



AMERICAN  
UNIVERSITY  
OF BEIRUT

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

# FACTSHEET

FOR VISITING AND EXCHANGE STUDENTS

2026–27



## APPLICATION

<p><b>EXCHANGE NOMINATION</b> (EXCHANGE STUDENTS ONLY)</p> <p><b>EXCHANGE NOMINATION DEADLINES</b></p>	<p>Our partner institutions are expected to nominate their exchange students applying to AUB by completing the <b>Exchange Nomination Form</b>.</p> <p>Fall Term or Academic Year: March 1, 2026 Spring Term: September 15, 2026</p>
<p><b>APPLICATION PROCEDURE</b></p>	<p>Visiting and Exchange Students* must complete an <b>online application</b> to the Office of Admissions by the application deadlines below. *Exchange Students must be nominated by their home institution first.</p>
<p><b>APPLICATION DEADLINES</b></p>	<p><b>Summer Term:</b> April 30, 2026 <b>Fall Term or Academic Year 2026–27:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For exchange students: April 1, 2026</li> <li>• For visiting students: April 30, 2026</li> </ul> <p><b>Spring Term 2026–27:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For exchange students: October 1, 2026</li> <li>• For visiting students: October 31, 2026</li> </ul>
<p><b>APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Applicants must be enrolled in a graduate or undergraduate degree program at an accredited university outside Lebanon</li> <li>▶ Applicants must have completed the sophomore year at his/her home university before starting at AUB</li> <li>▶ Applicants should have a GPA of 3.0/4.0 or its equivalent</li> <li>▶ Exchange applicants need to confirm with their home universities that they have exchange agreements with AUB</li> <li>▶ Students may normally take up to 17 undergraduate credits or 9 graduate credits per term</li> <li>▶ Applicants must meet the English Language Proficiency Requirement (ELPR) (see below).</li> </ul> <p><b><a href="http://aub.edu.lb/admissions/applications/Pages/SpecialVisiting.aspx">aub.edu.lb/admissions/applications/Pages/SpecialVisiting.aspx</a></b></p>
<p><b>READINESS FOR UNIVERSITY STUDY IN ENGLISH (RUSE)</b></p>	<p>The RUSE must be met prior to enrollment. We recommend that students complete this step prior to their arrival in Lebanon. Exemption is given to candidates whose native language is English, or to those who have completed two years of higher education with English as the primary language of instruction, or to those who are enrolling ONLY in Arabic language courses. Competency may be met by achieving the minimum scores in any of the following exams. For more information, visit:</p> <p><b><a href="http://aub.edu.lb/admissions/english/Pages/EnglishRequirements.aspx">aub.edu.lb/admissions/english/Pages/EnglishRequirements.aspx</a></b></p>
<p><b>ARABIC STUDY AT AUB</b></p>	<p><b><a href="http://aub.edu.lb/fas/comes/Pages/default.aspx">aub.edu.lb/fas/comes/Pages/default.aspx</a></b></p>

# ACCEPTANCE

Detailed information on post acceptance steps can be found here:  
[aub.edu.lb/oip/internationals/Pages/accepted.aspx](http://aub.edu.lb/oip/internationals/Pages/accepted.aspx)

