MS in Orthodontics

(Established as the Medical Department in 1867)

Vice President for Health Affairs and Raja N. Khuri Dean Raymond Sawaya, MD

Number of instructional faculty: 308 (302 full-time, 6 part-time)

Number of graduate (master's and graduate diploma) students: 118 (70 full-time, 48 part-time)

Number of PhD students: 24 (all full-time)

Number of MD students: 410 (all full-time)

### Did you know?

26 FM faculty members were ranked among the world's most-cited scientists in Stanford University's 2024 citation indicators.



- MS in Biomedical Engineering (with the Maroun Semaan Faculty of Engineering and Architecture)
- PhD in Biomedical Engineering (with the Maroun Semaan Faculty of Engineering and Architecture)
- MS in Scholars in HeAlth Research Program (SHARP) (with the Faculty of Health Sciences)
- Diploma in Clinical Psychology Training

**FM also operates the Division of Health Professions with the Faculty of Health Sciences that offers the following degrees:**

- BS in Medical Audiology Sciences (Frozen)
- BS in Medical Imaging Sciences
- BS in Medical Laboratory Sciences

Additionally, the Faculty of Medicine and Medical Center offers the 22 specialty residency programs and 38 sub-specialty fellowship programs listed below.

GME residency & fellowship programs: 432 (264 females, 168 males) residents/fellows.

**MD Residency Programs:**

- Anatomic Pathology
- Anesthesiology
- Clinical Pathology
- Dermatology
- Diagnostic Radiology
- Emergency Medicine
- Family Medicine
- General Surgery (Preliminary & Categorical Tracks)
- Internal Medicine (Preliminary & Categorical Tracks)
- Neurology
- Neurosurgery
- Obstetrics & Gynecology
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopedic Surgery

- Otorhinolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery
- Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine
- Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery
- Psychiatry
- Radiation Oncology
- Urology

**Non-MD Special Residency Programs:**

- Orthodontics
- Therapeutic Medical Physics
- MD Clinical Fellowship Programs:
- Abdominal Imaging
- Addiction Medicine
- Adult & Pediatric Epilepsy & Clinical Neurophysiology
- Behavioral Neurology – Neuropsychiatry (frozen)
- Cardiology
- Cardiovascular Anesthesiology
- Child & Adolescent Psychiatry
- Clinical Neurophysiology: Neuromuscular Disorders
- Complex General Surgical Oncology
- Endocrinology & Metabolism
- Gastroenterology
- Geriatrics Medicine
- Hematology/Oncology
- Infectious Disease
- Medical Retina
- Mood Disorder
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Nephrology & Hypertension
- Nuclear Imaging
- Occupational & Environmental Medicine
- Pediatric Cardiology
- Pediatric Emergency Medicine
- Pediatric Hematology-Oncology
- Pediatric Infectious Diseases
- Pediatric Intensive Care
- Pediatric Neonatology
- Pediatric Neurology
- Primary Care Sports Medicine
- Pulmonary & Critical Care
- Refractive Surgery
- Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility

- Rheumatology
- Surgical Critical Care
- Trauma Surgery & Surgical Critical Care
- Vascular Surgery

### MD non-Clinical Fellowship Programs:

- ED Administrative Fellowship
- ED Educational Fellowship
- ED Research Fellowship



**AMERICAN  
UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT**  
**MAROUN SEMAAN FACULTY OF  
ENGINEERING & ARCHITECTURE**

The university began offering a BS program in engineering in 1913. Today's Maroun Semaan Faculty of Engineering and Architecture (MSFEA) has six departments: Architecture and Design; Baha and Walid Bassatne Department of Chemical Engineering and Advanced Energy; Civil and Environmental Engineering; Electrical and Computer Engineering; Industrial Engineering and Management; and Mechanical Engineering, as well as a graduate program in Biomedical Engineering and a program in Interdisciplinary Design Practice.

In addition to 26 bachelor's and master's degrees in these and other fields, MSFEA also offers programs leading to the PhD degree in biomedical engineering (with the Faculty of Medicine), civil engineering, electrical and computer engineering, environmental and water resources engineering, and mechanical engineering. MSFEA is home to the Abdulla Al Ghurair Hub for Digital Teaching and Learning, developing novel hybrid and online programs for residential and distance learners. It also houses the MSFEA Institute, which provides R&D services and personnel training to support the competitiveness and sustainability of businesses in the region and beyond. MSFEA has over a dozen dynamic research centers and groups working towards a viable, livable, and equitable world.

(Established as the School of Engineering in 1951; named in 2017)

Named for alumnus, trustee, entrepreneur, investor, business leader, and philanthropist Maroun Semaan

Dean Alan Shihadeh, ScD

Number of instructional faculty: 187 (114 full-time, 73 part-time)

Number of undergraduates: 2,548 (2,510 full-time, 38 part-time)

Number of graduate (master's and graduate diploma) students: 335 (160 full-time, 175 part-time)

