



AMERICAN
UNIVERSITY
OF BEIRUT

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

WHY AUB

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Founded in
1866

Over
140
PROGRAMS
across 7 faculties

Over
\$121.2
MILLION
in student scholarships
and awards

Language of instruction
ENGLISH

QS World University Rankings 2024

#226
worldwide

#4
in the Arab world

#40
in the world for graduate
employment outcomes

Students
8,188

International Students
17%

Countries Represented
90



WHY STUDY AT THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT?

HISTORY

The American University of Beirut is one of the Middle East's most well-established universities with a long history of academic achievement. Founded in 1866, AUB is ranked first in the region and among the top 250 universities worldwide according to QS World University Rankings. Lebanon is also home to many world-class historical and cultural sites, including Roman ruins that rival those found in Europe.

LOCATION

AUB's breathtaking, scenic campus sits in the heart of Ras Beirut and Hamra, Lebanon's most culturally diverse district. Perched on a hill overlooking the Mediterranean Sea, AUB's secure, walled campus stretches from a seaside level lined by palm trees to an upper level bordered by a bustling main street filled with cafes, restaurants, and shops, where you are sure to find unique locations which reflect diverse interests. Lebanon as a whole has something for everyone. There are mountains perfect for skiing, cycling, and hiking. A coastline extending as far as the eye can see, offering dramatic Mediterranean views and many options for lounging on the beach or gliding in the surf. Add to that a temperate climate and one of the best cuisines in the world.



LIFE AT AUB

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM: AUB CAMPUS

Located in Ras Beirut, AUB's main campus has a total of 64 buildings. The 61-acre campus overlooking the Mediterranean Sea includes athletic fields, a private beach, a bird sanctuary, and a repository of native and non-native trees and shrubs. It also comprises seven dormitories, the AUB Medical Center, the Charles W. Hostler Student Center, four libraries, computer labs, performance spaces, the Archaeological Museum, a contemporary art museum, and one of Lebanon's few geological collections.

STUDENT CLUBS

From dancing to archery, drama, and volunteering, clubs are officially registered student organizations at AUB representing specific social and cultural student interests. Have a look at the different clubs by attending Clubs Day, held at the beginning of every semester, and choose from 80 different options that match your interests.

STUDENT SOCIETIES

Student societies are organizations associated with the academic departments they belong to (e.g., Biology Student Society) and are aimed at bringing students of the same major closer together for academic and social interaction.

SPORTS CENTER: CHARLES W. HOSTLER STUDENT CENTER (CHSC)

Located on AUB's lower campus, the CHSC facilities comprise health and fitness rooms, an indoor 25-meter swimming pool, a multi-use gymnasium, three basketball courts, two squash courts, student activity rooms, a refurbished track and Green Field, a 280-seat auditorium, and an internet room.

COMPETITIVE SPORTS

The University Sports Program is founded on the philosophy of providing a wide range of sports activities and programs to meet the many needs of a diversified student population. Through a blend of competition, lifetime activities, and healthful living education, the program strives to encourage continued life-long participation in a healthy lifestyle.

MUSICAL CONCERTS

Through collaborations with the Zaki Nassif Program for Music, the AUB Choir and Choral Society, and independent bands and performers, the university hosts a number of musical concerts and events in its premier performance space, Assembly Hall, throughout the year. Come in and enjoy the decadent sound of the organ echo through this historic hall which was once AUB's chapel, built in the 19th century.

AUB OUTDOORS

Every year, AUB clubs and societies coordinate with local and international venues and vendors to put together a unique festival filled with games, food, and musical acts for a spectacular end-of-year celebration. At the end of the academic year, hundreds of AUB students put in massive effort to make the Outdoors celebration the best every year. It's become a major Lebanese cultural event bringing people together from across the country.

LIFE IN LEBANON

LEBANON, THE COUNTRY OF...

Rich History - Several prehistoric archaeological sites were discovered within the urban area of Beirut, revealing flint tools of sequential periods dating from the Middle Paleolithic period to the Bronze Age. These archaeological treasures are scattered throughout the country in historic sites such as the Roman ruins at Baalbek, a Crusader castle in Byblos, and the Phoenician Temple of Eshmun northeast of Sidon.

