



Admissions

Undergraduate

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 policy of equal opportunity, the university admits students regardless of race, color, religion, gender, disability, or national origin. While it attracts students from more than ninety countries around the world, AUB primarily serves applicants from Lebanon, the Arab world, and other countries in 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.

Application Procedures

Applications can be submitted online at: <https://join.aub.edu.lb/apply/> or through CommonApp at: <https://www.commonapp.org/apply>.

Admission to Undergraduate Study

Students may apply for admission to AUB's four-year undergraduate programs 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.
- > second-degree applicants.

The Executive Admissions Committee is in charge of issuing admission decisions on freshman, sophomore/first-year professional, transfer to sophomore, and visiting/non-degree applications. The selection of transfer students to advanced standing or those applying for a second degree is made by the respective faculties/schools.

All admission decisions are conditional upon evidence of students 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 fulfilled the Readiness for University Studies in English (RUSE). Students are not eligible to register until all conditions of their admission are met. Conditions are stated in the letter of admission's checklist. Students applying as undergraduates must submit the required checklist items by the appropriate deadline.

Students applying for entrance in the fall term are notified of conditional admission by early April. Applicants for the spring term are notified by mid-January. Upon notification of conditional admission, students can hold a place for the fall term by making a **non-refundable confirmation fee of \$1,000** as listed in the letter of admission. This deposit is credited to the students' account upon registration.

Note: 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.

Pre-Enrollment Registration Requirements

For Applicants to the Sophomore Year

Accepted students, who have confirmed their enrollment, need to provide the below list of documents as part of the pre-enrollment registration requirements:

1. Meet the RUSE by mid-August.
2. Submit the official hard copy transcripts for their Grades 10, 11, and 12 along with a copy of their High School Diploma at the beginning of July.
3. Submit a certified copy of their Lebanese Baccalaureate or its equivalent (IB, French Baccalaureate, GCE or any other official governmental secondary school certificate) from the Ministry of Education and Higher Education in Lebanon (MEHE) by mid-November.

Once these documents are submitted, no changes to student status will be accepted after mid-November.

For Applicants to the Freshman Year

1. Meet the RUSE by mid-August.
2. Submit the official hard copy transcripts for their Grades 10, 11, and 12 along with a copy of their High School Diploma at the beginning of July.
3. Submit your permission to enter Freshman Form provided by MEHE by mid-August.

Once these documents are submitted, no changes to student status will be accepted after mid-November.

For Applicants to the Transfer to Sophomore and/or Advanced Transfer Program

1. Meet the RUSE by mid-August.
2. Submit the official hard copy transcripts for their Grades 10, 11, and 12 along with a copy of their High School Diploma at the beginning of July.
3. Submit a certified copy of their Lebanese Baccalaureate or its equivalent (IB, French Baccalaureate, GCE or any other official governmental secondary school certificate) from the Ministry of Education and Higher Education in Lebanon (MEHE) at the beginning of July.
4. Official updated final transcripts from all previously enrolled universities at the beginning of July.

Once these documents are submitted, no changes to student status will be accepted after the start of the term.

For Applicants to the Second Degree and/or Teaching Diploma Program

1. Meet the RUSE by mid-August.
2. Submit the official hard copy transcripts for their Grades 10, 11, and 12 along with a copy of their High School Diploma at the beginning of July.
3. Submit a certified copy of their Lebanese Baccalaureate or its equivalent (IB, French Baccalaureate, GCE or any other official governmental secondary school certificate) from the Ministry of Education and Higher Education in Lebanon (MEHE) at the beginning of July.
4. Official updated final transcripts from all previously enrolled universities at the beginning of July.
5. Equivalency of degree from MEHE at the beginning of July.
6. Certified copy of bachelor degree stamped from previous university at the beginning of July.

Once these documents are submitted, no changes to student status will be accepted after the start of the term.

For Applicants to the Special Student Not Working for a Degree Program

1. Meet the RUSE by mid-August.
2. Official updated final transcripts from all previously enrolled universities at the beginning of July.

Once these documents are submitted, no changes to student status will be accepted after the start of the term.

Disclaimer

Where applicable official transcripts from all universities where classes were taken are required. If at any time AUB discovers that an applicant provided an incomplete academic record, the admission will be cancelled. In this case, the student will be responsible for all fees incurred for instruction at AUB, including financial aid, but will be excluded from obtaining transcripts and certificates.