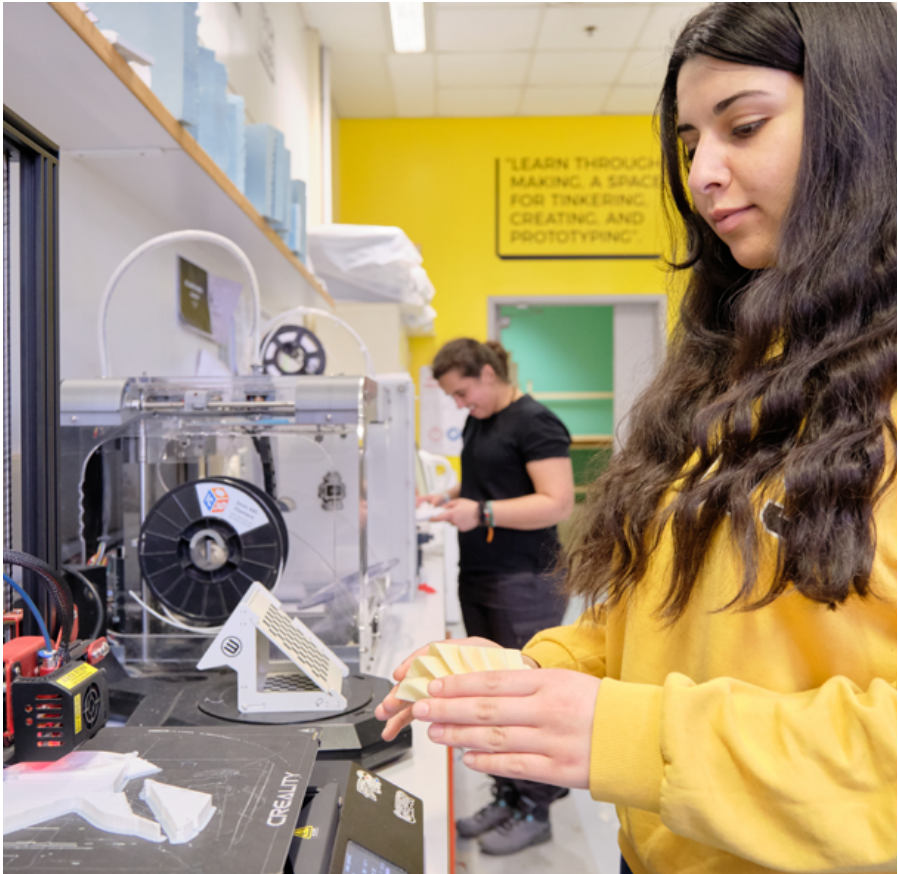
Number of PhD students: 71 (all full-time)

### Did you know?

MSFEA hosted Dr. Nassim Taleb, renowned author of *The Black Swan* and *Antifragility*, on December 9, 2024.

**MSFEA offers the following degree programs:**

- Applied Energy (ME-frozen admissions)
- Architecture (BAR)
- Biomedical Engineering (MS, PhD, with the Faculty of Medicine)
- Chemical Engineering (BS, BE, ME, MS)
- Civil Engineering (BE, ME, PhD)
- Computer and Communications Engineering (BE)
- Construction Engineering (BS)
- Electrical and Computer Engineering (BE, ME, PhD)
- Energy Studies (MS)
- Engineering Management (ME)
- Environmental Technology (MS)
- Environmental and Water Resources Engineering (ME, PhD)
- Graphic Design (BFA)
- Industrial Engineering (BE)
- Mechanical Engineering (BE, ME, PhD)
- Urban Design (MUD)
- Urban Planning and Policy (MUPP)
- Landscape Architecture (BLA)





**AMERICAN  
UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT**  
**RAFIC HARIRI SCHOOL  
OF NURSING**

Established in 1905, the Rafic Hariri School of Nursing (HSON) has graduated more than 3,000 students. HSON is the first school of nursing outside the United States to be accredited (in 2007) and reaccredited twice, in 2012 and again in 2022 for ten years, by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. Inaugurated in 2009, the Rafic Hariri School of Nursing building houses a state-of-the-art simulation and clinical competency center, an auditorium, and a computer lab, in addition to a research center, administrative and faculty offices, and classrooms. HSON became AUB's seventh faculty in September 2018.

**HSON offers the following degree programs in nursing:**

- Nursing (BSN, RN-BSN, BA/BS/BSN)
- Nursing Administration and Management (MSN)
- Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist (MSN)
- Psychiatric Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist (MSN)
- Community and Public Health Nursing (MSN)
- Nursing Administration and Management-academic graduate diploma online
- Nursing Science (PhD)
- Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist (MSN)
- Nursing Education-professional graduate diploma online
- Analytics Informed Healthcare Quality-interprofessional diploma

(Established in 1905; named in 2008)

Named for trustee, entrepreneur, investor, business leader, public servant, and philanthropist Rafic Hariri

Dean Samar Nouredine, PhD, RN, FAHA, FAAN

Number of instructional faculty: 24 (23 full-time, 1 part-time)

Number of undergraduates: 169 (150 full-time, 19 part-time)

Number of graduate (master's and graduate diploma) students: 148 (21 full-time, 127 part-time)

Number of PhD students: 10 (all full-time)

**Did you know?**

HSON is offering a blended master's program in nursing administration and management.



**AMERICAN  
UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT**  
**SULIMAN S. OLAYAN SCHOOL  
OF BUSINESS**

Business education at AUB started in 1900 but remained under the auspices of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences until the university established an independent school of business as its sixth faculty in 2000.

The Suliman S. Olayan School of Business (OSB), which is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International), provides rigorous undergraduate and graduate business education with uniquely crafted curricula that are balanced between theoretical and practical approaches. OSB includes a number of knowledge centers and initiatives that encourage teaching and engagement with the private and public sectors including the Samih Darwazah Center for Innovation Management and Entrepreneurship, the Rami Fouad Makhzoumi Initiative in Corporate Governance, and the Center for Inclusive Business and Leadership for Women.