Cultural Diversity - The culture of Beirut has evolved under the influence of many different peoples and civilizations, including Greeks, Romans, Arabs, Ottoman Turks, and French. Today, Beirut is home to a myriad of diverse Middle Eastern and Western nationals and is considered one of the most cosmopolitan and religiously diverse cities in the Middle East.

Exquisite Cuisine - Lebanese cuisine is largely nature-based. The food is unique in that it combines the sophistication and subtleties of European cuisines with the exotic ingredients and flavors of the Orient. Lebanese food is a celebration of life; it is fresh, flavorful, and has a class of its own.

Breathtaking Landscapes - Lebanon's mountains are a destination for skiers and hikers alike, and the country has become an attraction for adventurers and nature enthusiasts from around the world. With a mountain view of its cities that is green and vibrant during the day and is lit with countless lights during the night, the country's landscape is breathtaking to say the least.

Moderate Weather - Lebanon is characterized by a typical Mediterranean climate with 300 sunny days per year. On the coast, winter is moderate and at times rainy, and summer is warm and humid. In the mountains, winter is cold with snow covering the highest peaks from December to April, while summer is fresh and cool.

LEARNING AT AUB

GENERAL OVERVIEW

The American University of Beirut is a teaching-centered research university based on the American liberal arts model of higher education. AUB is home to over 8,000 students, 758 full-time faculty members, and 229 part-time faculty members. The university encourages freedom of thought and expression and seeks to graduate men and women committed to creative and critical thinking, lifelong learning, personal integrity, civic responsibility, and leadership. The university is characterized by small class sizes, with an average of 21 students per class, allowing students to have one-on-one contact with their professors in an interactive setting.

RESEARCH

The vibrant and dynamic research environment at AUB enhances the educational experience for all and serves the wider communities—local and global—by advancing knowledge in a wide range of disciplines. AUB offers its students and faculty a constantly expanding number of resources and services through its libraries, laboratories, computing centers, and administrative offices that are conveniently located throughout the campus.

SUPPORT SERVICES

AUB strives to foster a supportive and inclusive academic and social environment through offering a number of services that cater to the needs of students.

The **Writing Center** tutors offer free consultations to undergraduate and graduate students on writing projects in both English and Arabic. The Writing Center also has specific tutors trained to work with writers who have accessibility needs.

The **Counseling Center** offers its services to all registered AUB students who may seek counseling for any difficulty they may be facing. The counselors provide short-term counseling and crisis intervention services to help students gain increased awareness, independence, and effective daily habits.

The **Accessible Education Office** facilitates equal access for students with disabilities to the academic, social, and recreational activities and programs at AUB. To achieve this goal, the office works in collaboration with students, faculty, and staff to implement services and accommodations that remove barriers to participation in a robust and well-rounded student experience.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

With a welcoming and lively community, AUB is proud of its 19% international student population, with over 93 nationalities represented.

THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS (OIP)

OIP offers international student services to support all international students at AUB, enabling them to integrate into the community and enjoy a rich academic and cultural experience.

OIP STUDENT MENTOR SUPPORT

Upon acceptance at AUB, international students are assigned an OIP mentor, a fellow student at the university, who guides them through campus, offers recommendations on housing and dining, answers questions, and helps with settling in. OIP mentors also plan trips and events throughout the academic year to allow students to discover Lebanon.

YALLA NE7KIE ARABIC PROGRAM

The Yalla Ne7kie Arabic Program was launched to provide international students with the basics of the Lebanese Dialect and a peak into Modern Standard Arabic. The sessions are held in a non-academic setting and are more about creating an informal cultural exchange between native Arabic speakers and international students.



WHAT CAN YOU STUDY AT AUB?

Visiting and exchange (non-degree seeking) students can take courses in any school or faculty except the Faculty of Medicine | www.aub.edu.lb/academics/pages/majors_programs.aspx

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

Faculty of Agricultural and Food Science

Agribusiness
Agriculture
Food Science and Management
Landscape Architecture
Nutrition and Dietetics
Nutrition and Dietetics Coordinated Program

Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Applied Math
Arabic Language and Literature
Archeology
Art History
Biology
Chemistry
Computer Science
Economics
Elementary Education
English Language
English Literature
Geology
History
Mathematics
Media and Communication
Petroleum Geosciences
Philosophy
Physics
Political Studies
Psychology
Public Administration
Sociology-Anthropology
Statistics
Studio Arts

