



Admissions
Graduate

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 ninety countries, AUB primarily serves applicants from Lebanon, the Arab world, and other countries of the Middle East and 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.

Graduate Studies

Study leading to the master's degree began at the American University of Beirut in 1904; the first master's degree was awarded the following year. Study leading to the degree of doctor of philosophy was initiated in 1961; the first PhD degree was granted in 1966.

Graduate study is under the direction of the Graduate Studies Committees of the various faculties/schools and the Board of Graduate Studies. The Board of Graduate Studies (BGS) is accountable to the University Senate. The Graduate Council is the executive body with oversight of graduate programs at AUB.

New programs may be added upon recommendation by the faculty/school Graduate Studies Committee (GSC)—endorsed by any other faculty/school implicated—, the Board of Graduate Studies, the University Senate, and the Board of Trustees. All programs are approved and registered by the New York State Education Department (NYSED) and listed on the NYSED Inventory of Registered Programs.

Graduate Council

The Graduate Council (GC) reports to the provost of the university and plays a vital role in implementing the rules and regulations governing graduate work uniformly across the university, in accordance with policies approved by the BGS and the Senate, and as recommended by the faculties and schools. The GC facilitates and coordinates graduate education and follows up on the implementation of graduate policies and deadlines. The GC works closely with the BGS and faculty/school GSCs to provide mechanisms for the quality control of all aspects of graduate education. In cooperation with faculty, students, and staff, the Graduate Council undertakes preparatory steps and coordinates graduate recruitment programs to ensure a selection process from a highly qualified pool of student applicants, provides information about admissions to all graduate programs, administers graduate standards of scholarship and policy, and encourages the development and success of students through workshops, training activities, counseling, and initiatives that promote timely degree completion. The GC also administers AUB's Graduate Assistantship and Fellowship Policy (GFAP).

Areas in Which Graduate Study is Offered

The university offers the master's degree, the degree of doctor of philosophy, and two types of graduate diplomas: academic diplomas and professional diplomas.

Master's Degrees

Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Thesis-based	
MS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Biology > Chemistry > Computational Sciences > Computer Science > Geology > Mathematics/Applied Mathematics > Mathematics/Pure Mathematics > Physics
MSES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Environmental Policy Planning
MA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Anthropology > Arabic Language and Literature (frozen admissions) > Archeology > Art History and Curating > Clinical Psychology > Economics > Education/Science Education > Education/Teaching of English as a Foreign Language > Education/Administration and Policy Studies > Education/Elementary Education > Education/Mathematics Education > Education/Psychology-School Guidance > Education/Psychology-Tests and Measurements > English Language (Frozen Admissions) > English Literature > Psychology (Frozen Admissions) > History > Islamic Studies > Media Studies > Middle Eastern Studies > Philosophy > Political Studies > Public Administration (Frozen Admissions) > Public Policy and International Affairs > Sociology

Non-thesis project-based

MS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Computer Science
MA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Computing in Education, Online Program > Education/Administration and Policy Studies > Education/Elementary Education > Education/Mathematics Education > Education/Psychology-School Guidance > Education/Psychology-Tests and Measurements > Education/Science Education > Education/Teaching of English as a Foreign Language > Financial Economics > Media Studies > Middle Eastern Studies > Public Policy and International Affairs

Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences

Thesis-based	
MS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Agricultural Economics > Animal Science > Food Security > Food Technology > Food Safety > Irrigation > Nutrition > Plant Protection > Plant Science > Poultry Science > Public Health Nutrition > Rural Community Development
MSES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Ecosystem Management
Non-thesis project-based	
MS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Agricultural Economics > Animal Science > Food Security > Food Technology > Food Safety > Irrigation > Nutrition > Plant Protection > Plant Science > Poultry Science > Public Health Nutrition > Rural Community Development