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) term or in the second (spring) term. Those applying for the fall term may opt to apply under a special early admission plan. All applications must be submitted online by the deadlines specified below.

Candidates for the Freshman Year are judged primarily on the basis of:

- > **Secondary School Record:** Official report of grades, including average and rank in class for the two years of schooling prior to the year in which students are filing the application (grades 10 and 11). Schools that do not provide complete information, particularly average and rank in class, may jeopardize the admission of their students. Applicants should ask officials of the school that they have attended over the last two years to send their school grades directly to the AUB Office of Admissions.
- > **Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT):** The SAT is required of all undergraduate applicants except junior and senior transfer students and non-degree and visiting students. Students are responsible for registering and taking the SAT. Applicants planning to enroll during the spring term must take the test by the October testing session of the previous year of their planned enrollment. Students applying for the fall term must take the SAT by the December testing session of the previous year of their planned enrollment. For students who take the test more than once, the university considers the highest score achieved in each of English and Math sections (the "SuperScore"). Students should make sure to submit their official SAT scores through college board by entering the AUB code, 0902 before admission decisions are issued. For details on the dates and locations of the SAT, contact College Board (<https://www.collegeboard.org/sat>). When registering for the SAT, applicants must enter the AUB code, 0902, and ask College Board to send the scores directly to the Office of Admissions. Students must make sure the results of their last attempt will be issued before admission decisions are issued. AUB will only accept scores received directly from the College Board.
- > **Permission to Enter the Freshman Class:** Applicants to the freshman class are required to present a "permission" to enter the freshman class from the Equivalence Committee of the Lebanese Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE). Students admitted to the Freshman Year are not classified as freshman sciences or arts. However, the Equivalence Committee classifies the freshman students into two tracks: sciences and arts. A minimum SAT score of 950 is required for the sciences track, and a minimum of 870 is required for the arts track. The track followed will determine the programs to which a freshman may transfer to upon completion of the Freshman Year.
- > **Applicant's Identity Card or Passport:** A scanned copy is required.
- > **Application Fee:** An application will not be processed without the settlement of a non-refundable fee of \$50.

Important note: Applicants who are pursuing a high school program will only be accepted to the Freshman Year, if admissible, even if they present a Lebanese Baccalaureate diploma.

Special Freshman Admission

Option 1

Secondary school averages in Grade 10 and Grade 11:

- > Applicants who have an overall average of 13/20 or its equivalent in both Grade 10 and Grade 11 will be waived from the SAT requirement for admission.
- > Admitted applicants will still need to sit for the SAT exam during their Freshman Year, and a minimum SAT score of 950 is required for the sciences track, and a minimum of 870 is required for the arts track. The track followed will determine the programs to which a freshman may transfer to upon completion of the Freshman Year.

Option 2

Freshman applicants will automatically be accepted to the Freshman Year if they have an SAT SuperScore above 1,100 and have passed Grade 10 and Grade 11 successfully.

Applicants to the Sophomore Year and All other Undergraduate Programs

Sophomore students may apply for admission to AUB undergraduate programs in all faculties. They may apply to one, two, or three of AUB's faculties/schools. Applicants for the fall term 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) term or in the second (spring) term. All applications must be submitted online by the deadlines specified below.

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

- > **Secondary School Record:** Official report of grades, including average and rank in class for the two years of schooling prior to the year in which students are filing the application (grades 10 and 11). Schools that do not provide complete information, particularly average and rank in class, may jeopardize the admission of their students. Applicants should ask officials of the school that they have attended over the last two years to send their school grades directly to the AUB Office of Admissions.
- > **Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT):** The SAT is required of all undergraduate applicants except junior and senior transfer students and non-degree and visiting students. Students are responsible for registering and taking the SAT. Applicants planning to enroll during the spring term must take the test by the October testing session of the previous year of their planned enrollment. Students applying for the fall term must take the SAT by the December testing session of the previous year of their planned enrollment. For students who take the test more than once, the university considers the highest score achieved in each of English and Math sections (the "SuperScore"). Students should make sure to submit their official SAT scores through college board by entering the AUB code, 0902 before admission decisions are issued. For details on the dates and locations of the SAT, contact College Board (<https://www.collegeboard.org/sat>). When registering for the SAT, applicants must enter the AUB code, 0902, and ask College Board to send the scores directly to the Office of Admissions. Students must make sure the results of their last attempt will be issued before admission decisions are issued. AUB will only accept scores received directly from the College Board.