<p><b>ACCEPTANCE EMAIL</b></p>	<p>The Office of Admissions at AUB will send students an email notification once a decision has been made on their application. They are requested to log in to their student portal to view their acceptance letter.</p>														
<p><b>CONFIRMING YOUR ACCEPTANCE</b></p>	<p>Students should log in to their student portal and confirm their acceptance.</p>														
<p><b>OIP STUDENT MENTOR SUPPORT</b></p>	<p>Students will receive an email from their assigned OIP student mentor a week prior to the start of the term. More information on the OIP Mentor program can be found here: :  <a href="http://aub.edu.lb/oip/internationals/Pages/mentorprogram.aspx">aub.edu.lb/oip/internationals/Pages/mentorprogram.aspx</a></p>														
<p><b>REQUIRED MEDICAL FORM</b></p>	<p>Students should visit their doctor or family medicine practitioner in their home country and obtain the required vaccinations in accordance with the following <b>Medical Form</b>.</p> <p>Instructions on how to submit their medical records are found <b>HERE</b>. Students unable to complete this form or obtain the required vaccinations prior to their arrival can do so at the University Health Services. In this case, students will be responsible for settling any vaccination fees incurred as these will not be covered by HIP.</p>														
<p><b>FEES</b></p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Exchange applicants are exempted from paying the <b>\$50</b> application fee and the <b>\$1000</b> confirmation fee.</p>	<p>Tuition amounts depend on the student’s degree level, program of study, and status (visiting, exchange or degree seeker):  <a href="http://aub.edu.lb/oip/internationals/Pages/current.aspx">aub.edu.lb/oip/internationals/Pages/current.aspx</a></p> <p>Visiting Students are responsible for paying tuition, on-campus housing, and miscellaneous fees.</p> <p>Exchange students are waived from AUB’s tuition fees, but are responsible for settling other AUB fees such as on-campus housing and miscellaneous fees that include the following:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="571 1456 1436 1937"> <tr> <td>General deposit (refundable) paid only once</td> <td>\$200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AUB Health Insurance Plan (HIP) fees per student for one Fall term</td> <td>\$196</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AUB Health Insurance Plan (HIP) fees per student for 12 months Fall and Spring</td> <td>\$392</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AUB Health Insurance Plan (HIP) fees per student if enrolled during Spring term - coverage for Summer term is included and cannot be waived</td> <td>\$294</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Social activity fee per student per year</td> <td>\$36</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technology Fee per student per term</td> <td>\$210</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technology Fee per student in the summer term</td> <td>\$105</td> </tr> </table> <p>* The fees listed above are based on the 2025–26 fee structure and may change.</p> <p>More information can be found on this page:  <a href="http://aub.edu.lb/comptroller/Pages/Student.aspx">aub.edu.lb/comptroller/Pages/Student.aspx</a>  <a href="http://aub.edu.lb/admissions/applications/Pages/SpecialVisiting.aspx">aub.edu.lb/admissions/applications/Pages/SpecialVisiting.aspx</a></p>	General deposit (refundable) paid only once	\$200	AUB Health Insurance Plan (HIP) fees per student for one Fall term	\$196	AUB Health Insurance Plan (HIP) fees per student for 12 months Fall and Spring	\$392	AUB Health Insurance Plan (HIP) fees per student if enrolled during Spring term - coverage for Summer term is included and cannot be waived	\$294	Social activity fee per student per year	\$36	Technology Fee per student per term	\$210	Technology Fee per student in the summer term	\$105
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# ARRIVAL AND ORIENTATION

New exchange and visiting students must participate in the International Student Welcome Program. For more information, visit: [aub.edu.lb/oip/internationals/Pages/accepted.aspx](http://aub.edu.lb/oip/internationals/Pages/accepted.aspx)

<b>ARRIVAL DATES</b>	We recommend that students arrive in Beirut, no later than two days prior to, the International Student Welcome Program and International Student Welcome Day.
<b>AUB ORIENTATION DATES (TENTATIVE)</b>	<p><b>Fall term</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Pre-orientation sessions start July 21, 2026</li> <li>▶ International Student Welcome Day is on Wednesday, August 19, 2026</li> <li>▶ On-campus orientation is on Thursday, August 20, and Friday, August 21, 2026</li> </ul> <p><b>Spring term</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ International Student Welcome Day is on Tuesday, January 5, 2027</li> <li>▶ On-campus orientation is on Thursday, January 7, and Friday, January 8, 2027</li> </ul>
<b>ORIENTATION PROGRAM DETAILS</b>	▶ Details about the International Student Welcome Program can be found here: <a href="http://aub.edu.lb/oip/internationals/Pages/accepted.aspx">aub.edu.lb/oip/internationals/Pages/accepted.aspx</a>
<b>PICK UP AND TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS</b>	<p>OIP usually offers a fee-paying transport service from the airport to the AUB campus for flights arriving between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm only. Information regarding this service is communicated to students when they receive their acceptance letter.</p> <p>For more information on other transportation options, visit: <a href="http://aub.edu.lb/oip/internationals/Pages/accepted.aspx">aub.edu.lb/oip/internationals/Pages/accepted.aspx</a></p>
<b>MANDATORY DOCUMENT CHECK-IN</b>	For students' safety and security, all international students are required to fill out and submit the online <b>Emergency Contact Information Form</b> .