Suliman S. Olayan School of Business

Thesis-based	
MS	> Business Analytics
EMBA	> Executive Master of Business Administration
MBA	> Accounting, on-campus or online > Business Information and Decision Systems, on-campus or online > Finance, on-campus or online > Management, on-campus or online > Marketing, on-campus or online
Non-thesis project-based	
MS	> Business Analytics
Non-thesis course-based	
MF	> Finance
MBA	> Accounting, on-campus or online > Business Information and Decision Systems, on-campus or online > Finance, on-campus or online > Management, on-campus or online > Marketing, on-campus or online
MA	> Human Resource Management

Maroun Semaan Faculty of Engineering and Architecture

Thesis-based	
MS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Biomedical Engineering > Chemical Engineering > Energy Studies
MSES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Environmental Technology
MUDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Urban Design
MUPP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Urban Planning and Policy
ME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Chemical Engineering > Civil Engineering > Electrical and Computer Engineering > Environmental and Water Resources > Mechanical Engineering
MEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Engineering Management, on-campus
Non-thesis project-based	
MS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Chemical Engineering
MSES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Environmental Technology
Non-thesis course-based	
ME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Chemical Engineering > Civil Engineering > Electrical and Computer Engineering > Environmental and Water Resources > Mechanical Engineering
MS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Biomedical Engineering > Energy Studies
MEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Engineering Management, on-campus or online

Faculty of Health Sciences

Thesis-based	
MS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Epidemiology > Public Health Nutrition
MSES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Environmental Health
Non-thesis project-based	
MS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Public Health Nutrition
MSES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Environmental Health
Non-thesis course-based	
MPH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Epidemiology and Biostatistics > Health Management and Policy > Health Promotion and Community Health
MS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Executive HealthCare Leadership, online

Faculty of Medicine

Thesis-based	
MS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Orthodontics > Health Research (SHARP)
MS MSBS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Biomedical Engineering > Physiology > Biochemistry > Human Morphology > Microbiology and Immunology > Pharmacology and Therapeutics > Neurosciences
Non-thesis project-based	
MSBS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Physiology > Biochemistry > Human Morphology > Microbiology and Immunology > Neurosciences > Pharmacology and Therapeutics
Non-thesis course-based	
MS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Biomedical Engineering

Rafic Hariri School of Nursing

Thesis-based	
MSN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist > Community and Public Health Nursing > Nursing Administration and Management, hybrid program > Psychiatric Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist > Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist
Non-thesis project-based	
MSN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist > Community and Public Health Nursing > Nursing Administration and Management > Psychiatric Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist > Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist

Interfaculty Program

Thesis-based	
MSES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Environmental Health > Ecosystem Management > Environmental Technology > Environmental Policy Planning
MS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Public Health Nutrition > Health Research (SHARP) > Biomedical Engineering > Biomedical Sciences/Neurosciences
Non-thesis project-based	
MSES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Environmental Health > Ecosystem Management > Environmental Technology > Environmental Policy Planning
MS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Biomedical Sciences/Neurosciences > Biomedical Engineering > Public Health Nutrition

PhD Degrees

AUB offers the doctor of philosophy degree in twelve disciplines. The programs have been designed for students whose academic backgrounds and interests in specific research areas suggest a potential for scholarly success and significant contribution to the body of knowledge. Students will work on a specific research plan with a contributing scholar and mentor in their department.

All PhD candidates at AUB will normally receive full tuition waiver and a monthly stipend. PhD students are required to be involved in teaching activities. These include: teaching a full course, assisting in group learning activities, or servicing in the labs as assigned by the department.

Further information on programs, research possibilities, requirements for candidacy, and specific requirements for the PhD degree can be found on the corresponding faculty/school's section of this catalogue and on its webpage.