Maroun Semaan Faculty of Engineering and Architecture

Architecture
Chemical Engineering
Civil and Environmental Engineering
Construction Engineering
Computer and Communication Engineering
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Graphic Design
Industrial Engineering
Mechanical Engineering

Faculty of Health Sciences

Environmental Health
Health Communication
Medical Audiology Science
Medical Imaging Science
Medical Laboratory

Hariri School of Nursing

Nursing
RN-Bachelor of Science in Nursing for applicants with technical nursing background

Suliman S. Olayan School of Business

Business Administration, concentration:
Finance
Accounting and Managerial Economics
Management, Marketing and Entrepreneurship
Business Information and Decision Systems

MASTER’S DEGREES

Faculty of Agriculture and Food Science

Agricultural Economics
Animal Science
Environmental Sciences
Eco-System Management
Food Security
Food Technology
Irrigation
Nutrition
Plant Protection
Plant Science
Poultry Science
Public Health Nutrition
Rural Community Development

Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Anthropology
Arabic Language and Literature
Archeology
Art History and Curating
Biology
Chemistry
Clinical Psychology
Computational Science
Computer Science

Economics
Education
English Language
English Literature
Environmental Policy Planning
Financial Economics
Geology
History
Islamic Studies
Mathematics
Media Studies
Middle Eastern Studies
Philosophy
Physics
Political Studies
Psychology, General
Public Administration
Public Policy and International Affairs
Sociology
Transnational American Studies

Maroun Semaan Faculty of Engineering and Architecture

Applied Energy
Biomedical Engineering
Chemical Engineering
Civil Engineering
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Energy Studies
Engineering Management
Environmental and Water Resources Engineering
Environmental Technology
Mechanical Engineering
Urban Design
Urban Planning and Policy

Faculty of Health Sciences

Environmental Health
Epidemiology
Executive Master in Healthcare Leadership
Population Health
Public Health
Public Health Nutrition

Hariri School of Nursing

Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist
Community and Public Health Nursing
Nursing Administration and Management
Psychiatric Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist

Suliman S. Olayan School of Business

Master of Business Administration
Master of Business Analytics
Executive Master of Business Administration
Master of Finance
Human Resource Management

DOCTORAL DEGREES

Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Arab and Middle Eastern History
Arabic Language and Literature
Cell and Molecular Biology
Theoretical Physics

Maroun Semaan Faculty of Engineering and Architecture

Biomedical Engineering
Civil Engineering
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Environmental and Water Resources Engineering
Mechanical Engineering

Faculty of Health Sciences

Epidemiology

Hariri School of Nursing

Nursing Science



Exchange students should first be nominated by their home institutions.

Once nominated, exchange students should submit their visiting and exchange student application to the Office of Admissions.

Visiting students may apply directly through the Office of Admissions.

www.aub.edu.lb/oip/internationals/Pages/prospective.aspx

Application Requirements

In order to apply to AUB, a prospective student must:

- be enrolled in a graduate or undergraduate degree program at a recognized university outside Lebanon
- have completed the sophomore year at his/her home university before starting at AUB
- have a GPA of 3.0 out of 4.0 or its equivalent
- meet RUSE (Readiness for University Study in English)