- > **Applicant's Identity Card or Passport:** A scanned copy is required.
- > **Application Fee:** An application will not be processed without the settlement of a non-refundable fee of \$50.
- > **Complete Academic Record:** All applicants must provide a complete academic record of official reports of grades from all institutions where they have studied. Failure to do so may result in the withdrawal of the offer of admission.

Deadlines for All Undergraduate Applications

For regular admission to:	Deadline
Spring term of academic year 2025-26	October 31, 2025
Fall term of academic year 2026-27	December 19, 2025
Spring term of academic year 2026-27	October 30, 2026
For early/merit admission to:	Deadline
Fall term of academic year 2026-27	October 30, 2026

Readiness for University Study in English (RUSE)

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 July). This can be done by submitting official test scores for either of the following tests:

- > The AUB English Entrance Examination (AUB EN)
- > Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
- > International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic
- > SAT English section

Updated scores to meet the RUSE could be found on the following URL:

<https://www.aub.edu.lb/admissions/Pages/EnglishRequirements.aspx>.

Applicants who score lower than those listed in the URL above. In such cases, the applicants will be required to take remedial or intensive English language courses upon starting their degree programs, as per the URL above.

Upon registering for these tests, applicants must specify that results be sent to the AUB Office of Admissions. The applicants must also send a scan of the results to admissions@aub.edu.lb.

Applicants who take the TOEFL must use the institutional code number for AUB, 0902 when registering for the test. For more information on the TOEFL IBT exam, visit their website: www.ets.org.

For information pertaining to IELTS Academic, applicants must contact the British Council in their respective countries. For more information on the IELTS Academic exam, visit their website:

<https://www.britishcouncil.org>.

Remedial/Intensive English Course

Applicants who obtain scores lower than the ones required to meet RUSE must register in a remedial/intensive English course. Placement in these courses is determined by the Communication Skills Program according to the criteria detailed here:

<https://www.aub.edu.lb/fas/english/Commskills/Pages/Placement.aspx>.

Students enrolled in a remedial/intensive English course will not receive credit towards their degree for this course. These students may register for only one or two regular university courses (a maximum of six credits), thus earning credits towards a degree while working on achieving the level of English required for carrying a full course load in the regular program. These regular university courses are restricted to Arabic and those in mathematics, statistics, or computer literacy in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and equivalent courses in statistics in the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, the Suliman S. Olayan School of Business, and the Faculty of Health Sciences.

Students can spend one or two terms in remedial/intensive English courses, depending on their level of English language proficiency at the time of entry. **However, students who fail to pass the remedial/intensive English course by the end of the second term lose their admission to the university.**

Regular attendance in a remedial/intensive English: Regular attendance in a remedial/intensive English course is expected because of their intensive nature. Continued class absence may result in a recommendation that students lose their admission to the university.

Students enrolled in remedial and/or intensive courses cannot benefit from Financial Aid.

University Preparatory Program

The University Preparatory Program (UPP) is designed for students who have completed the high school/Baccalaureate II/or other secondary school diploma (based on twelve years of schooling starting with elementary one class) and who have a limited formal background in English. The twenty-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 students' 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 UPP students live on campus in one of AUB's all-men or all-women residences. Residence is a mean 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 coursework.

Students enrolled in the UPP are accepted into the freshman class at AUB after taking an exit exam fulfilling the requirements set by the program, **and taking the SAT exam to meet the minimum requirements set by the Lebanese Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE; refer to the above section "Applicants for the Freshman Year")**. Students applying to the sophomore class must take the SAT and go through the normal admission procedure for regular applicants.

Early/Merit Admission

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

Submission of application form by the end of October. (Refer to the **Deadlines for All Undergraduate Applications table above**).

- > Class rank in the top twenty-five percent in each of grades 10 and 11.
- > SAT scores (last session considered is the October session), as per the below table:

Applying to	Minimum SAT (SuperScore)
Freshman	1,100
Faculty of Arts and Sciences	
Bachelor of Arts Programs (humanities/ social sciences)	1,170
Bachelor of Arts in Economics	1,270
Bachelor of Sciences (quantitative thought and natural sciences)	1,270
Bachelor of Sciences in Biology	1,350
Hariri School of Nursing	1,170
Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences	1,270
Faculty of Health Sciences	1,270
Suliman S. Olayan School of Business	1,270
Maroun Semaan Faculty of Engineering and Architecture	
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design	1,270
Bachelor of Landscape Architecture	1,270
All Engineering Programs including Architecture	1,350

Important Aspects of Early/Merit Admission:

- > Early/ Merit Admission is **granted only to the first choice of major in each of the faculties applied for**.
- > Early/ Merit Admission applicants who do not meet the requirements for a specific faculty or faculties will have the entire faculty transferred and assessed in the regular admission pool.
- > Applicants for early admission may benefit from **early action** if they have excellent academic records but are missing one of the class rank requirements.
- > Applicants for early admission may benefit from an **early decision** if they have excellent academic records but their school does not provide class rank.