PhD programs include the following:

Faculty of Arts and Sciences

- > Arabic Language and Literature (frozen admissions)
- > Arab & Middle Eastern History
- > Cell and Molecular Biology
- > Theoretical Physics

Faculty of Health Sciences

- > Epidemiology

Rafic Hariri School of Nursing

- > Nursing

Maroun Semaan Faculty of Engineering and Architecture

- > Civil Engineering
- > Electrical and Computer Engineering
- > Environmental and Water Resources Engineering
- > Mechanical Engineering

Faculty of Medicine

- > Biomedical Sciences

Faculty of Medicine and Maroun Semaan Faculty of Engineering and Architecture

- > Biomedical Engineering

Graduate Diploma Programs

- > Graduate Academic Diplomas
- > Graduate Professional Diplomas

Application Procedures

The online graduate application can be accessed at <https://join.aub.edu.lb/apply/>.

Applications submitted will be reviewed based on the deadlines stated below (and indicated on the online application), and decisions of the department/program and the Graduate Studies Committee will be announced by the Office of Admissions. Accepted applicants are given one month to accept, defer, or decline the offer of admission.

FOR ADMISSIONS TO:	APPLICATION DEADLINE	DECISIONS
Spring 2025-26	Thursday, November 6, 2025	Monday, December 15, 2025
Fall 2026-27	Thursday, March 12, 2026	Friday, May 15, 2026

Readiness for University Study in English (RUSE)

Applicants to any graduate program at AUB must demonstrate proficiency in the English language. RUSE is a requirement for all diploma, master's, and doctoral programs. This can be done by submitting official test scores for (at least) one of the following tests, English Entrance Examination (AUB-EN), Test of English as a Foreign Language Internet Based (TOEFL), International English Language Testing System (IELTS), DUOLINGO English Test (DET), GRE (Verbal Part), and GMAT (Verbal Part). Updated scores to meet RUSE can be found on the following URL: <https://www.aub.edu.lb/admissions/english/>.

Applicants may also be admitted with English language proficiency test scores lower than those listed in the URL above. In such cases, the applicants will be required to take English language courses upon starting their graduate degree programs.

Applicants to graduate diploma programs are expected to demonstrate proficiency in the English language following the university's requirements for graduate diploma programs.

English Language Intensive/Remedial Courses

Applicants who obtain scores lower than those required must enroll in the remedial graduate English course, ENGL 300.

After the change of schedule period (drop and add), no new test scores will be accepted, and no new placement will be made.

RUSE requirement is waived for applicants who meet any of the following conditions at the time of application:

1. Applicants have completed an undergraduate or graduate degree at AUB.
2. Applicants were admitted to a degree program at AUB no more than 5 years ago and completed at least two regular terms with good academic standing.
3. Applicants have completed an undergraduate or graduate degree at an accredited college or university in North America, Great Britain, Australia, and New Zealand.
4. Applicants have completed, no more than 5 years ago, an undergraduate or graduate degree at an accredited college or university elsewhere in the world where English is listed as the only language of instruction (in the International Association of Universities World Higher Education Database) and where admission requires English language proficiency test scores that meet RUSE requirements.

Further Requirements

Applicants' scores on the tests below must be made available to the appropriate departments and faculty/school Graduate Studies Committees in time for graduate study admission selection. It is the responsibility of applicants to register for and take the required tests on the appropriate dates to ensure that the Office of Admissions receives the scores in time for admission selection.

Applicants for the master's degree in certain programs at the Faculty of Arts and Sciences are required to take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) general test and submit the score along with the application. GRE test scores are valid for five years after the testing year in which the applicant is tested.

Applications missing the GRE will not be considered by departments. Some departments in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences recommend that applicants present GRE subject tests. Applicants are advised to check with the department or program to which they are applying regarding this requirement.

Applicants for the MBA program are required to take the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT). Applicants need to submit the official valid scores no later than one month after the application deadline. A valid score should be recent (no older than 5 years at the time the application is submitted) and no less than 570. Upon registering for GMAT, applicants must specify that results be sent to the AUB Office of Admissions (ETS school code 0902). Some faculties/schools and departments have additional requirements regarding admission to their programs. Prospective applicants should ascertain from the faculty/school/ department/program concerned whether they meet all requirements. For detailed information regarding admission to a particular faculty/school or department, see the sections on graduate study in the relevant faculty/school and department.

