

Admissions

The American University of Beirut seeks students of sound character and demonstrated academic achievement and promise. In accordance with the policies of its founders and with its equal opportunity policy, the University admits students regardless of race, color, religion, gender, disability, or national origin. While it attracts students from more than sixty countries from around the world, AUB primarily serves applicants from Lebanon, the Arab world, and other countries of the Middle East, and also seeks to maintain geographic distribution within the region. The University values its strong ties with its alumni and considers the attendance of alumni children important to the maintenance of these ties and to the continuation of its traditions.

Application Procedures

Applications are available at the Office of Admissions at either of the addresses below and are mailed to applicants upon request. Applications can also be downloaded from the AUB website: www.aub.edu.lb/admissions/Pages/index.aspx

Applicants Outside North America:

Office of Admissions
 American University of Beirut
 PO Box 11-0236
 Riad El-Solh 1107 2020
 Beirut, Lebanon
 Email: admissions@aub.edu.lb
 Telephone: 961-1-374374/374444
 Ext: 2590/2585/2596
 Fax: 961-1-750775

Applicants in North America:

American University of Beirut
 3 Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, 8th Floor
 New York, NY 10017-2303
 Telephone: 1-212-583-7665
 Fax: 1-212-583-7650

Admission to Undergraduate Study

Students may apply for admission to AUB's four-year undergraduate program as:

- **freshmen** in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences,
- **sophomores**/first year professional students in all the faculties,
- **transfer students** from other universities,
- **visiting students**, or **non-degree students**, or
- **second degree applicants**.

AUB has two undergraduate Admissions Committees.

The selection of freshman applicants is made by the Freshman Admissions Committee, and selection of sophomore and visiting/non-degree applicants is made by the Undergraduate Admissions Committee. The selection of transfer students to advanced standing or those applying for a second degree is made by the respective faculties.

All admission decisions are conditional upon evidence of the student having received the certificate or degree (recognized by the Ministry of Education of the originating country) on the basis of which admission is sought, and based on evidence of having met the English Language Proficiency Requirement (ELPR). A student is not eligible to register until all conditions of her/his admission are met. Conditions are stated in the letter of admission.

Students applying for entrance in the fall semester are notified of conditional admission by early April. Applicants for the spring semester are notified by mid-January, and applicants for the summer session are notified in May. Upon notification of conditional admission, a student can hold a place for the fall semester by making a non-refundable enrollment deposit of \$1000 by June 30 or as listed in the letter of admission. This deposit is credited to the student's account upon registration.

Students applying as undergraduates should submit the items listed below by the appropriate deadline. Note that recommendations, official transcripts of records, and all other documents presented to complete an application for admission are the property of AUB and are not returned to applicants.

Applicants for the Freshman Year

Freshman applicants may apply for admission to AUB's four-year undergraduate program in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. They may apply for entrance in the first (fall) semester or in the second (spring) semester. Those applying for the fall semester may opt to apply under a special early admission plan. All applications should be submitted to the Office of Admissions by the deadlines specified below.

Candidates for the freshman year are judged primarily on the basis of:

- their academic record (school grades)
- the results of their SAT Reasoning Test (Critical Reasoning and Mathematics)

Important consideration is also given for:

- their participation in extracurricular activities
- recommendations from teachers and counselors

Factors such as motivation and character, geographic distribution, and alumni relationships may also be considered.

Freshman applicants must submit the following:

- **The application form** including the section for freshmen.
- **The School Record:** official report of grades, including average and rank in class for the two years of schooling prior to the year in which the student is filing the application. Schools that do not provide complete information, particularly average and rank in class, may jeopardize the admission of their students. Applicants should ask the officials of the school they have attended for the last two years to send their school grades directly to the AUB Office of Admissions.
- Applicants to the freshman class are required to present **at least two letters of recommendation**, one from a Math or Science teacher and another from the school counselor or principal.
- **SAT Reasoning Test:** The SAT Reasoning Test (Critical Reasoning and Mathematics) is required of all undergraduate applicants except junior and senior transfer students and non-degree and visiting students. Each student is responsible for registering and taking the SAT Reasoning Test. Applicants planning to enroll during the spring semester must take

the test by the November testing session of the previous year. Students applying for the fall semester must take the SAT Reasoning Test by the January testing session of the same year of their planned enrollment. For students who take the test more than once, the University considers the highest score achieved in each of the critical reading and mathematical reasoning sections. Students should make sure to submit their SAT scores before admission decisions are issued (unofficial scores are considered pending receipt of official ones). For details on the dates and locations of the SAT Reasoning Test, contact the nearest testing center. In Lebanon, contact AMIDEAST. When registering for the SAT Reasoning Test, applicants should enter the AUB code, 0902, and ask the Educational Testing Service (ETS) to send the scores directly to the Office of Admissions.