(Established in 2000;  
named in 2003)

Named for trustee,  
entrepreneur, investor,  
business leader, and  
philanthropist Suliman S.  
Olayan

Dean Yusuf Sidani, PhD

Number of instructional faculty:  
77 (52 full-time, 25 part-time)

Number of undergraduates: 1119  
(1069 full-time, 50 part-time)

Number of graduate (master's  
and graduate diploma)  
students: 457 (137 full-time,  
320 part-time)

### Did you know?

80 percent of graduates from  
the Suliman S. Olayan School  
of Business (OSB) at AUB  
confirm job placement within  
3 months of graduation.



**The school currently enrolls over 1,200 of the most select students in the region in its world-class programs:**

- Business Administration (BBA, MBA, EMBA, MBA online)
- Business Analytics (MSBA)
- Finance (MFIN)
- Human Resources Management (MHRM)

OSB provides online programs for residential and distance learners.

In addition, the school also provides executive education programs to leading organizations throughout the region.

## **INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS**

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[www.aub.edu.lb/oip](http://www.aub.edu.lb/oip)

Since its inception, AUB has welcomed students from around the world. In 2021-22, AUB, which sends and receives students from dozens of universities in Asia, Europe, and North America, received students from 90 different countries.

### **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT**

The Office of International Programs (OIP) recognizes that international students have particular concerns and provides services and support to facilitate their smooth transition and integration into AUB and Lebanon. OIP offers information and assistance with visas and residence permits. Furthermore, OIP's Mentor Program provides an opportunity for a diverse and dedicated group of AUB students to volunteer their time to ease the path for international students enabling them to enjoy a rich cross-cultural experience by encouraging them to participate fully in university life.

### **STUDY ABROAD**

Degree-seeking undergraduate, graduate, and PhD students at AUB may study abroad for up to one academic year while enrolled in a full-time degree program.

**AUB's growing number of international partner institutions include:**

- Australia – The University of Sydney
- Brazil – Fundação Getulio Vargas
- Canada – HEC-Montréal, Université de Montréal, University of Toronto and McGill University
- Cyprus – Open University of Cyprus
- Cyprus – The American University of Beirut – Mediterraneo
- Denmark – Aarhus University, University of Copenhagen, and the Danish School of Media and Journalism
- France – American University of Paris, École de Management de Normandie, École Polytechnique, École Supérieure des Sciences Commerciales d'Angers (ESSCA),

- and Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po), NEOMA Business School, Paris School of Business, EDHEC Business School
- Germany – Freie Universität Berlin, Leuphana University of Lüneburg, University of Kassel, and Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU)
  - Greece – Athens University of Economics and Business
  - Ireland – Dublin City University and Trinity College Dublin
  - Italy – University of Bologna, University of Naples Federico II, University of Pavia, John Cabot University, Politecnico Di Torino, and Università Cattolica Del Sacro Cuore
  - Japan – Nagoya University of Commerce and Business
  - Netherlands – Radboud University
  - Norway – University of South-Eastern Norway
  - Poland- SWPS University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Warsaw University of Technology, Gdansk University of Technology
  - South Korea – Hanyang University
  - Spain – ESADE law school, IE University, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, and University of Granada
  - Sweden – Lund University, Uppsala University, and Södertörn University
  - Switzerland – Université de Genève, University of St. Gallen, University of Zurich, and Zurich University of Applied Sciences, University of Bern
  - United Kingdom – Northumbria University, Queen Mary University of London, and University College London
  - United States of America – Augsburg University, Amherst College, Boston University, New York University Stern School of Business, Reed College, Pitzer College, Stanford University, Temple University, University of New Mexico, the University of Pennsylvania, University of California, Berkeley and American University

Regional partners include Bilkent University, Bogazici University Middle East Technical University, and Koç University in Turkey. We also have the American University in Cairo. Over the past year, 17 renewed and new Erasmus+ inter-institutional credit mobility agreements with 33 universities in Europe have yielded 43 incoming and 105 outgoing funded opportunities for AUB students at the undergraduate, graduate, and PhD levels enabling them to spend a term at a partner institution in Europe. These Erasmus+ agreements also fund faculty and staff mobility.

## AUB ALUMNI

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AUB's more than 78,000 alumni live in more than 120 countries around the world. Our best estimates (AUB alumni are particularly mobile, especially these days) are that 59 percent are currently based in Lebanon; 19 percent in the MENA region; 15 percent in North America; 5 percent in Europe; and 2 percent in Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, Australia, and South America. They work in governments, hospitals, schools, and refugee camps; they are making scientific discoveries, pioneering businesses, and transforming neighborhoods; they are raising families, caring for neighbors, and building communities. AUB graduates have served as presidents of their countries, prime ministers, foreign ministers, members of parliament, ambassadors, governors of central banks, and as

presidents and deans of colleges and universities. They have been especially prominent in the field of medicine and healthcare, earning global recognitions as renowned scientists and celebrated doctors.

AUB played a singular role in the establishment of the United Nations. Five AUB alumni signed the UN Charter: Fadel Jamali (BA 1927) for Iraq; Charles Malek (BA 1927) for Lebanon; and Faris al-Khoury (BA 1897), Naim al-Antaki (former student 1924), and Nazem al-Koudsi (former student 1920) for Syria. More than 20 AUB alumni attended the San Francisco Conference in 1945 that resulted in the creation of the United Nations as delegates, assistant delegates, advisers, and observers.