TERM	CLASSES START	CLASSES END	FINAL EXAM PERIOD
Fall 2026–27	August 31, 2026	December 4, 2026	December 9–18, 2026
Spring 2026–27	January 13, 2027	April 27, 2027	May 4–13, 2027
Summer 2026–27	May 26, 2027	July 15, 2027	July 19–23, 2027

UNIVERSITY CALENDAR:  
[aub.edu.lb/registrar/pages/importantdates.aspx](http://aub.edu.lb/registrar/pages/importantdates.aspx)



## VISAS

For more information, visit: [aub.edu.lb/oip/internationals/Pages/residencepermit.aspx](https://aub.edu.lb/oip/internationals/Pages/residencepermit.aspx)

Any non-Lebanese student coming to Lebanon must have a valid passport for a period of at least 12 months beyond their intended stay in Lebanon and secure an entry visa.

[aub.edu.lb/oip/internationals/Pages/visas.aspx](https://aub.edu.lb/oip/internationals/Pages/visas.aspx)

- **Note:** A student will be denied entry to Lebanon if they have any visa stamps from the State of Israel, including stamps from the land border posts in Jordan and Egypt.
- **Note:** Students or AUB visitors who are born in occupied Palestine, even if they do not have any “Israeli” stamp on their passport, may face delays during check-in at the General Security Post at Beirut International Airport. No specific directives from General Security cover this; however, General Security reserves the right to allow or deny anyone entry into Lebanon.

## AUB ACCESSIBLE EDUCATION OFFICE (AEO)

The AUB Accessible Education Office (AEO) oversees the provision of reasonable accommodations, academic supports, and auxiliary aides and services for all eligible students with disabilities according to applicable Lebanese Law and US Federal Law, as well as AUB’s own commitment to inclusion and diversity.

For more information, visit: [aub.edu.lb/SAO/Pages/Accessible-Education.aspx](https://aub.edu.lb/SAO/Pages/Accessible-Education.aspx)

# ACADEMICS

AUB has long been admired for the strength and breadth of its academic programs and its commitment to a broad-based liberal arts education. The university's Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Maroun Semaan Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, Faculty of Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine, Rafic Hariri School of Nursing, and the Suliman S. Olayan School of Business offer more than 140 undergraduate and graduate programs.

AUB students benefit from the constantly expanding resources and services that are available at the University's libraries, laboratories, and computing centers, conveniently located throughout the campus. For more information, visit: [aub.edu.lb](http://aub.edu.lb)