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Admission to Master's Programs

Graduate study is offered on a selective basis to students who have shown distinctive academic ability. To be considered for admission to the graduate programs at AUB, applicants must hold a bachelor's degree from AUB or its equivalent from a recognized institution of higher learning. Applicants who have a good record of academic achievement and a potential for creative and independent work may be admitted into one of the following categories:

- > Admission as a regular graduate student, with the possibility of financial support via the Graduate Fellowship and Assistant Program (GFAP)
- > Admission on probation
- > Admission as a prospective graduate student (FAFS, FAS, and MSFEA)

The minimum admission requirements for all categories are described below. Additional requirements may be set by the individual departments/programs as approved by faculty/school Graduate Studies Committees. Applicants are advised to check with the concerned department or program to which they are applying or with the Office of Admissions for additional requirements.

Admission to the master's program at AUB is competitive based on the academic record and achievements of the applicant. Departments may also recommend admission for those students with particular research interests or characteristics, which are compatible with the areas of expertise of the faculty/school or the faculty/school goals within that program.

Applicants who hold degrees from institutions other than AUB must present, along with their official transcript, a letter from the institution awarding the degree indicating the details of their grading system in terms of its equivalence on a 4.0 GPA scale or in terms of letter grades A, B, C with +/- scales. Alternatively, applicants may present an official letter from the Office of the Registrar of their respective institutions indicating the graduating class average of previous years along with standard deviation and class size.

Admission as a Regular Student

Applicants are considered for admissions as regular students to a graduate program if they meet the following minimum admission requirements:

- > An undergraduate GPA of at least 3.3 (or standardized equivalent from other institutions of higher learning) in the major field of study and a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 (or standardized equivalent) for all work done at the undergraduate level leading to a bachelor's degree or its equivalent from AUB or other recognized institutions of higher learning.
- > In the Maroun Semaan Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, the Interfaculty Graduate Environmental Sciences Program (IGESP), and the Master in Finance, a GPA of at least 3.3 is required for the last two years of undergraduate study or its equivalent at AUB or other universities as determined by the faculty/school.
- > Students who hold a minor in a field of specialization with at least a GPA of 3.3 may be considered for admission as regular students in that field.
- > At least two letters of recommendation.
- > A detailed statement of purpose (around 400-500 words) for each choice (major or concentration) indicating the purpose for pursuing graduate study in the particular field at AUB, and specifying the applicant's research interests and/or practical experience in the field.
- > Additional requirements may exist that are specific to each graduate program as included in the department or program listings.

In selecting students to the master's program, the faculty/school Graduate Studies Committee recognizes other evidence of achievement—whenever present—such as research potential or experience, work experience, publications, or other creative work or scholarly activity. In considering such criteria, the Graduate Studies Committee of the faculty/school will, in some cases, give serious consideration to departmental recommendations for admission to applicants who do not meet the minimum requirements of the undergraduate grade point average indicated above but instead have presented clear evidence of creative activity and academic potential. Departments must present to the faculty/school Graduate Studies Committee a justification of such admission recommendations. The Graduate Studies Committee will review these cases and will make its final recommendation to the dean on a case-by-case basis.

Admission on Probation

Applicants are considered for admission on probation if they meet the following minimum admission requirements:

- An undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 (or standardized equivalent from other institutions of higher learning) in the major field of study and a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 (or standardized equivalent) for all work done at the undergraduate level leading to a bachelor's degree or its equivalent from AUB or other recognized institutions of higher learning are required. In the Maroun Semaan Faculty of Engineering and Architecture and the Interfaculty Graduate Environmental Sciences Program (IGESP), a GPA of 3.0 is required for the last two years of study or its equivalent at AUB or other universities as determined by the faculty/school.
- The requirements for application and the governing regulations for admission recommendations as presented under "regular admission" remain the same in this case.

In addition, applicants who do not meet the above minimum requirements but appear to have reasonable potential for success as graduate students as manifested by appropriate practical experience or a high score on a relevant standardized exam such as GRE or GMAT, may be admitted on probation.