- **Lebanese applicants to the freshman class** are required to present “permission” to enter the freshman class from the Equivalence Committee of the Lebanese Ministry of Education and are required to take both the SAT Reasoning Test and the SAT Subject Tests (which can be taken prior to registration for the freshman class or during the freshman year). Students admitted to the freshman class at AUB are not classified as freshman sciences or freshman arts; however, the Equivalence Committee of the Lebanese Ministry of Education specifies that the SAT Subject Tests must be taken by Lebanese applicants to the freshman class according to one of two tracks: a sciences track or an arts track. Students who choose the sciences track should take the SAT subjects as follows: Mathematics II C (obligatory); plus two tests from biology, chemistry, or physics, and score a total of 2750 in SAT I and SAT II. Students choosing the arts track should take the SAT subjects as follows: Mathematics I C (obligatory), two subject tests of the applicant’s choice, and score a total of 2600 in SAT I and SAT II (refer to page 38 for details).
- **Non-Lebanese applicants to the freshman class** are also required by the Equivalence Committee of the Lebanese Ministry of Education to take both the SAT Reasoning Test and the SAT Subject Tests if they wish to get the equivalence of their freshman year to the Lebanese Baccalaureate at a later date. The SAT Subject Tests are to be taken prior to registration for the freshman class or during the freshman year.
- **A photocopy of applicant’s identity card or passport and one recent passport-size color photo**
- **A non-refundable fee of \$50 if applying online or \$80 if submitting a paper application**

Applicants to the Sophomore Year and All Other Undergraduate Programs

Sophomores/first year professional students may apply for admission to AUB’s three-year undergraduate programs in all the faculties. They may apply to one, two, or three of AUB’s six faculties. Applicants for the fall semester may apply under a special early admission plan. Sophomore and other undergraduate applicants—transfer students from other universities, visiting students, non-degree students, and second degree applicants may apply for entrance in the first (fall) semester or in the second (spring) semester. All applications should be submitted to the Office of Admissions by the deadlines specified below.

Candidates for the Sophomore and other undergraduate programs are judged primarily on the basis of

- their academic record (school grades) and
- the results of their SAT Reasoning Test (Critical Reasoning and Mathematics).

Factors such as participation in extracurricular activities, motivation and character, geographic distribution, and alumni relationships may also be considered.

Undergraduate applicants who are not freshmen candidates must submit the following:

- **The Application Form**
- **The School Record:** the official report of grades for the two years of schooling prior to the year in which the student is filing the application, including average and rank in class. Schools that do not provide complete information, particularly average and rank in class, may jeopardize the admission of their students. Applicants should ask the officials of the school they have attended for the last two years to send their school grades directly to the AUB Office of Admissions.
- **SAT Reasoning Test:** The SAT Reasoning Test (Critical Reasoning and Mathematics) is required of all undergraduate applicants except junior and senior transfer students and non-degree and visiting students. Each student is responsible for registering and taking the SAT Reasoning Test. Applicants planning to enroll during the spring semester must take the test by the November testing session of the previous year. Students applying for the fall semester must take the SAT Reasoning Test by the January testing session of the same year of their planned enrollment. For students who take the test more than once, the University considers the highest score achieved in each of the critical reading and mathematical reasoning sections. Students should make sure to submit their SAT scores before admission decisions are issued (unofficial scores are considered pending receipt of official ones).

For details on the dates and locations of the SAT Reasoning Test, contact the nearest testing center. In Lebanon, contact AMIDEAST. When registering for the SAT Reasoning Test, applicants should enter the AUB code, 0902, and ask the Educational Testing Service (ETS) to send the scores directly to the Office of Admissions.