Some AUB alumni have gone on to establish companies that are known worldwide such as Consolidated Contractors Group of Companies (CCC Group), co-founded by Kamel Abdul-Rahman and alumni Hasib Sabbagh (BA '41, honorary doctorate in humane letters '03) and Said Khoury (former student 1964-68, honorary doctorate in humane letters '06); Dar Al-Handasah Consultants (Shair and Partners), founded by Kamal A. Shair (former student 1945-46); IHS Towers, founded by Issam Darwish (BE Computer and Communications Engineering '92), Mohammad Darwish (BE Electrical Engineering '01), and William Saad (BE Computer and Communications Engineering '94); PEB Steel, co-founded by brothers Sami Kteily (BBA '78, EMBA '21) and Adib Kouteili (BE Mechanical Engineering '83); and Petrofac International, co-founded by Maroun Semaan (BE Mechanical Engineering '77) and Trustee Ayman Asfari.

AUB alumni have excelled throughout the world and in many fields. They are especially prominent in medicine and healthcare in the United States. Alumnus Ardem Patapoutian (1985-86), who is a neuroscience professor and Howard Hughes Medical Institute investigator at Scripps Research, was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine (2021) with David Julius for their discoveries of receptors for temperature and touch. Other prominent medical alumni include Huda Y. Zoghbi (BS Basic Medical Sciences '76), who holds the Ralph D. Feigin Chair at Baylor College of Medicine, where she is also a professor of pediatrics, neurology, neuroscience, and molecular and human genetics; Dr. Bechara Chouair (BS Chemistry '93, MD '97), the former White House Vaccinations Coordinator; Dr. Adnan Munkarah (BS Basic Medical Sciences '82, MD '85), the Executive Vice President and Chief Clinical Officer for Henry Ford Health System; and Dr. Huda Akil (BA Psychology '66, MA Psychology '69), who received the National Medal of Science in 2023.

More recent graduates have gone on to establish successful companies such as Instabeat, founded by Hind Hobeika (BE Mechanical Engineering '10); LittleBits, founded by Aya Bdeir (BE Computer and Communications Engineering '04); RoadieTuner, founded by Bassam Jalgha (BE Mechanical Engineering '08, ME Mechanical Engineering '11) and Hassane Slaibi (BE Computer and Communications Engineering '09); The Little Engineer, founded by Rana El Chemaitelly (BE Mechanical Engineering '93, ME Engineering Management '08); and Yamli, founded by Habib Haddad (BE Computer and Communications Engineering '02).

Wherever they go, and whatever they do, our alumni carry with them a belief that there can and must be a better world, where the best and brightest come together “without distinction in regard to nationality or religion” to build just, inclusive, and fair societies for all.

## **WORLDWIDE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF AUB**

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The Worldwide Alumni Association of AUB (WAAAUB) is the university’s global alumni organization. Its 70 chapters in 26 countries around the world work closely with AUB’s Office of Alumni Relations in Beirut and North America to support the university and its alumni, helping to nurture a relationship that the university treasures.

Alumni chapters are active throughout the year – organizing activities and events to keep alumni engaged and informed about their alma mater. They also support initiatives organized by the Alumni Relations Office such as the AUB4Beirut Run; AUBCares; AUB Giving Day; and Reunion.

The members of the WAAAUB Advisory Board (listed below) provide counsel and support to the university and the president in efforts to lead and promote positive alumni relations and nurture an alumni community that is active, engaged, and inspired to maintain lifelong relationships with AUB.



## Members of the WAAAUB Advisory Board

(as of June 30, 2024)

- Muwaffak Bibi (BBA '77); Europe; appointed; term ends 2026; chair
- Asma Ghannam (BS Nursing '82); North America; appointed; term ends 2026; vice chair
- Widad Abou Chaar (BS Biology '11, MD '15); North America; elected; term ends 2028
- Abdallah Absi (BE Civil Engineering '84); Lebanon; appointed; term ends 2028
- Walid Ali-Ahmad (BE Electrical Engineering '88); North America; appointed; term ends 2026
- Salman Al Jishi (EMBA '11); MENA; appointed; term ends 2028
- Maya El Hajjar (BBA '09); Rest of the world; appointed; term ends 2026
- Wadad El Housseini (BA Sociology '88, MA Education '94); MENA; elected; term ends 2026
- Antoine Haddad (BE Electrical Engineering '75); Lebanon; elected; term ends 2028
- Nour Bitar Hajj (BBA '07, MBA '12); Lebanon; elected; term ends 2026
- Fadi Kanaan (BBA '19); MENA; elected; term ends 2028
- Eliza Markidou (BS Biology '84); Europe; appointed; term ends 2026
- Ghiwa Nakat (BS Agriculture '98); Lebanon; appointed; term ends 2028
- Nour Ramadan (MS Animal Science '18); Young alumni; elected; term ends 2026
- Lana Saghie (BBA '11); Lebanon; elected; term ends 2028
- Mohammad Shatila (BE Computer and Communications Engineering '95); Lebanon; appointed; term ends 2028
- Nawal Tarazi (MMB '94); Europe; elected; term ends 2028
- Antoine Tayar (BA Political Studies '89); North America; elected; term ends 2026



**At the heart of this university—of everything we do—is our extraordinary alumni body. Our alumni are doers of deeds, well prepared by the university and by life to make a difference. Our graduates make their mark across the public and private sectors, as parliamentarians and ambassadors, business executives, and university leaders. They transform neighborhoods, raise families, care for neighbors, and build communities.**

*Fadlo R. Khuri*

President, American University of Beirut

WAAAUB GREATER WASHINGTON DC ALUMNI CHAPTER RECEPTION  
MARCH 7, 2024



## **LIBRARIES**

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AUB has four libraries: the Nami Jafet Memorial Library (the Main Library), the Saab Memorial Medical Library, the Engineering and Architecture Library, and the Science and Agriculture Library. These libraries are home to one of the world's largest and finest collections related to Lebanese, Arab, Islamic, and Middle Eastern studies. The libraries are also home to the largest collection of English language material in the Arab world and to sizeable collections in all the subject areas in which the university offers degree programs.