<b>MAJORS AND PROGRAMS</b>	<a href="http://aub.edu.lb/academics/pages/majors_programs.aspx">aub.edu.lb/academics/pages/majors_programs.aspx</a>
<b>COURSE CATALOG</b>	<a href="http://sturegss.aub.edu.lb/StudentRegistrationSsb/ssb/term/termSelection?mode=search">sturegss.aub.edu.lb/StudentRegistrationSsb/ssb/term/termSelection?mode=search</a>
<b>CLASS SCHEDULE</b>	The class schedule for the upcoming term will be available online under Dynamic Course Catalog: <a href="http://www-banner.aub.edu.lb/catalog/schedule_header.html">www-banner.aub.edu.lb/catalog/schedule_header.html</a>
<b>CREDITS AND FULL-TIME STATUS</b>	AUB follows the American system of education. One AUB course is usually worth 3 credits. Undergraduate students must register for at least 12 credits (24 ECTS) per term to maintain full-time status. This is equivalent to 4 AUB courses. Graduate students must register for at least 9 credits (18 ECTS) per term to maintain full-time status. This is equivalent to 3 AUB courses.
<b>RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not available to exchange and visiting students: ► <b>Faculty of Medicine</b>
<b>PRE-ENROLLMENT AND COURSE REGISTRATION</b>	New exchange and visiting students are eligible to pre-enroll in courses prior to the start of the term. Exchange students who want to drop registered courses, should do so during the Add/Drop period. Otherwise, their transcript will show the course as Failed (F). For more information, visit: <a href="http://aub.edu.lb/oip/internationals/Documents/Pre_enrollment-Guidelines.pdf">aub.edu.lb/oip/internationals/Documents/Pre_enrollment-Guidelines.pdf</a>
<b>ACADEMIC ADVISING</b>	Every new student has an academic advisor. Students can view the name and location of their advisor on their AUBsis account during Orientation Week. Students must contact their advisor to receive an "Alternate PIN" before registration. They will need this PIN to complete their online registration on AUBsis. <a href="http://aub.edu.lb/oip/internationals/Pages/current.aspx">aub.edu.lb/oip/internationals/Pages/current.aspx</a>
<b>ASSESSMENT AND GRADING</b>	<a href="http://aub.edu.lb/registrar/Pages/academic-information.aspx">aub.edu.lb/registrar/Pages/academic-information.aspx</a>
<b>TRANSCRIPTS</b>	For exchange students, once clearance is completed, OIP will email the official e-transcript to the student's home university. Visiting students may request their transcripts online via AUBsis. For more information, visit: <a href="http://aub.edu.lb/Registrar/Pages/transcripts-other-requests.aspx">aub.edu.lb/Registrar/Pages/transcripts-other-requests.aspx</a>

# HOUSING, FOOD SERVICES AND COST OF LIVING

AUB offers its students the opportunity to live in its residence halls and share a rich community life on campus. We provide quality housing facilities and services to ensure a wholesome living environment that enables students to thrive both personally and academically. Students who opt to live off campus are responsible for finding their own housing.

For more information, visit: [website.aub.edu.lb/sao/housing/Pages/index.aspx](http://website.aub.edu.lb/sao/housing/Pages/index.aspx)

<b>ON-CAMPUS STUDENT HOUSING</b>	<a href="http://aub.edu.lb/SAO/housing/Pages/default.aspx">aub.edu.lb/SAO/housing/Pages/default.aspx</a>
<b>CHECKING IN AND DROP OFF LOCATIONS</b>	<p>Students rooming on campus should request to be dropped off at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ AUB Bliss Gate: men’s dorms</li> <li>▶ AUB Sea Gate: women’s dorms</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://aub.edu.lb/protection/Pages/Gates.aspx">aub.edu.lb/protection/Pages/Gates.aspx</a></p>
<b>AUB CAMPUS MAP</b>	<p><a href="http://aub.edu.lb/facilities/fpdu/Documents/CampusBuildings/Campus%20Administrative%20Building%20(CAB).pdf">aub.edu.lb/facilities/fpdu/Documents/CampusBuildings/Campus%20Administrative%20Building%20(CAB).pdf</a></p>
<b>ON-CAMPUS HOUSING APPLICATION AND PAYMENT</b>	<p>Application Steps:  <a href="http://aub.edu.lb/SAO/housing/Pages/default.aspx">aub.edu.lb/SAO/housing/Pages/default.aspx</a>            Payment of the confirmation fee and submission of the enrollment form <b>MUST BE COMPLETED</b> before applying for student housing.</p>
<b>VISA AND RESIDENCE PERMITS</b>	<p>Students who do not hold a Lebanese passport and plan to spend one or two terms in Lebanon can obtain a six-month multiple entry visa from the Lebanese embassy in their country of residence.</p> <p>Students who entered Lebanon on a one-month visa issued upon arrival at Beirut Rafic Hariri International Airport must apply for a six-month visa extension covering their period of study at AUB. All students must leave the country before their visa expires or apply for an extension to cover their stay.</p> <p>For more information, visit:  <a href="http://aub.edu.lb/oip/internationals/Pages/residencepermit.aspx">aub.edu.lb/oip/internationals/Pages/residencepermit.aspx</a></p>
<b>OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING</b>	<p>Off-campus housing is plentiful in the neighborhood surrounding the university (Hamra), as well as in up-and-coming neighborhoods such as Ain Mreisseh, Achrafiyeh, and Gemmayzeh.</p> <p>Although it is difficult to finalize housing before arriving in Beirut, most visiting students find housing within a few days of their arrival.</p> <p>The most effective way to find roommates is via Facebook. Below are some of the Facebook sites in Beirut:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>AUB Off Campus Housing and Roommate Search</b> Send an email to <a href="mailto:oip@aub.edu.lb">oip@aub.edu.lb</a> if you would like to be added to this group</li> <li>▶ <b>Apartments in Beirut (for renters and rentees)</b> These websites also give an idea of the price of renting rooms in Beirut (currently around \$500 a month for a flat share in Hamra). We advise students not to finalize housing before visiting the rooms.</li> </ul>
<b>ON-CAMPUS FOOD SERVICES</b>	<p>There are three cafeterias on campus. Students can purchase a prepaid meal card and use it to purchase meals until their credit runs out. All three cafeterias serve three meals a day. Students who use the cafeterias might pay between \$500–\$1,500 per term depending on preference.</p>