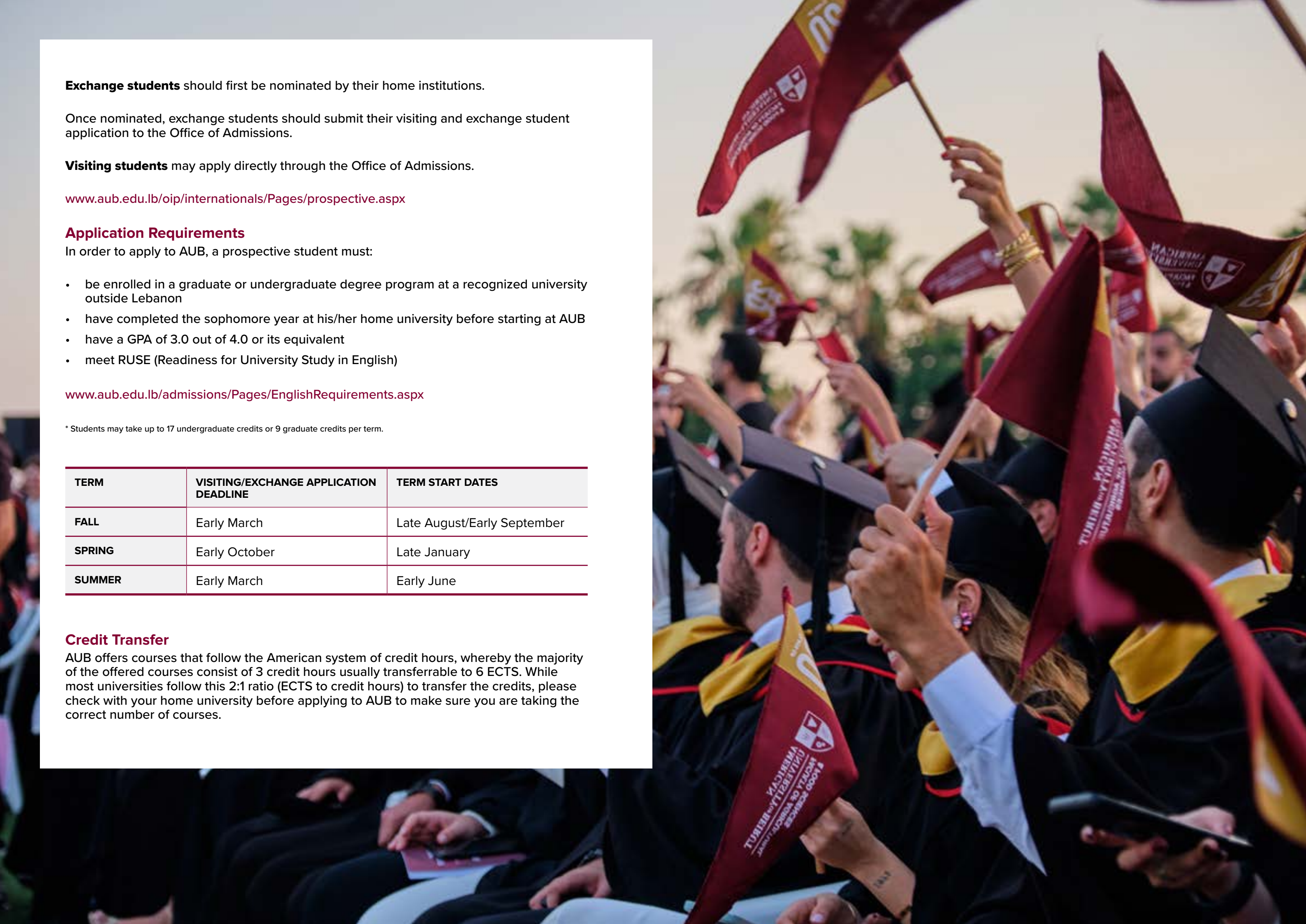
www.aub.edu.lb/admissions/Pages/EnglishRequirements.aspx

* Students may take up to 17 undergraduate credits or 9 graduate credits per term.

TERM	VISITING/EXCHANGE APPLICATION DEADLINE	TERM START DATES
FALL	Early March	Late August/Early September
SPRING	Early October	Late January
SUMMER	Early March	Early June

Credit Transfer

AUB offers courses that follow the American system of credit hours, whereby the majority of the offered courses consist of 3 credit hours usually transferrable to 6 ECTS. While most universities follow this 2:1 ratio (ECTS to credit hours) to transfer the credits, please check with your home university before applying to AUB to make sure you are taking the correct number of courses.





UNIQUELY AUB

CCECS

Get the chance to experience education through culture by diving into community development projects that aim to facilitate change in marginalized landscapes. The Center for Civic Engagement and Community Service (CCECS) utilizes university resources and works with stakeholders, policymakers, and humanitarian organizations to help students become a part of activities that are impactful.

www.aub.edu.lb/ccecs

Feel empowered by the knowledge you can share with others through:

Outreach and Volunteering—Work in close contact with local and international NGOs to gain social responsibility and the opportunity for a hands-on learning experience that will improve your employability.

Supportive Service Learning—Combine pertinent community service skills with academic course objectives to value the importance of learning. Get introduced to challenges that underprivileged communities face and help transform their lives for the greater.

Transformative Education for Scholarship Students—Learn in unstructured environments to develop leadership skills and engage in internships and workshop opportunities.