The libraries' materials include 2.1 million print and electronic volumes of books, 5,850 print periodicals, hundreds of newspapers, and more than 1 million audiovisual items – many dating back to the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The libraries subscribe to over 400 databases, provide access to 185,000 online periodicals, and are currently working on digitizing 10,000 pre-1956 print Arabic books. The Archives and Special Collections include many unique and significant items related to the sociocultural history of AUB, Lebanon, and the Middle East, portrayed in around 2,434 linear feet of archival material, 1,800 mainly Arabic manuscripts, 102,000 photos, 2,000 maps, 11,500 posters, all of these are frequently sought and used by researchers from all over the world.

The libraries include computer labs and an electronic classroom and are fully automated, providing remote access to their electronic databases, books, periodicals, and reference material. They are managed by a team of 33 professionals and 39 support staff members who provide numerous high-quality services.

## PARTNERING WITH AUB

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[www.aub.edu.lb/advancement](http://www.aub.edu.lb/advancement)

The Office of Advancement develops and strengthens relationships with key AUB constituencies around the world to advance the university. The office helps to position the university by engaging alumni, supporters, and influential friends; and by securing philanthropic donations, volunteer involvement, and other support. Through our Office of Business Development, we also work closely with partners in Lebanon and the region, especially in the areas of higher education, public health and healthcare services, and administration, to address some of the enormous challenges that our region faces.

The Office of Advancement, which includes Advancement Services, Alumni Relations, Development, and the Neighborhood Initiative, supports the mission and priorities of AUB's Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Faculty of Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine, the Maroun Semaan Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, the Rafic Hariri School of Nursing, the Suliman S. Olayan School of Business, and the AUB Medical Center (AUBMC). It works to achieve the university's fundraising goals including securing support for patient needs at AUBMC; for current and endowed scholarships; for academic resources; and other campus priorities including support for facilities and in the area of energy efficiency. The Office of Advancement also works to promote and secure support for AUB Mediterraneo, AUB's new twin campus in Pafos, Cyprus, and for AUB Online. These goals align with and advance VITAL 2030, a vision for AUB for the next decade and beyond.

## OFFICE OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

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Since 1975, AUB has had an office dedicated to providing consulting and technical assistance to governments, international organizations, foundations, nonprofit associations, businesses, and industry in the region. Established as the AUB Services Corporation, it was known for many years as the Office of Regional External Programs (REP). In 2020, REP was reorganized. Its Center for Continuing Education is now part of the Office of the Provost. Executive education is now managed by the respective AUB faculty. Consultancy and business development are now the responsibility of a new Office of Business Development, which is part of the Office of Advancement.

The university offers relevant expertise and extensive experience in many areas including, but not limited to, agriculture, education, engineering, entrepreneurship, health, innovation, medicine, nursing, planning, resource management, social enterprise, and sustainability. We believe strongly, as President Fadlo R. Khuri stated recently, that during these particularly challenging times, it is especially important that higher education institutions such as AUB “intensify their research collaboration, their partnerships, and their exchange of best practices and expertise.”

## FUNDING

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AUB's investment pool was valued at \$853 million on June 30, 2024. Services provided at AUB's Medical Center (42%) and Educational Services (30%) account for 72% of AUB's revenues. Contributions, Grants, and Contracts (15%), excluding contributions to the Endowment and Capital Projects, provide important funding for scholarships, research, and other university priorities. Other revenues are investment income (10%) and auxiliary enterprises (2%). Health Services represent the largest share of operating expenses (44%) followed by Educational Services (38%), Management and General (15%), Auxiliary Enterprises (1%), and Advancement (2%).

## VISITING THE CAMPUS

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[www.aub.edu.lb/visitorsbureau](http://www.aub.edu.lb/visitorsbureau)

The Visitors Bureau is located just inside the Main Gate on Bliss Street. It offers student-led guided tours by appointment and assists with self-guided tours as well. You can also take a virtual tour of the campus.

### Questions?

Email us at [visitors@aub.edu.lb](mailto:visitors@aub.edu.lb) or call +961-1-350000, ext. 2677, 2678, or 2679. We look forward to welcoming you to AUB.

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM

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[www.aub.edu.lb/museum\\_archeo](http://www.aub.edu.lb/museum_archeo)

The American University of Beirut Archaeological Museum is the third oldest museum in the Near East, after those in Cairo and Constantinople. General Cesnola, the American Consul in Cyprus, donated the first gift of Cypriot pottery in 1868, two years after the founding of the Syrian Protestant College (renamed the American University of Beirut in 1920). The AUB Archaeological Museum was established on this foundational collection.

In 2006, the AUB Museum underwent a complete renovation sponsored by the Society of the Friends of the Museum and the Joukowsky Foundation. The museum provides a unique overview of the archaeology in the Near East from the Early Stone Age to the Islamic Period showcasing collections from Lebanon, Syria, Cyprus, Palestine, Egypt, Iraq, and Iran.

**Audio guides** are available free of charge.

You can take a **virtual tour** of the museum.

