



OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

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Dear students,

I hope that you and your loved ones are safe and well. I am writing to follow up on the [guidelines shared with you on March 3](#) regarding the continuation of teaching and learning and the support measures in place during this period.

1. **Classes will continue to be offered synchronously online** at their regularly scheduled times **until the university announces the resumption of in-person classes on campus**. Instructors have also been asked to make recordings and other course materials available on Moodle so that students who cannot attend live sessions can still access the course content.
2. In some cases, **instructors may offer their classes in hybrid modality** at the regularly scheduled times allowing those of you who are able to attend on campus to join in person while others participate remotely in real time. Instructors will communicate directly with their students if such arrangements are possible.
3. Instructors have been encouraged to **diversify assessment methods rather than relying primarily on exams** and to offer **flexibility with deadlines** based on students' circumstances. Since the [last day of classes is April 29](#), it is important to minimize the implications of concentrating the remaining assessments within too short a period. **Scheduled exams may therefore proceed beginning Thursday, March 12**, and final exams will be limited to a maximum of 40% of the total course grade. Students who are unable to take exams should contact their instructors to discuss their circumstances and possible arrangements.
4. **Courses with experiential learning** components that require physical presence (such as labs, studios, rotations, and community engagements) **will resume gradually beginning Monday, March 16**. Instructors will communicate the details directly to students. Those who are unable to attend these activities

should contact their instructors to discuss their circumstances and possible arrangements.

5. Instructors will **update course syllabi** as needed to reflect any adjustments to course requirements, assessments, or the weight of assessments in the overall course grade. They will share revised syllabi with their students so that course expectations remain clear.
6. Instructors will continue to provide **academic advising and mentorship**, and graduate students will continue to receive **supervision for their thesis research**.
7. The **campus remains open for you** to access libraries, workspaces, research labs, athletic facilities, and student support services within faculties/schools and at the [Office of Student Affairs](#).
8. Students who choose to **travel outside Lebanon** during this period **must submit a “Petition for Travel Notification”** to be able to continue their coursework while abroad. The petition should be submitted after departure and must include the boarding pass for the departing flight from Beirut and a photo of the departure stamp in the passport. Students who petition to travel remain responsible for keeping up with their course requirements and maintaining communication with their instructors. Once in-person classes resume, students who have traveled will be expected to return promptly to Lebanon.
9. Please **reach out to your academic advisors and course instructors**, as well as the relevant offices in your faculties/schools, if you need any guidance or support on academic matters. For any other queries, please email ask_ecad@aub.edu.lb.

We will continue to communicate with you on a regular basis. We are in this together and remain hopeful for a de-escalation of the current situation in Lebanon and the region.

Take care,

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