Syria Relief Response Projects—Initiate projects and support Syrian refugees as well as Lebanese host communities in areas of education, sanitation, and shelter. Projects developed through this program have helped Syrian children obtain the knowledge needed for a better life, in addition to caring for their psychological wellbeing.

IFI

The Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs at AUB was inaugurated in 2006 to harness the policy-related research of AUB's internationally respected faculty and other scholars, in order to contribute positively to Arab policymaking and international relations. The institute is a neutral, dynamic, civil, and open space that brings together people representing all viewpoints in society.

www.aub.edu.lb/ifi

Public Policy Debate and Decision Making - IFI aims to raise the quality of public policy-related debate and decision-making in the Arab world and abroad; enhance the Arab world's input into international affairs; and enrich the quality of interaction among scholars, officials, and civil society actors in the Middle East and abroad.

Internship Opportunities - IFI accepts internship applications from young and motivated university students interested in contributing towards public policy and international affairs in the region. The Issam Fares Institute offers two types of internship opportunities:

- Communications Internships
- Program Internships

CAMES

The Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies (CAMES) at AUB is a leading center for the interdisciplinary study of the Middle East, the Islamic world, and the Arabic language, attracting a diverse group of students and scholars from around the world.

www.aub.edu.lb/fas/cames

Enhance your understanding of the Middle East - Through this interdepartmental, interdisciplinary unit, you will acquire a sound grounding in one or more aspects of the study of the Middle East, and in the Arabic language.

Intensive Summer Arabic Program - Apply to the Arabic Language and Culture Program or the Colloquial Lebanese Arabic Program, designed specifically to teach the Arabic language to international students and non-Arabic speakers, to enrich yourself with all the Middle East has to offer.

ASFARI

The Asfari Institute for Civil Society and Citizenship is a regional hub for a dynamic community of academics, practitioners, and civil society actors in exploring traditional and innovative forms of associational life and in advancing realistic solutions to the obstacles to effective civil society and citizenship in the Arab region.

www.aub.edu.lb/asfari/Pages/default.aspx

ARRIVING AT AUB

VISAS AND RESIDENCE PERMITS

Visa: Any non-Lebanese student coming to Lebanon needs to have a passport valid for a period of at least 13 months longer than they intend to stay in Lebanon, in addition to securing an entry visa. A student may obtain an entry visa either by applying for one at their home country's Lebanese embassy, or by purchasing one upon arrival at the airport.

www.aub.edu.lb/oip/internationals/Pages/visas.aspx

Residence Permit: A student who does not hold a Lebanese passport is required to obtain a student's residence permit before the expiration of their entry visa.

For further assistance, contact us on visa.residency@aub.edu.lb

ACCOMMODATION

On-Campus Housing

AUB offers its students the opportunity to live in one of its six residence halls and share a rich community life on its beautiful campus. Each hall contains a lovely lounge adorned with green plants and furnished with comfortable couches, carpets, and a TV. The halls also host several computer stations with internet access and have washing rooms with several washers and dryers. The residence halls are equipped with air conditioning units in all of the rooms and spaces, providing a comfortable environment at all times.

www.aub.edu.lb/SAO/housing/Pages/default.aspx

Off-Campus Housing

Off-campus housing is plentiful in the neighborhood surrounding the university (Hamra) as well as in the up-and-coming surrounding neighborhoods, such as Ain Mreisseh, Ashrafieh, and Gemmayzeh.

Although it is difficult to finalize housing before arriving in Beirut, most visiting students find satisfactory housing within a few days of their arrival. The most effective way to find roommates is via Facebook. The best Facebook pages for housing in Beirut are:

- AUB Off Campus Housing and Roommate Search (contact the Office of International Programs if you would like to be added to this group)
- Apartments in Beirut (for renters and rentees)

Airport Pickup

The Office of International Programs usually offers a fee-paying transport service from the airport to the AUB campus on two specific dates at the beginning of every semester for flights arriving between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm. Information regarding this service will be communicated to students when they receive their acceptance letters.

