

Office of Student Affairs

The Office of Student Affairs oversees student activities, athletics, counseling, accessible education, student housing, and career and placement services. The office also manages university-wide operations, such as the New Student Orientation, student elections, and the work-study programs. The Office of Student Affairs provides services to students that enhance their overall well-being and create opportunities for them to enrich and broaden their educational experience.

The following website has comprehensive information on all programs: <a href="http://www.aub.edu.lb/SAO/Pages/default.aspx">http://www.aub.edu.lb/SAO/Pages/default.aspx</a>.

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## **Student Activities**

The Department of Student Activities is committed to enhancing the student experience outside the classroom by providing opportunities for student development through cocurricular activities that complement the academic programs at AUB. The Department of Student Activities strives to enrich the intellectual, ethical, and social development of our students by engaging them in university and community events and by providing leadership opportunities. Our aim is to foster holistic student development. Students can become members in clubs, societies, student government, student publications, AUB Outdoors Festival, or other major student-led events.

The Department of Student Activities and the Dean of Student Affairs must approve all student activities organized on- or off-campus. The role of the department is to help facilitate these activities and ensure that students are applying the event planning process. West Hall building is considered to be the student hub where most student activities and various AUB events sponsored by faculties, departments, centers, and alumni are held.

To learn more about the department of student activities, visit our website at: <a href="https://www.aub.edu.lb/SAO/activities/Pages/default.aspx">www.aub.edu.lb/SAO/activities/Pages/default.aspx</a>.

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## **Charles Hostler Student Center (CHSC)**

The university offers a wide range of sports, fitness, and recreational programs through its Athletics Department. The Charles W. Hostler Student Center (CHSC) is the hub of athletics, recreation, and wellness on campus.

CHSC is comprised of three buildings. On the second floor of the pool building and overlooking the Corniche is a 6-lane semi-olympic swimming pool fully equipped for swimming, jumping, and water polo competitions.

Flanking the pool building is an official-size greenfield recently surfaced by artificial turf. Around the field is a 6-lane, 400m track.

The gymnasium building houses three full-size multi-purpose courts where students can play basketball, volleyball, handball, futsal, badminton, and table tennis. We also host two annual engineering competitions in robotics and civil design. Moreover, the building contains two free weights areas, two cardiovascular training areas, a stretching area, an activity room for fitness classes, yoga, dance, martial arts, and two squash courts. The third building incorporates an auditorium that can seat 280 persons and a rooftop amphitheater with natural grass terraces. The auditorium hosts student classes, exams, TED talks, conventions, and events.

In summer, we open the AUB beach for swimming and recreation for the whole community. It is a nice place to relax and take a dip in the crystal blue waters. There is a shallow pool conceived for kids and a beach volleyball court.

Student-athletes can choose one or more of the 26 varsity teams that constitute the AUB Phoenix. During fall 2024-25, more than 1,963 students enrolled in the tryouts and 2,526 in the spring tryouts. 775 were selected in the fall. From 2023 to the present day, we have been competing in the Federation Sportive Universitaire du Liban, the FSUL, which organizes collegial sports competitions for 24 universities across Lebanon's five departments.

Additionally, AUB will participate in the DEREE Sports Festival in Athens in April 2025 the FISU World University Games in Germany in July 2025.

AUB Athletics will award three full (tuition-free) scholarships to highly distinguished athletes for the years 2025-26 as well as a number of partial scholarships. The president's Athletic Scholarship and the Distinguished Athlete Scholarship Award acknowledge and support talented student-athletes who have made significant contributions to their respective sports. Additionally, partial athletic scholarships are available to student-athletes based on their performance and achievements during the season.

The following are the varsity sports a student-athlete can join:

Basketball (Men, Women)	Swimming (Men, Women)
Rugby (Men, Women)	Futsal (Men, Women)
Track and Field (Men, Women)	Ultimate Frisbee (Men, Women)
Football (Men, Women, and Junior Varsity)	Handball (Men, Women)
Archery (Men, Women)	Tennis (Men, Women)
Volleyball (Men, Women)	Table Tennis (Men, Women)
Tennis (Men, Women)	Badminton (Men, Women)
Taekwondo (Men, Women)	Wrestling (Men, Women)
Jujitsu (Men, Women)	Squash (Men, Women)
Cheerleading (Men, Women)	

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## **Student Housing**

As one of the few residential universities in the Middle East offering a beautiful campus where a variety of extracurricular activity prevails, strong and supportive communities flourished giving hundreds of residents the chance to experience the wonders of community living.

The priority is to accommodate undergraduate applicants starting with freshman students (eligibility of assignment criteria available on student housing homepage).

Students need to apply via AUBsis. The steps they need to follow can be found under Dorms Applications on the student-housing website: <a href="https://www.aub.edu.lb/sao/housing/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.aub.edu.lb/sao/housing/Pages/default.aspx</a>. Students are strongly advised to apply as soon as the application is activated.

For each term, the housing charges appear on the statement of fees issued to each student following the completion of the registration process. They vary depending on the type of accommodation selected. The Student Residence Hall Rates are available via the link:

https://www.aub.edu.lb/SAO/housing/Pages/Housingrates.aspx.