- > **Early action** and **early decision** admissions are subject to capacity and budget availability.
- > Early/Merit Admission is granted to the accepted programs **ONLY** as indicated in the admission letter.
- > Admission is conditional upon students receiving the certificate or diploma (recognized by the Ministry of Education of the originating country) based on which admission was granted and on evidence of having fulfilled the Readiness for University Studies in English (RUSE). Students may not register until these conditions are met.
- > Applicants who wish to defer their enrollment from fall to spring, and who have been granted the Merit Scholarship must settle the confirmation fee before deferral will be granted.
- > The Merit Scholarship covers the percentage stated in the admission letter, over the entire period of undergraduate studies, provided students maintain a minimum GPA of 3.5 per term.
- > Confirmation of Early/Merit Admission is to one major only.

Transfer from Other Universities

Sophomore Transfer (Transfer with less than 54 credits)

Students enrolled at a recognized institution of higher learning may apply to the sophomore year if they have completed a class equivalent to that of the freshman class and a maximum of twenty-three sophomore credits or equivalent at AUB. (Refer to deadline page:

<https://www.aub.edu.lb/admissions/Pages/Deadlines.aspx>)

Admission in the above-mentioned category is based on:

- > SAT (SuperScore).
- > Grade 10 and 11 general averages.
- > Official transcripts from all institutions of higher education attended.

Junior Transfer (Advanced Transfer)

Junior transfer applicants to advanced standing (i.e., those who have completed twenty-four or more sophomore credits or equivalent at AUB as a non-degree student with a minimum GPA of 3.0/4, or other recognized institutions of higher learning) do not need to submit SAT results.

- > All admitted transfer applicants must submit official transcripts from all institutions of higher education attended and must fulfill the Readiness for University Studies in English (<https://www.aub.edu.lb/admissions/english/>) before registration.
- > All admitted transfer applicants also need to submit their official grade 12 transcript along with their Government Secondary Certificate or its equivalent.
- > All junior transfer applicants should consult the appropriate faculty/school sections of the catalogue, taking particular note of the residency requirement and any particular admission requirements of that faculty/school.
- > All transfer applicants need to submit the syllabi of the courses for which they expect to receive transfer credit at AUB to the Office of Admissions before April 30 if applying for the fall term. 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 term are required to submit the syllabi of the courses by November 15.
- > 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.

Transfer from AUB-Mediterraneo

Students transferring from AUB-Mediterraneo must fulfill all transfer requirements mentioned above.

Nevertheless, as a branch campus of AUB, course grades will be transferred for any courses accepted for transfer.

Admission to Second Degree

Students already holding an AUB bachelor's degree for more than two years and wishing to obtain a second bachelor's degree in the same faculty/school or in another faculty/school must apply through the Office of Admissions for a second-degree application. This category will be exempted from SAT and Readiness for University Studies in English (RUSE).

Students holding a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education recognized by AUB can apply for a bachelor's degree major different from the first degree. Accepted students must complete the Readiness for University Studies in English (RUSE).

The faculty/school Admissions Committee evaluates all applications for a second degree and makes recommendations to the dean of the concerned faculty/school. All final admission decisions depend on the overall qualifications of the eligible applicant pool and the number of available places for the term in question.

Credit for University Work Done at the Secondary Level

With approval of the academic departments concerned, a maximum of fifteen freshman credits may be given for high grades on Advanced Placement (AP) examinations of the College Board <https://ap.collegeboard.org/>. The AP results must be sent to the Office of Admissions for processing and then transferred to the Office of the Registrar for crediting.

Admission of Non-Degree Students

Persons enrolled at recognized universities other than AUB (or who have completed some coursework – at least one term or twelve credits – at other universities) and who have a recognized secondary school diploma, or the equivalent, may apply to take up to seventeen credits per term at the undergraduate level in any faculty/school for the fall term or spring through the online application available on the Office of Admissions webpage.