Students admitted on probation must complete at least 9 credits of graduate level courses during the first two terms of graduate studies, pass all courses, and attain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.3 in order to achieve the status of "regular" student. If students fail to meet any of these conditions, they will be dropped from the program. Students admitted on probation are not considered for financial assistantship until they achieve the status of "regular" student.

Admission as a Prospective Graduate Student (FAFS, FAS, and MSFEA)

Applicants who hold a bachelor's degree in a major field of study other than the one to which they are applying, and who do not have sufficient academic preparation in the field, may be admitted as a prospective graduate student who must complete certain undergraduate course requirements. Guidelines governing such course requirements are presented below.

- > To be considered for admission as prospective graduate students, the applicants must have attained an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 (or standardized equivalent) in all work done at the undergraduate level leading to a bachelor's degree or its equivalent from AUB or another recognized institution of higher learning. In the Maroun Semaan Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, applicants are considered for admission as prospective graduate students if they have attained an GPA of 3.0 at AUB for the last two years of undergraduate study or its equivalent at other universities, as determined by the faculty, and have demonstrated good performance in courses related to the field being sought.
- > The requirements for application and the governing regulations for admission remain the same as those presented under Regular Admission.
- > The following policies relate to undergraduate course requirements for students admitted into the prospective student category:
 - Prospective students are normally required to take a maximum of fifteen (15) credits of undergraduate courses in the major field of study to which they are applying and must achieve an GPA of at least 3.3 in these courses to be admitted to the graduate program and begin work towards their master's degree.
 - Departments may recommend reducing the fifteen (15) credits minimum requirement for prospective students subject to the provision of supporting evidence to the faculty/school Graduate Studies Committee. Students who have taken courses in the intended field of study or in areas judged by departments as relevant to the intended field of study may have their requirements reduced. In considering undergraduate courses as prerequisites towards beginning an MA/MS/ME degree in a field of study, departments may recommend to the faculty/school Graduate Studies Committee consideration of courses other than the strictly defined field of study that they consider relevant. Outstanding work and/or research experience relevant to the intended field of study may (in exceptional cases) be considered in partial fulfillment of required courses. All recommendations to reduce the requirements below 15 credits require the approval of the faculty/school Graduate Studies Committee following departmental justification.
 - Departments may recommend waiving some course requirements after the student's first term subject to justification and outstanding performance to the faculty/school Graduate Studies Committee.
- > For the purpose of change of status (after completion of requirements) to regular graduate student, a minimum GPA of 3.3 will be required in all fifteen (15) credits of undergraduate courses in the field (including the ones taken prior to acceptance). If a GPA of 3.0-3.3 is attained, students may have their status changed to graduate on probation pending department recommendation and approval of the faculty/school Graduate Studies Committee.

Prospective graduate students who have completed all but one undergraduate prerequisite course may begin taking one graduate course along with the last undergraduate course requirement upon the approval of their department and the faculty/school Graduate Studies Committee. The supplementary courses must be completed within four consecutive regular terms.

Reapplication and Readmission

Students who seek to return to AUB without having secured approval for a leave of absence after a non-enrollment period of more than one academic year must reapply and will be considered for readmission following regular AUB application/admission procedures. If readmitted into the same graduate program, their previous residence as a graduate student will count towards maximum residency.

Requirements for Dual Master Degrees

Qualified graduate students may enroll and earn two master's degrees in distinct fields from two programs in the same or different faculties/schools. Dual master's degrees are degrees that have been proposed by two departments/programs from the same or different faculties/schools, recommended by them to the Board of Graduate Studies and approved by the University Senate. In such cases, students will be concurrently granted two degrees at the time of graduation contingent upon successful completion of requirements of each program. If tuition differs between the two programs, students will pay the higher of the tuitions. Students can register as dual degree candidates only in programs that are approved by the university and are listed in the AUB graduate catalogue. The list is restricted to compatible pairs of master's degrees that students can pursue in parallel so that their research stays focused. Refer to the appropriate section of this catalogue to determine whether dual master's degrees are available in your areas of interest.