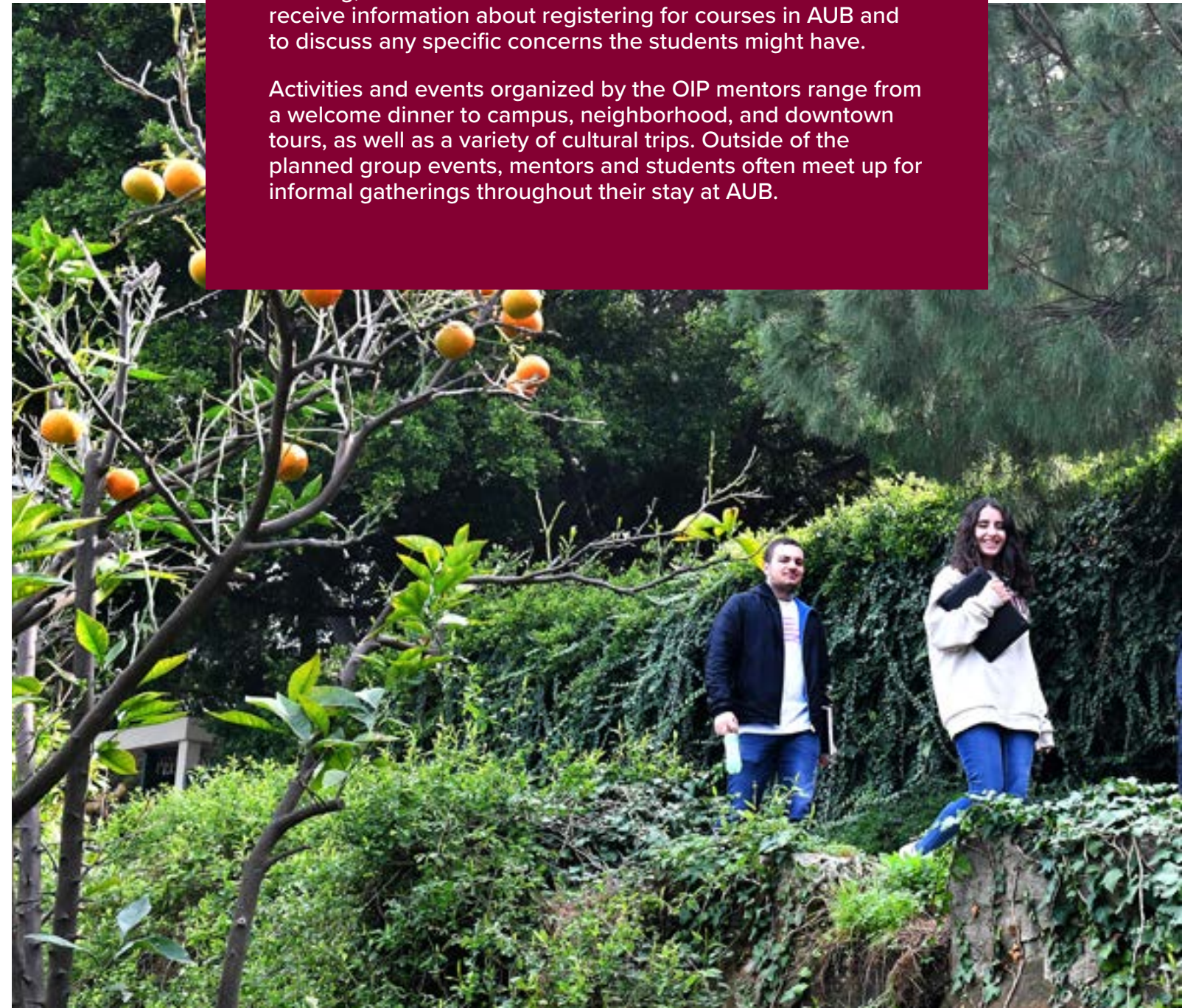
ORIENTATION WEEK

The International Students Welcome Day is dedicated to introducing all new international students at AUB to each other and the AUB community. Information is provided on cultural adjustment to life in Beirut and Lebanon, navigating the AUB campus and administration, and safety and security. This is when students will meet their OIP student mentor, who will help with easing the transition and integration into Lebanon and the AUB community.

The New Student Orientation Program introduces all new AUB students to available resources and how to make the most of campus life.

Exchange Group Advising Meeting is catered to students who plan to study at AUB for only one or two terms. During the meeting, students will meet with their academic advisors to receive information about registering for courses in AUB and to discuss any specific concerns the students might have.