- **Photocopy of applicant's identity card or passport and one recent passport-size color photo**
- **A non-refundable fee of \$50 if applying online or \$80 if submitting a paper application**

Deadlines for All Undergraduate Applications

For admission to:	Deadline
spring semester of academic year 2015-16	November 30, 2015
fall semester of academic year 2016-17	December 21, 2015
spring semester of academic year 2016-17	November 30, 2016

For early admission to:	Deadline
fall semester of academic year 2016-17	November 30, 2015

English Language Proficiency Requirement (ELPR)

Prior to registration at the University, undergraduate students admitted to AUB must demonstrate a level of English proficiency consistent with the demands of a program carried out almost exclusively in the English language. This should be done as early as possible (but no later than the end of August) and may be done in any one of the following ways:

- By achieving on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) a minimum score of 573 on the paper and pencil version. Applicants who have taken the computer-based TOEFL should have a score of no less than 230 and those who have taken the Internet-based TOEFL (IBT) should score no less than 88. (Institutional TOEFL scores are not accepted for admission to AUB).
- By achieving a minimum score of 380 on the writing section of the SAT Reasoning Test for applicants seeking admission at the undergraduate level.
- By passing the AUB English Entrance Examination (EEE) with a minimum score of 500. The EEE is given at AUB by the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment on published dates (check website) at a cost of L.L. 50,000 (\$33.33).
- By achieving on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) a minimum score (overall band) of 5.5.

Summary

Test	Score
TOEFL (computer-based)	230
TOEFL (paper and pencil)	573
TOEFL (internet-based)	88
EEE	500
SAT Reasoning Test (writing section)	380
IELTS	5.5

Upon registering for these tests applicants must specify that results be sent to the AUB Office of Admissions.

Information and application forms for the TOEFL can be requested from

AMIDEAST

Riad El Solh, Bazerkan Building
Beirut, LEBANON
Email: Lebanon@AMIDEAST.org
Website: www.AMIDEAST.org

Educational Testing Service

Rosedale Road, P.O. Box 6155
Princeton, NJ 08541-6155
USA

Applicants who take the TOEFL must use the institutional code number for AUB, 0902, when registering for the test.

For information pertaining to IELTS, applicants should contact the British Council in their respective countries.

Intensive English Course

The Intensive English Course (IEC), ENGL 100, is intended for undergraduate applicants to AUB who have been selected for admission but have not met the English Language Proficiency Requirement (ELPR). The minimum score for admission to IEC is 375 on the AUB EEE, or 490 on the paper-based TOEFL (equivalent to 163 on the computer-based TOEFL [CBT], or 57 on the Internet-based TOEFL (IBT), or 350 on the Writing section of the SAT I.

Students are placed in one of two levels, ENGL 100A (15 hours) or ENGL 100B (10 hours), based on EEE, TOEFL, and SAT I writing scores. Students with scores of 375–449 on the EEE, or 490–500 on the TOEFL (163–173 on the CBT or 57–61 on the IBT), or 350 on SAT I writing go into 100A. Those with scores of 450–499 on the EEE, or 503–567 on the TOEFL (177–227 on the CBT or 62–87 on the IBT), or 360–370 on the SAT I writing go into 100B.

Students enrolled in IEC may register for one or two regular university courses (a minimum of 6 credits), based on placement in ENGL 100A or ENGL 100B, respectively, thus earning credits toward a degree while working toward achieving the level of English needed for carrying a full course load in the regular program. Such courses are restricted to Arabic and mathematics/statistics/computer literacy courses (maximum 6 credits) in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and equivalent courses in statistics in the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, the School of Business, and the Faculty of Health Sciences.

The length of time required to complete the IEC varies with the linguistic background and performance of the student; it usually ranges between one and two semesters, depending on the level of proficiency at the time of entry. However, a student who fails to pass the IEC by the end of the second semester loses her/his admission to the University.

Regular IEC attendance is expected due to the intensive nature of the course. Continued class absence may result in a recommendation that the student discontinue IEC.

IEC is designed to develop students' linguistic and communicative competence with special emphasis on developing areas of weakness identified by diagnostic tests. The four skills (reading, writing, listening, and speaking) are integrated. Students are exposed to a wide variety of readings and communicative tasks, which help develop critical thinking. The different stages of the writing process are introduced through a variety of academic and non-academic writing tasks. Lab sessions reinforce grammar, reading speed, vocabulary building, and study skills.

University Preparatory Program

The Program is designed for high-achieving students who have completed the high school/Baccalaureate II/or other secondary school diploma (based on 12 years of schooling starting with Elementary One Class) and who have a limited formal background in English. The 20 hour per week English curriculum stresses an integrated approach to listening, reading, writing and speaking. Study skills, pronunciation and research skills are incorporated into the course, which is especially tailored to meet student needs. An additional 6 hours of mathematics and/or science is given to ensure that students are prepared for university work.