### Winter Hours

Monday through Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

### Summer Hours

Monday through Friday: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Closed during Lebanese national holidays and AUB holidays

Questions?

Email us at [museum@aub.edu.lb](mailto:museum@aub.edu.lb)

or call +961-1-759665 or +961- 1-350-000, ext. 2660 or 2661.

## HEALTHY CAMPUS, HEALTHY COMMUNITY \_\_\_\_\_

AUB organizes and participates in dozens of activities throughout the year to promote a healthy campus and a healthy community.

### A partial list of initiatives includes:

- Anti COVID-19 Public Health Initiative (CAPII)
- AUB Tobacco-free University
- Calcium Metabolism and Osteoporosis Program
- Health and Wellness Center
- The Humanitarian Engineering Initiative
- K2P COVID-19 Series Initiative
- Neighborhood Initiative
- Public Health Participatory Approach Promoting Wellbeing of University Students in Times of Crises
- RUN AUB RUN
- COVID-19 vaccine social marketing campaign at AUB
- and then move it so it appears before “Health and Wellness Center”
- University for Seniors
- Vascular Medicine Program



# AUB IN THE COMMUNITY

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## THE NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE

For 150 years, the histories of AUB and Ras Beirut have been intertwined, shaping each other's identity and place within the city. By mobilizing the university's resources for the public good, the Neighborhood Initiative is AUB's way of giving back to the neighborhood.

The AUB Neighborhood Initiative (AUBNI) mobilizes the full power of AUB (intellectual, human, institutional) for the public good in Ras Beirut by promoting the neighborhood's livability, vitality, and diversity through innovative outreach activities and multidisciplinary research. The Neighborhood Initiative's mission echoes the university's mission, highlighting the importance of service and civic responsibility in Lebanon and the region. The university's mission to provide excellent education and advance knowledge through research is enhanced and made more relevant by engagement with local issues and offering solutions to real problems.

The initiative supports tactical urban interventions that beautify the neighborhood and turn the streets around campus into vibrant meeting spaces, for a more livable and sustainable city. These interventions address social, urban, and environmental issues, activate public spaces, and engage the community in reclaiming their neighborhood, bringing together community leaders, designers, artists, NGOs, and public and private institutions. Such projects include:

- Installation of "Raseef" designed by Modon - Ramzi Alieh on Bliss Street facing the AUB Main Gate on both sides of the pedestrian crossing. These two parklets replaced the chaos of parked motorbikes with modular precast planters, benches, and a backgammon table to give our AUB community as well as street users a space to sit, socialize, and reclaim the street as an open public space.
- Organizing a street performance by captivating singer Ghada Ghanem on February 27, 2024 to celebrate another spark in the dark, illuminating the surrounding streets of the American University of Beirut Medical Center (AUBMC) as part of the "Light up our community" initiative in collaboration with Rebirth Beirut and Medco.
- Collaboration with the local NGO Ahla Fawda to expand the first urban Eco Hub in Beirut dedicated to restoring ecosystems and promoting sustainability through creativity and community engagement. Public workshops, eco-friendly events, and activities are held to spread awareness about upcycling, recycling, and circular economy. A recycling center promotes sorting at the source offering rewards against recyclables dropped at the collection point on site. The Eco-Dekkaneh offers canned food, personal hygiene items, and cleaning products in exchange for points earned from collecting recyclables.

- With funding from Procol Lebanon and IGP at UCL, AUBNI implemented EcoPlay, an eco-inspired community space and children's playground designed by Catalytic Action solely from upcycled locally discarded material such as car tires, plastic crates, wooden pallets, metal barrels, and plastic bottle caps. The first EcoBirthday was organized at the EcoHub where children were initiated to recycle plastic and cardboard through theatre, performances, and fun activities.

The initiative organizes concerts and cultural events in Ras Beirut to support the cultural role of the neighborhood. In March 2024, AUBNI produced the "Don't Stop Drawing - Visual Diaries of Solidarity with Gaza," a timeline-based exhibition at P21 Gallery in London, showing works of Lebanese artists Mazen Kerbaj, living in Berlin, and Jana Traboulsi, a faculty member living in Beirut. PROCOL Lebanon and the Institute for Global Prosperity at University College London supported the exhibition. The exhibition was moved to Beirut and opened at Al Madina Theatre on May 29, 2024, simultaneously with "Palestine: Drawing, Documenting, Defying," a digital exhibition showcasing the work of Arab comics artists in Gaza and Palestine organized by the Rada & Mutaz Sawaf Center of Arab Comics Studies at AUB.

As part of Palestine week (March 4-9, 2024) held at AUB by the General Education Program and the Palestine Land Studies Center, AUBNI organized a concert by Al Kamandjati and Beit Atfal Assumoud and a fundraiser concert by Fayha National Choir for the Ghassan Abu Sittah Children's Fund,

In support of Palestine, AUBNI organized a series of events at Al Madina Theatre including a solidarity march from the AUB Main Gate through Hamra Street to Al Madina Theatre culminating in a street performance by Al Kamandjati, a concert by Soprano Ghada Ghanem "Ode to Palestine" (May 29, 2024), a night of poetry and music with poet Mahdi Mansour and musician Ziad Sahhab (June 1, 2024) and a panel discussion with Dr. Ghassan Abu Sittah and Gaza war photographer Belal Khaled (June 9, 2024). All proceeds went to support the Ghassan Abu Sittah Children's Fund at AUBMC.