Admission is normally offered for two terms if the student is joining AUB starting fall, or for one term if starting in spring (registration may be extended to another term depending on course offerings and achievement in courses taken at AUB upon submission of a petition to this effect). Courses completed at AUB by non-degree students not working for a degree may be considered for credit towards an AUB degree if the students subsequently apply for degree candidacy through the regular admission process and are admitted to it. 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 Readiness for University Studies in English registration (See <https://www.aub.edu.lb/admissions/english> for more information on RUSE).

Admission as a Visiting (Exchange) Undergraduate Student

This category applies to students who are studying 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 online to the Office of Admissions along with the degree and transcript of record by end of March if applying for fall or end of October if applying for spring.

Applicants should specify their intended course of study during their visiting status. Admission is offered normally for two terms if the students are joining AUB starting fall or for one term if starting in spring (registration may be extended to another term 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 Readiness for University Studies in English registration (see <https://www.aub.edu.lb/admissions/english> for more information on RUSE).

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 within the set deadlines and must meet the Readiness for University Studies in English (<https://www.aub.edu.lb/admissions/english>) 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 Term

Non-degree and visiting applicants who are not registered at AUB but who wish to join only the summer term must submit their applications by the end of April, must hold a recognized secondary school certificate, must be enrolled at a recognized university, and must meet the Readiness for University Studies in English (see Certificate and Class Chart). The director of admissions evaluates such applications and decides on the admission or non-admission of these applicants.

Readmission

The following factors govern students seeking readmission:

- > Students in good standing who withdrew voluntarily and who have left the university for more than two years must submit the readmission petition (readmission form) available online (<https://epetitions.aub.edu.lb/>) to the concerned faculty/school Dean's Office and must receive readmission approval from the office of admissions.
- > Students who have left the university for less than two years and/or students who left the university on probation refer to the Reactivation Section under the General University Academic Information section of the catalogue.

In all cases, official transcripts from all institutions of higher education attended in the interim are required.

Deferred Registration

Undergraduate applicants who are offered admission for the fall term and who do not register for that term may be eligible for admission to the spring term of the same academic year, pending availability of places. An email petition should be submitted to the Office of Admissions prior to January 12, 2026.

Students who enroll in other institutions of higher learning are not eligible for such accommodation; they will be assessed as transfer applicants.

Using Second Admission for Admitted Students

Applicants who have been admitted to the fall term in two different faculties/schools, and who actually register in one of these, must petition to the Office of Admissions prior to January 12, 2026, if they intend to use their second admission. Admission to the second faculty/school 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 Readiness for University Studies in English (RUSE), and evidence of having received the diploma, certificate, degree or level of university education on the basis of which students apply and admission was granted. The RUSE may be met in a variety of ways, as outlined under the RUSE section. The diploma/certificate requirement may also be met in a variety of ways, which in turn determines the faculty/school and level to which students apply, are 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 or 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 twelve years of schooling, starting with grade one (Elementary I Class). For example, the GCE ordinary level and one year of the college d'enseignement général et professionnel (CEGEP) do not qualify for admission to AUB.

Applicants to the freshman class may have followed a high school diploma program that fulfills the above criteria. In such cases, students must obtain permission from the Equivalence Committee of the Lebanese Ministry of Education and Higher 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 and Higher Education. (Refer to the MEHE link:

<https://www.mehe.gov.lb/en/Pages/Transactions/FreshmanDocs.aspx>)

The Equivalence Committee of the Lebanese Ministry of Education requires applicants to the freshman class to take the SAT, given that they have received permission to pursue higher education on the basis of a foreign program.

At the time of registration for the freshman class, students should check with their advisers to ensure that the number of credits and types of subjects taken during their freshman year are in compliance with the specifications of the Equivalence Committee of the Lebanese Ministry of Education and Higher Education. The total score of the combined SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and Mathematics, must be at least 950 for the sciences track and at least 870 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 and Higher 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 Higher Education and by the university.

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. Please see Certificate and Class Chart.

Technical Baccalaureate

Students who are completing a technical baccalaureate, need to enroll in the program which falls under the same track and will need to take additional credits as per the MEHE. Upon confirmation, students need to contact the Student Services Section in their faculty/school and make sure to register for the prerequisite courses during their first term. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of registration.

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. Students with a literary certificate, however, may apply to a science major. Those students will be given additional prerequisite courses required for the science major. A scientific certificate qualifies for consideration of admission to all majors (see certificate and class chart section).

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 Executive 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, students 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 Executive Admissions Committee.



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