It is recommended that students live on campus in one of AUB's all-men or all-women residence halls and participate in a partial on-campus meal plan. Residence is a means of fostering an "immersion approach" to language learning, giving students the opportunity to practice their English language skills outside the classroom.

Besides the residence/boarding experience, students have the opportunity to participate in regular AUB extracurricular activities and a series of field trips planned in conjunction with course work.

Students enrolled in the UPP are accepted into the freshman class at AUB after taking an exit exam and fulfilling the requirements set by the Program; students applying to the sophomore class need to take the SAT I and go through the normal admission procedure for regular students.

Early Admission

A special early admission plan for fall admission has been designed for students who fulfill the following requirements:

- submission of application form by November 30
- class rank in the top 25 percent in each of the last two years prior to application
- SAT Reasoning Test scores (last session considered is the November session), Critical Reasoning and Mathematics as follows:
 - 1,050 for freshman or nursing I
 - 1,100 for sophomore arts (humanities/social sciences, except economics) or nursing II
 - ~~1,200 for sophomore sciences, quantitative thought, natural sciences, or business and economics, first year in the Faculties of Agricultural and Food Sciences and Health Sciences, and first year graphic design~~
 - ~~1,250 for first year engineering and architecture~~

Admission decisions are issued by January 30 and admission is granted to the first choice of major in each of the faculties applied for. Admission is conditional upon the student receiving the certificate or diploma (recognized by the Ministry of Education of the originating country) on the basis of which admission was sought and on evidence of having met the English Language Proficiency Requirement (ELPR). Students may not register until these conditions are met. Applicants who apply early but are not granted early admission are automatically placed in the pool of all other applicants to the same level and same faculty/school, and are given equal consideration. Decisions are issued by the end of April.

Transfer from Other Universities

Students enrolled at a recognized institution of higher learning may apply for transfer to the sophomore/first year professional level of any of the faculties if they have completed a class equivalent to that of the freshman class of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at AUB.

Admission in the above mentioned cases is based on the SAT Reasoning Test scores, and school and university grades and applications should be submitted by the deadlines set for sophomore applications.

Transfer applicants to the advanced standing (i.e. those who have completed the 24 sophomore credits or equivalent at other recognized institutions of higher learning) need not submit SAT Reasoning Test results. All transfer applicants should consult the appropriate faculty sections of the catalogue, taking particular note of the residence requirement and any particular admission requirements of that faculty. All admitted transfer applicants must submit the most recent transcript of their grades and must meet the English Language Proficiency Requirement (see page 33) before registration.

All transfer applicants need to submit the syllabi of the courses for which they expect to receive credit at AUB together with the application form to the Office of Admissions before April 30 if applying for the fall semester. The deadline for receipt of additional/missing syllabi is May 30, after which no equivalence will be given for courses. Transfer applicants for the spring semester are required to submit the syllabi of the courses by November 30.

Courses of suitable academic standard and in recognized academic disciplines that have been satisfactorily completed at other institutions are given transfer credits only (not grades) pending review by the relevant departments and faculties at AUB. Credits alone may be transferred; grades are not transferable.

Credit for University Work Done at the Secondary Level

With approval of the academic departments concerned, freshman credits may be given for high grades on higher level (HL) examinations of the International Baccalaureate, advanced placement (AP) examinations of the College Board, or advanced level (A-level) examinations of the General Certificate of Education (GCE).

Admission of Non-Degree Students

Persons enrolled at recognized universities other than AUB (or who have completed some course work—at least one semester or 12 credits—at other universities) and who have a recognized secondary school diploma, or the equivalent from a recognized university, may apply to take up to 17 credits per semester at the undergraduate level in any faculty for the fall semester (by June 30, rolling till one month prior to the beginning of classes) or for the spring semester (by November 15, rolling till one month prior to the beginning of classes), using an application available from the Office of Admissions. Admission is normally offered for two semesters if the student is joining AUB starting fall or for one semester if starting in spring (registration may be extended to another semester depending on course offerings and achievement in courses taken at AUB upon submission of a petition to this effect). Courses successfully completed at AUB by a non-degree student not working for a degree may be considered for credit toward an AUB degree if the student subsequently applies for, and is admitted to, degree candidacy through the regular admission process. Students whose native language is English, or who have completed two years of higher education in a university in which English is the primary language of instruction, are exempted from the English Language Proficiency Requirement (see page 33) for registration.