To fulfill the basic requirement for the two degrees, students must complete a minimum of eighteen (18) credit hours of graduate course work in each degree program. The remaining credits include additional course work and a thesis for the thesis option program or a project for non-thesis option that are credited for both master's degrees. In cases where a thesis option is offered by one program and a project by another, the thesis option must be adopted. Students will submit one thesis/project for the two degrees. The thesis/project must be approved by both departments/programs and by the relevant faculty/school Graduate Studies Committees. The Thesis/Project Committee for dual degrees must include at least one member from each degree program. The single thesis presented for dual degree programs cannot be used to satisfy the thesis requirements of any third or additional graduate degree program different from those in the dual degrees.

The minimum total credit hours for a dual master's degree program, if both programs require thirty (30) credit hours for degree completion, is forty-eight (48) graduate credit hours which apply for both thesis and non-thesis option programs. If one of the programs for dual degrees requires forty-two (42) credit hours for completion and the other program requires thirty (30) credit hours, the minimum total credit hours for the dual degrees is sixty (60) credits, including the thesis/ project as mentioned in the previous paragraph. Students must also meet any other specific requirements of each master's program. The minimum residency for dual master's degrees is six regular terms.

Application Processes for Dual Master Degrees

Students wishing to apply for dual degrees may submit a single dual degree application that will be sent to each degree program simultaneously when first applying for graduate admissions. Students already registered in one degree may apply for the second degree no later than the end of their second term at AUB to be considered for the dual degree.

- > The student application will be considered separately by each department/program and must satisfy the admissions requirements of both programs and be accepted to both programs to be admitted to the dual degree.
- > Students admitted to dual master's degree programs may benefit from the Graduate Fellowship and Assistantship Program (GFAP) in either or both of the participating units; the total awarded cannot exceed what each unit provides for a graduate assistant for one academic year.
- > Students admitted to dual master's degree programs will receive a single transcript identifying both degrees and the two program titles.
- > Students may leave the dual degree programs before completion of both degrees. If the requirements for one degree have been fulfilled, that degree may be awarded. Obtaining the other degree is then subject to re-evaluation and would require additional credit and residency requirements.

Transfer of Credits

Up to nine (9) transfer credits may be applied to one of the two degree programs or may be divided between the two degree programs. The transfer of credit follows university policy with regards to the minimum grade required for transferrable courses from other institutions.

Admission to PhD Programs

Applicants who have an excellent record of academic achievement and a potential for creative and independent work may be admitted into one of the following categories:

- > Admission for Students Holding a Master's Degree
- > Admission for Students Holding a Bachelor's Degree

The minimum admission requirements for the two categories are described below. Additional requirements may be set by the individual programs as approved by the faculty/school Graduate Studies Committee and the Board of Graduate Studies. Applicants are advised to check with the department/program administration to which they are applying or with the Office of Admissions for additional requirements.

Admission to the PhD program at AUB is competitive, based on the academic record and achievements of the applicants and the research foci of the department/program.

Applicants who hold degrees from institutions other than AUB must present, along with their official transcript, letter/s from the institution/s awarding the degree/s, indicating the denotation of their grading system in terms of its equivalence on a 4.0 GPA scale or in terms of letter grades A, B, C with +/- scales. Alternatively, applicants may present an official letter from the Office of the Registrar of their respective institutions indicating the graduating class average of previous years along with standard deviation and class size.

Admission for Students Holding a Master's Degree

Applicants to PhD programs are expected to have demonstrated distinctive academic ability. Applicants are considered for admission to the PhD program if they meet the following minimum admission requirements:

- > Hold a master's degree in any of the disciplines approved by the department/program to which the candidates are applying from AUB or other recognized institution of higher learning with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.7 or its equivalent.
- > Submit a complete application including transcripts of academic record from all the institutions that were attended after high school.
 - General GRE test scores. Scores up to five years old will be accepted in most programs requiring the GRE scores. The departments may set minimum required scores; refer to the specific program for more information.
 - A written statement of purpose (about 400-500 words) indicating the purpose for pursuing graduate study in the particular field at AUB, and specifying the applicants' research interests and/or practical experience in the field.
 - A portfolio that includes a resume and samples of work if required by the specific program.
 - Three letters of recommendation.
- > Complete an interview either in-person, by phone, or online.
- > Students from non-English-speaking countries must show proficiency in the English language. For additional information, refer to RUSE in the section above.