<b>RESTAURANTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD</b>	In addition to the campus cafeterias, there are a variety of restaurants facing AUB on Bliss Street and throughout Hamra and Greater Beirut
<b>COST OF LIVING</b>	<a href="http://aub.edu.lb/oip/internationals/Documents/Cost-Of-Living-In-Beirut.pdf">aub.edu.lb/oip/internationals/Documents/Cost-Of-Living-In-Beirut.pdf</a>



## MEDICAL INSURANCE

All exchange students are required to purchase the HIP regardless whether they have another insurance coverage. ALL students are expected to purchase travel/health insurance until they become enrolled in HIP.

<b>HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN DETAILS</b>	Please visit the HIP website for details: <a href="http://aub.edu.lb/benefits/Pages/Student_Health_Insurance_Plan.aspx">aub.edu.lb/benefits/Pages/Student_Health_Insurance_Plan.aspx</a>
<b>COST</b>	Students who register at the beginning of the fall term for the full academic year will be covered by HIP for 12 months, provided they remain enrolled (i.e., they do not graduate and are not suspended and/or expelled from the university). The HIP fees are \$392 per year.

# STUDENT SERVICES

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON STUDENT SERVICES, VISIT:

<b>CHARLES W. HOSTLER HEALTH AND FITNESS CENTER</b>	<a href="http://aub.edu.lb/SAO/sports/Pages/CHSC.aspx">aub.edu.lb/SAO/sports/Pages/CHSC.aspx</a>
<b>STUDENT ACTIVITIES</b>	<a href="http://aub.edu.lb/SAO/activities/Pages/default.aspx">aub.edu.lb/SAO/activities/Pages/default.aspx</a>
<b>COUNSELING CENTER</b>	<a href="http://aub.edu.lb/SAO/Pages/Counseling-Center.aspx">aub.edu.lb/SAO/Pages/Counseling-Center.aspx</a>
<b>AUB MEDICAL CENTER</b>	<a href="http://aubmc.org">aubmc.org</a>
<b>UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES</b>	<a href="http://aub.edu.lb/fm/Familymedicine/Pages/Clinical-Services.aspx">aub.edu.lb/fm/Familymedicine/Pages/Clinical-Services.aspx</a>
<b>STUDENT COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE FEES AND PAYMENTS</b>	<a href="http://aub.edu.lb/comptroller">aub.edu.lb/comptroller</a>
<b>SAFETY SECURITY INFORMATION</b>	<a href="http://aub.edu.lb/facilities/ehsrn/Pages/default.aspx">aub.edu.lb/facilities/ehsrn/Pages/default.aspx</a>

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Winter hours: Monday–Friday | 8:00 AM–1:00 PM and 2:00–5:00 PM  
Summer hours: Monday–Friday | 7:30 AM–3:00 PM  
(Closed on weekends and national holidays)

### WEBSITES

The American University of Beirut: [www.aub.edu.lb](http://www.aub.edu.lb)  
Office of International Programs: [www.aub.edu.lb/oip/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.aub.edu.lb/oip/Pages/default.aspx)