Admission as a Visiting (Exchange) Undergraduate Student

This category applies to students who are on study abroad or as part of an exchange program. Applicants must be students at other recognized institutions of higher learning having completed at least the sophomore year or its equivalent at their home universities. Applications should be submitted to the Office of Admissions along with the degree and transcript of record by April 1 if applying for fall or October 1, if applying for spring. Applicants should specify their intended

course of study during their visiting status. Admission is offered normally for two semesters if the student is joining AUB starting fall or for one semester if starting in spring (registration may be extended to another semester depending on course offerings and achievements in courses taken at AUB upon submission of a petition to this effect). Students whose native language is English, or who have completed two years of higher education in a university in which English is the primary language of instruction, are exempted from the English Language Proficiency Requirement (see page 33) for registration.

Admission of University Employees

Employees of the University who meet at least minimum undergraduate admission requirements are given admission by the director of Admissions as part-time students. Such applicants must take the SAT Reasoning Test within the set deadlines and must meet the English Language Proficiency Requirement (see page 33) prior to registration. Employees who leave the service of AUB and wish to continue their education at the University must apply for admission in competition with other applicants.

Admission to the Summer Session

Candidates who are not registered at AUB but who wish to join only the summer session must submit their applications before May 1, must hold a recognized secondary school certificate, must be enrolled at a recognized university, and must meet the English Language Proficiency Requirement (see page 33). The Director of Admissions evaluates such applications and decides on the admission or non-admission of these applicants. Currently registered students need not complete an application for admission to the summer session.

Admission to Non-Degree and Other Programs

Some faculties and schools offer non-degree and special programs for which admission requirements differ from those of the degree programs. For information about the admission requirements of these programs, refer to the appropriate faculty or school section and to the Continuing Education Center section in this catalogue.

Readmission/Reactivation

The following factors govern students seeking readmission:

- Students in good standing who withdrew voluntarily shall be granted reactivation to their former faculty if the period between the end of the semester or session of withdrawal, and the beginning of the semester for which readmission is sought, is not more than four regular semesters. The reactivation form, available on the Registrar's Office webpage at www.aub.edu.lb/registrar/Documents/pdfdoc/reactivation-form.pdf, must be submitted to the same office at least one month prior to the beginning of the semester or summer session to which readmission is sought. Readmission is then automatic.
- Students who have left the University for more than two years must submit the readmission request (readmission form) available on the Registrar's Office webpage at www.aub.edu.lb/registrar/Documents/pdfdoc/readmission-form.pdf), and must receive readmission approval from the admissions committee of their faculty/school.

- Students who have left the Faculty of Arts and Sciences while on probation remain on probation for one semester and are required to take 12 or 13 credits. If students do not remove probation at the end of that semester, they are dropped from the faculty.

Deferred Registration of Admitted Students

Undergraduate applicants who are offered admission for the fall semester and who do not register for that semester may be eligible for admission to the spring semester of the same academic year, pending availability of places. A petition should be submitted to the Office of Admissions by December 15 of the same academic year.

Applicants who have been admitted to the fall semester or to the spring semester in two different faculties, and who actually register in one of these, must petition the Office of Admissions by July 31 if they intend to use their second admission for fall, and December 15 if they intend to use their second admission for spring. Admission to the second faculty depends on availability of places.

Requirements of Admitted Students for Registration

Students admitted to AUB are required to meet several requirements prior to registering at the University. These include a medical examination; the English Language Proficiency Requirement (ELPR); and evidence of having received the diploma, certificate, degree, or level of university education on the basis of which the student applied and admission was granted. The ELPR may be met in a variety of ways, as outlined under the ELPR section. The diploma/certificate requirement may also be met in a variety of ways, which in turn determines the faculty and level to which a student applies, is admitted, and may register at the University.

Secondary School Certificate/Diploma Requirements for Registration and the Classes for Which They Qualify

All applicants to the freshman class must hold a secondary school certificate awarded either by a public school or a private school. The certificate must be recognized by the Lebanese Ministry of Education and by AUB. The University does not recognize secondary diplomas or certificates that are based on fewer than 12 years of schooling, starting with grade one (Elementary I Class). For example, the GCE ordinary level, and one year of the Collège d'Enseignement Général et Professionnel (CEGEP) do not qualify for admission to AUB.

Lebanese applicants to the freshman class may have followed a high school diploma program that fulfills the above criteria. In such cases, a student must obtain permission from the Equivalence Committee of the Lebanese Ministry of Education allowing them to pursue their higher education on the basis of a foreign (non-Lebanese) program. Applicants are advised to begin the process of securing this permission at least two months prior to the time set for registration at AUB.