The AUB Neighborhood Initiative's ongoing activities include:

- Facilitating research for students and faculty across the university to solve actual problems in the neighborhood of Ras Beirut, giving them access to our database, connecting students and faculty to key community members, and providing advice and insights to guide students in their work.
- Community service activities with AUB students as well as students from public and private schools in the neighborhood.
- Documenting the oral history of the fishermen of Ain el Mreisseh to preserve the memory of the area.
- Al Jar Lil Jar campaign helping 260 vulnerable Ras Beirut families, especially the elderly, with donations from the AUB community, alumni, and friends. Act for Lebanon has generously supported this campaign for the months of January to June 2024. With generous donations from the WAAAUB New England Chapter, the Midwest Chapter, and the Houston Chapter, AUBNI

distributed mouneh and maamoul sweets from local women producers to 250 vulnerable Ras Beirut families to celebrate Eid El Fitr in April 2024.

- Collaboration with AUBMC to offer free medical consultation and with donors and NGOs for free medications.
- Ras Beirut Btifroz recycling campaign to encourage sorting at the source in the neighborhood with a growing network of 95 residential buildings and 12 coffee shops collecting more than 150,000 kg of recyclables annually.
- Recycling program for cigarette filters collected around campus in collaboration with the AUB Tobacco-Free Initiative and Recycle Lebanon, producing standup paddle boards for beach cleanups.

## **THE UNIVERSITY FOR SENIORS**

The University for Seniors (UfS) Program, which is housed at the Faculty of Health Sciences, is a life-long learning and life-transforming initiative at AUB, the first of its kind in Lebanon and the Middle East. The UfS aspires to be a flagship for promoting healthy aging, advocating for the rights of older persons (over the age of 50), and portraying a positive image of aging. The mission of the UfS is to be a late-life learning program that provides older adults with educational and cultural opportunities to be intellectually energized, physically active, and socially engaged in their communities. At UfS, we believe in creating a new and positive face of aging where older adults are empowered to lead an active life and are agents of change in their own communities and beyond. Our activities are designed to encourage healthy ageing and wellbeing through a holistic approach attentive to physical and mental health and social wellbeing. We organize a wide variety of lectures, mini-courses and educational trips across Lebanon and abroad, in addition to in-person and virtual social and cultural events, physical activity sessions, and mental health support.

UfS website [www.aub.edu.lb/seniors](http://www.aub.edu.lb/seniors)

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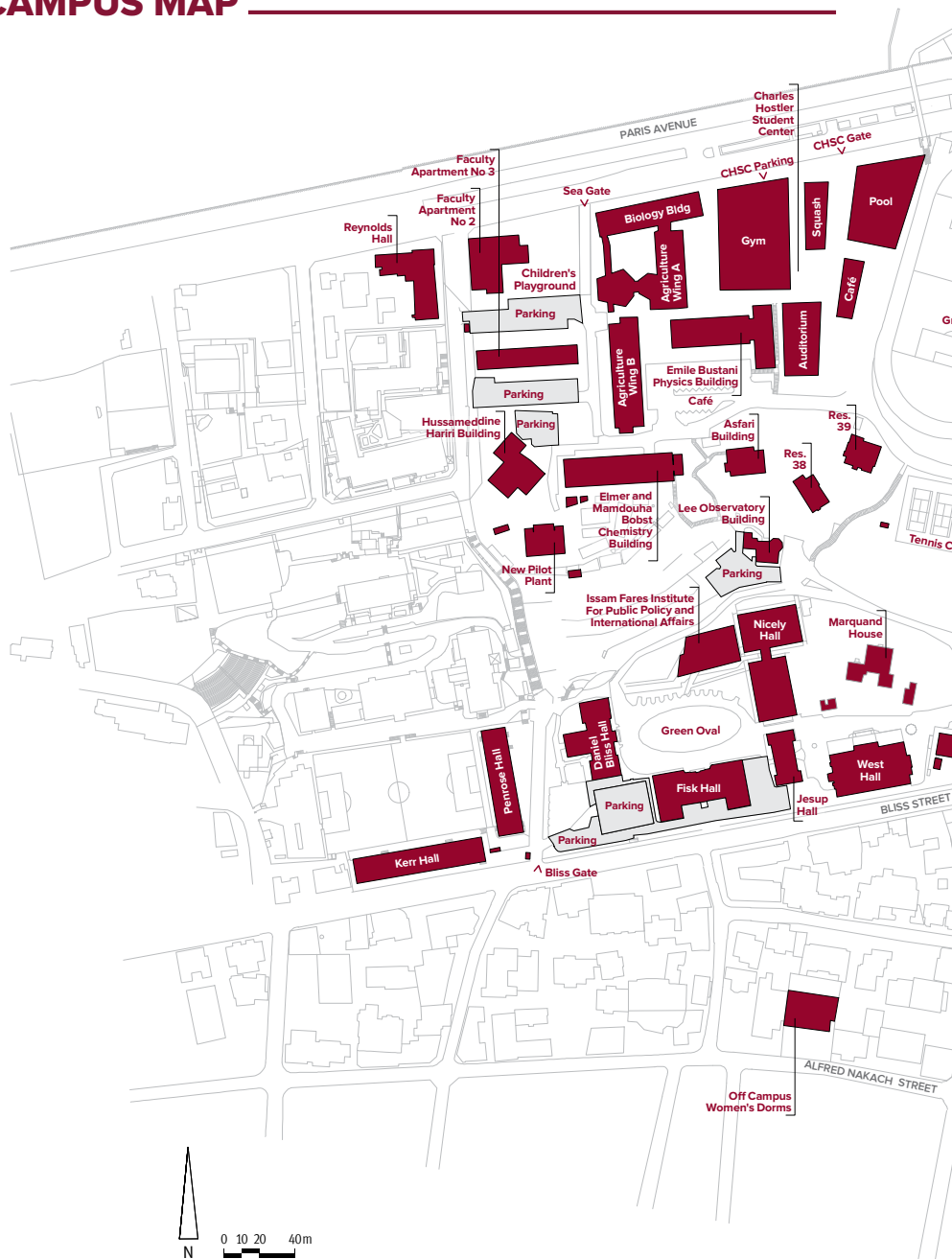
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# CAMPUS MAP