Activities and events organized by the OIP mentors range from a welcome dinner to campus, neighborhood, and downtown tours, as well as a variety of cultural trips. Outside of the planned group events, mentors and students often meet up for informal gatherings throughout their stay at AUB.



TESTIMONIALS

“AUB is a representation of Lebanon’s diversity.”

-Konrad S, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

“I’ve had a lovely experience at this unique and beautiful university. Coming here was one of the best decisions of my life!”

-Sophie T, Södertörns högskola, Sweden

“I had an amazing experience which was exciting and enlightening academically, culturally, and personally. It was easy to make friends due to the OIP and Mentors’ efforts.”

-Anna B, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

“I fell in love with the Arabic language that I got to learn at AUB.”

-Jens D W , Lund University, Sweden

“I thoroughly enjoyed studying in Beirut, it was certainly the ‘experience of a lifetime.’”

-Rebecca R, University of Melbourne, Australia

“My semester at AUB was truly interesting, from both an academic and a personal point of view. The most remarkable thing I experienced through my year at AUB were the relationships I built with other students. The major lessons I learned were about Lebanon and the Lebanese society, which were totally strange to me. I discovered a country I learned to love throughout the whole year.”

-Armand L, Sciences Po Paris, France

“I am very pleased with my semester at AUB. I learned a lot, met a lot of friendly people (which started with a very warm and friendly reception in the beginning of the semester), and overall had good teachers. I learned a lot about politics in the Middle East, not just from a Western point of view, which was refreshing. I also learned a lot about gender equality in the Middle East.”

-Sophie K, Uppsala University, Sweden

“It was the best semester of my university life and my life in general. Culturally, I consider Lebanon as my second home at this point. Especially coming from Istanbul, Beirut was like a twin city. Hard to articulate, but my whole horizon has been reshaped.”

- Alperen K, Boğaziçi University, Turkey

“I enjoyed an incredible semester at AUB, where I met many international students and was introduced to a new method of study and diverse perspectives on many subjects. The classes were highly interactive, and the professor left lots of space for enthusiastic and engaged students to participate. It was quite interesting.”

-Valentina E, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Italy

“Beirut is a very good city to live in and to study, so it helps me to appreciate my exchange. In addition, the AUB campus is incredible, the professors are good and the students are welcoming, Having grown up in France and now studying in Canada, coming to study in Lebanon for a semester clearly took me out of my comfort zone and helped me grow both intellectually and culturally.”

-Gianni M, HEC Montréal, Canada





NOTABLE ALUMNI

Karen Wazen (BBA '08), entrepreneur, lifestyle influencer, and style icon, named “Influencer of the Year” in 2019 by Entrepreneur Magazine. A supporter of refugees through UNHCR since 2020.

Ayah Bdeir (BE '04), entrepreneur and innovator. Founder and CEO of littleBits, a platform of electronic building blocks, winner of the 2018 Toy of the Year Award.

Habib Haddad (BE '02), serial entrepreneur and early stage investor. CEO and co-founder of Wamda, a platform of programs and networks to accelerate entrepreneurship in the MENA region.

Ali Jaber (BBA '84), dean of Mohammad Bin Rashid School of Communications at American University in Dubai. He serves on the Board of Directors of two non-governmental organizations: Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) and Young Arab Leaders (YAL).

Reem Acra (BBA '82), fashion designer known for her line of bridal gowns and ready-to-wear collections. Her designs have been worn by celebrities such as Taylor Swift, Jennifer Lopez, Kate Hudson, and Olivia Wilde.





Zaha Hadid (former student '68-'69), Iraqi-British architect (1950–2016). The first woman to win the Pritzker Architecture Prize (2004).

Huguette Caland (former student '64-'68), abstract painter and sculptor whose art hangs in major world museums. Also

Talal Abu-Ghazaleh (BBA '60), founder and chairman of the Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org). Credited for promoting the significance of Intellectual Property in the Arab World and known as the godfather of Arab accounting.

Emily Nasrallah (BA '58), novelist and women’s rights activist (1931–2018). Most known for her books *Flight Against Time* and *A House Not Her Own: Stories from Beirut*.

Charles Malik (BA '27), diplomat, academic, and philosopher (1906–1987). President of the UN Security Council (1954) and secretary of the UN Commission on Human Rights that drafted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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