This permission can be obtained by applying to the Equivalence Committee of the Ministry of Education.

- Applicants must provide evidence of having lived and studied outside Lebanon for at least two years. Evidence normally consists of proof of legal residence in a foreign country and the official records of grades from two years of secondary education in that country.
- If the years of study abroad took place at the elementary level, then proof of legal residence and school grades should cover three years.
- Applicants must provide a photocopy of their passport or Lebanese ID.
- Applicants must also provide official score reports for the required SAT Reasoning Test and SAT Subject Tests.

The Equivalence Committee of the Lebanese Ministry of Education requires Lebanese applicants to the freshman class, given that they have received permission to pursue higher education on the basis of a foreign program, to take **the SAT I and three SAT II Subject Tests**. SAT II should be taken prior to registration in the freshman class or during the freshman year prior to registration in the freshman class. The SAT I is composed of three parts: mathematical reasoning, critical reading, and writing. The Equivalence Committee requires all Lebanese applicants to take the new SAT Reasoning Test (all three parts) and specifies that the SAT Subject Tests be taken in three subjects as follows:

For admission to freshman year (sciences track)

- Mathematics II C (obligatory)
- Two tests from biology, chemistry, or physics

For admission to freshman year (arts track)

- Mathematics I C (obligatory)
- Two tests from subjects of the applicant's choice

At the time of registration for the freshman class, Lebanese students should check with their advisors to ensure that the number of credits and the types of subjects taken during their freshman year are in compliance with the specifications of the Equivalence Committee of the Lebanese Ministry of Education.

The total score of the combined SAT I mathematical reasoning, critical reading, and writing, together with the scores on the three SAT II subject tests, must be at least 2750 for the sciences track and at least 2600 for the arts track.

Upon completion of the freshman class at AUB, Lebanese students who have secured this permission are entitled to have their freshman class equated to the Lebanese Baccalaureate by the Equivalence Committee of the Ministry of Education. Students must provide evidence of having received the Lebanese Baccalaureate, or its equivalent, for promotion to the sophomore class or equivalent classes in other faculties/schools.

All applicants for admission to the sophomore class, or to the equivalent classes in other faculties, should hold the Lebanese Baccalaureate or its equivalent, as recognized by the Lebanese Ministry of Education and by the University.

Applicants who hold certificates that are equivalent to the Lebanese Baccalaureate are entitled to consideration for admission to the University, but the class to which such equivalent certificates may permit admittance depends on the certificate itself.

Candidates admitted to the University as non-Lebanese are not permitted to change their nationality to Lebanese in the records of the University, unless the requirements for admission of Lebanese students were fulfilled at the time of admission to the University.

Admitting Certificates and the Classes for Which They Qualify

Lebanese Baccalaureates

There are four types of Lebanese baccalaureates: literature and humanities, sociology and economics, general sciences, and life sciences. There is also a Technical Baccalaureate. For the classes and majors to which the four Lebanese baccalaureates permit admittance, see page 41. The Technical Baccalaureate permits admittance to programs that are similar in nature to the area of concentration of the particular technical baccalaureate.

Certificates Issued by Governments

Other government secondary certificates entitle their holders to apply to the freshman class in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, or to the sophomore or equivalent classes in the other faculties.

Some government certificates are divided into categories of literary and scientific certificates. A literary certificate generally qualifies for consideration of admission to arts or business. However, students with a literary certificate may apply to a science major. Those students are given additional prerequisite courses required for the science major. A scientific certificate qualifies for consideration of admission to all majors (see chart on page 41).

Some systems of education do not distinguish in their secondary certificates among literary, scientific, or other types of certificates, but indicate the subjects passed. The applications of holders of such certificates are evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the Unified Admissions Committee. The University requires certain certificates to show passes with credit standard. Certificates that do not meet this standard are not considered.

Commercial, Agricultural, and Vocational Secondary Certificates

These certificates are generally not considered for admission to AUB. If, however, the issuing government recognizes the certificate to be equivalent to the official (governmental) secondary school certificate, a student will be eligible for admission consideration. The class and programs to which such certificates admit depends on the area of concentration of the certificate.

Informal Education Preparation

Requirements of formal education for admission to the freshman class may be waived for applicants who have passed their 25th birthday. Such applicants must, however, meet the specific requirements established by the university committee on admissions.