Admission for Students Holding a Bachelor's Degree

Applicants who have an excellent record of academic achievement, and a potential for creative and independent work at the bachelor level, may be admitted into a PhD accelerated track at the bachelor level if this track is available at the department/program.

Applicants are considered for admission as a PhD track student if they meet the following minimum admission requirements:

- > A bachelor's degree in any of the disciplines approved by the department to which the candidates are applying from AUB or other recognized institution of higher learning with a minimum major and cumulative GPA of 3.7 or its equivalent.
- > The same requirements for the application, for students holding a master's degree, apply to the accelerated PhD track.

The students should consult with specific programs to learn about minimum requirements for completion of the accelerated PhD track degree. It is possible that some programs will require that the students complete their master's degree before starting the PhD degree.

In selecting students to the PhD program, the faculty/school Graduate Studies Committee recognizes other evidence of achievement—whenever present - such as research potential or experience, work experience, publications, or other creative work or scholarly activity. In considering such criteria, the faculty/school Graduate Studies Committee will give serious consideration to departmental recommendations for admission in some cases for applicants who do not meet the minimum requirements of grade point average indicated above but instead have presented clear evidence of creative activity and academic potential. Departments must present to the faculty/school Graduate Studies Committee a justification of such admission recommendations. The Graduate Studies Committee will review these cases and will make its final recommendation on a case-by-case basis.

Admission to a Graduate Diploma Program

For graduate academic diplomas, the students must have an undergraduate bachelor's degree (or its equivalent from AUB or other recognized institution of higher learning) with a GPA of at least 3.0 (or standardized equivalent from other institutions of higher learning). Applicants, who do not meet the minimum undergraduate GPA requirement but appear to have reasonable potential for academic success as manifested by relevant practical experience or high scores on relevant standardized exams, may be admitted based on justified recommendation.

For graduate professional diplomas, the same admission requirements apply as for graduate academic diplomas but without a minimum constraint on the undergraduate GPA.

For both graduate professional and graduate academic diplomas, faculties/schools may set additional admission requirements for specific graduate diploma programs. Some require letters of reference while others do not.

Applicants to certain diploma programs in certain faculties/schools may be required to take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) general test or the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) and submit the score along with the application. GRE and GMAT test scores are valid for five years after the testing year in which the applicant is tested.

Students from non-English-speaking countries must show proficiency in the English language. For additional information, refer to RUSE in the section above.

Admission as a Visiting Graduate Student

This category applies to students who are on study abroad, from another university or as part of an exchange program.

Applicants must hold a bachelor degree or must be students at another recognized institution of higher learning pursuing graduate level studies at the master's or PhD level. Applications should be submitted to the Office of Admissions along with the degree and transcript of record by the end of January if applying for the following fall, by the end of October if applying for the following spring, or by the end of March if applying for the following summer. GRE test scores are not required in this case. Applicants should specify their intended course of study during their visiting status. Applications are reviewed by departments where courses are to be taken. Recommendations for admission as visiting students require the approval of the faculty/school Graduate Studies Committee.

Admission is offered normally for one term but may be extended an additional term depending on the specific agreement and following the approval of the department/s, where courses are taken, and the faculty/school Graduate Studies Committee.

Deferred Registration of Admitted Students

Graduate applicants who are offered admission for a term and who do not register are eligible for admission the following term based on the approval of a petition. For programs where admission is granted only once a year, graduate applicants are eligible for admission the following year based on the approval of a petition. The petition form should be completed online from the student's status portal at least one month before the start of the term during which they plan to enroll.



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