## **Student Housing Guests and Guest Rates**

For further details (rates, room categories) regarding guests, please follow our link: <a href="https://www.aub.edu.lb/SAO/housing/Documents/GUEST%20POLICY-NEW-Aug19.pdf">https://www.aub.edu.lb/SAO/housing/Documents/GUEST%20POLICY-NEW-Aug19.pdf</a>.

## **Residence Halls**

There are eight student residence halls: six for women and two for men. All residence halls have heating, air-conditioning, hot water, washing machines, dryers, irons, and wireless internet. Each room is equipped with a bed, desk, chair, and closet.

## Women's Residence Hall

Four women's halls are located on lower campus overlooking the Mediterranean, while the fifth is located on upper campus. The off-campus dorm is in the heart of Hamra, within short walking distance of campus. The ground floor of each hall houses a reception area, a common kitchen and lobby for socializing, receiving guests, and watching television. Each residence offers laundry facilities as well as vending machines with snacks and soft drinks.

## Men's Residence Halls

The two men's residence halls are located in the west part of upper campus, overlooking the splendid Mediterranean and close to Bliss Street with its abundance of shops. The ground floor of each hall houses a reception area, a common kitchen and lobby for socializing, receiving guests, and watching television. Each residence offers laundry facilities as well as vending machines with snacks and soft drinks.

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## **Career Hub**

The Career Hub at AUB empowers students and alumni to navigate and achieve their career goals through personalized guidance, innovative professional development resources, robust industry connections, and soft skills training. We are dedicated to preparing students for the workplace and allowing them to make a smooth transition from a student to a professional. The Career Hub at AUB drives forward its institutional mission of graduating "individuals committed to creative and critical thinking, life-long learning, personal integrity, civic responsibility, and leadership." The Career Hub strives to promote:

**Career exploration and decision-making** by facilitating the navigation of career options and developing effective career planning skills through large-scale events, as well as individual career guidance meetings.

**Skill development** by helping students acquire competencies sought by employers and members of industry, to enhance their professional image through a variety of in-house and industry-led career workshops and one-on-one sessions.

**Experiential learning** by working closely with members of industry to provide students with internships, job shadowing opportunities, and corporate visits that allows them to 'learn through doing.' This means of learning through hands-on discovery, exploration, and reflection better prepares students for their future careers.

**Career placement** by assisting AUB students and graduates in finding full-time employment, internships, and part-time jobs. We also provide on-campus and virtual events that connect students and graduates with employers for career development and placement purposes.

**Employer development** by fostering and maintaining long-term relationships between AUB and employers, locally, and regionally.

**Major employment events** by organizing an annual Career Fair each spring term, along with numerous recruitment events throughout the year to give students the opportunity to network with top employers, explore career opportunities, and land a suitable job.

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## **Work-Study Program**

The Office of Student Affairs coordinates an extensive work-study program that provides work-study opportunities on campus for both undergraduate and graduate eligible fulltime students with good academic standing. The program allows students to work with AUB faculty and staff to better connect with their university. Students can apply through AUBsis within deadlines announced for by the Office of Student Affairs. Placement is made on the basis of date of application, demand, capability, and job availability. Students may work a maximum of 80 hours per month in the fall/spring terms and 60 hours per month in the summer term.

Every year, we have more than 700 students who participate in our program and have the opportunity to contribute to their educational expenses while also developing job skills through working with faculty and administration in various campus offices and the Medical Center.

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## **Counseling Center**

The Counseling Center provides a supportive environment and enhances access to quality counseling services to ensure mental, psychological, and emotional well-being for improved academic success and student self-actualization. The center addresses the mental health needs of the university community and preserves the right of students to mental health in an engaging and tolerant environment that fosters lifelong learning, growth, and development.

Counseling is a professional relationship that empowers individuals and groups from diverse backgrounds to accomplish mental health, wellness, education, and other life goals. It requires the establishment of a therapeutic relationship between a student and a trained professional to address their concerns. The overall counseling process aims to establish goals that are unique to each individual and guides students to achieve set goals and realize their full potential. Counseling is designed to be a collaborative endeavor between a student and a trained professional that results in self-discovery and learning.

The Counseling Center offers short-term mental health services that are strictly confidential and free of charge for students.

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Online Booking System for Appointments: <u>AmericanuniversityofBeirut1@mail.aub.edu/bookings/</u>

# Accessible Education Office: Disability Services and Learning Support

AUB strives to foster an inclusive university community that welcomes, respects, and values people of diverse backgrounds and abilities. In concert with this mission, the Accessible Education Office (AEO) within the Office of Student Affairs works to facilitate equitable access for students with qualified disabilities to all academic programs at AUB.

To achieve this goal, the AEO works in collaboration with students, faculty and staff to implement services and reasonable accommodations that remove barriers to participation in a robust and well-rounded student experience, without changing the academic and technical requirements of the program and/or activity. The provision of such accommodations is in accordance with AUB's commitment to these goals, its non-discrimination policy and practices, as well as relevant US federal law.

The AEO works in an individual and confidential manner with students who choose to disclose disabilities. Upon admission to AUB, students requiring special accommodations due to a documented disability or condition must contact the AEO to ensure the necessary support is provided for their learning experience. Visit the AEO website below for more details.

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