## ALMA MATER

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Far, far above the waters  
Of the deep blue sea,  
Lies the campus of the College,  
Where we love to be.  
Far away behold Kanisah!  
Far beyond, Sannin!  
Rising hoary to the heavens,  
Clad in glorious sheen.

### Chorus

From Iraq or from Arabia  
From the banks so green  
Of the great Egyptian river  
Or from Palestine;  
From the waters of Abana  
Lebanon serene,  
We salute thee, Alma Mater!  
Oriental Queen.

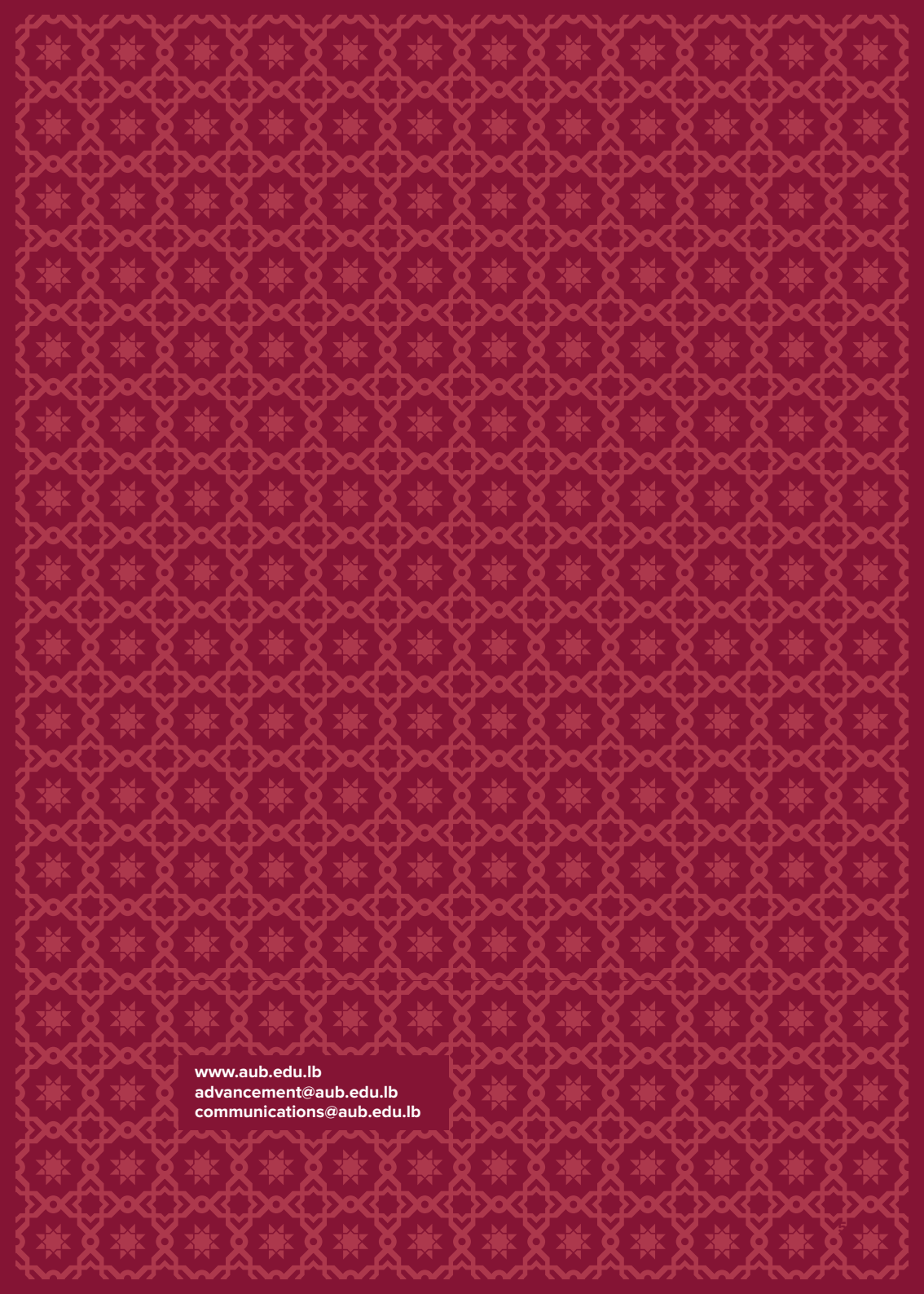
### Chorus

Hail to thee, our Alma Mater!  
We would ever be  
Worthy children. Make us faithful,  
Faithful e'er to thee!  
Whereso'er the land that calls us,  
E'en across the sea,  
We'll salute thee, Alma Mater,  
Hail! O Hail! to thee.

### Chorus

Look before us!  
Shout the chorus!  
See the banner wave.  
AUB in thee we glory;  
Make us true and brave.

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