



AMERICAN
UNIVERSITY
OF BEIRUT

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

PRE-ARRIVAL CHECKLIST FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

| SPRING 2025-26



DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS

FOR EACH ITEM ARE IN THE APPROPRIATE SECTION OF THE ACCEPTED STUDENTS WEBPAGE

RESPOND TO YOUR OFFER

- ▶ Submit all required documents to the Office of Admissions by the assigned deadline.
- ▶ Confirm your enrollment with the Office of Admissions. Refer to your acceptance email for detailed instructions.
- ▶ If you are a degree-seeking student, depending on your nationality and the country you studied in prior to coming to the American University of Beirut (AUB), you can find the mandatory requirements in the FAQ document posted on the Admissions website, as set by the Lebanese Ministry of Education by following the [link here](#). Fulfilling these requirements is crucial for obtaining your degree and avoiding issues later with the Ministry of Education upon graduation.

ACCEPTANCE EMAIL

Carry a copy of your acceptance email in your hand luggage when you travel to Lebanon and AUB. Do not pack this letter in your suitcase. The acceptance email will serve as identification when arriving at Beirut Airport and entering the campus gates, and is needed for certain placement tests and registration.



HEALTH

- ▶ COVID-19 vaccines are not mandatory prior to arrival in Lebanon. However, it is still recommended that you get the vaccine prior to your departure from your home country. You can receive the vaccine at the American University of Beirut Medical Center (AUBMC) post-arrival as well.
- ▶ Obtain travel insurance that also covers COVID-19 medical cases in Lebanon.
- ▶ Visit your doctor or family medicine practitioner in your home country and obtain the vaccinations required in accordance with this **Medical Form**.
- ▶ Submit your medical record ONLINE to the **Department of Family Medicine**. For questions related to the medical form or vaccinations, contact Rita Doudakian at rd01@aub.edu.lb
- ▶ Exchange students are automatically enrolled in AUB's Health Insurance Plan (HIP) at a cost of about \$294 (fees subject to change). HIP policy requires that you register for at least 2 courses or 6 credits to be eligible for health insurance coverage while studying at AUB.
- ▶ All students eligible to enroll in AUB's HIP should be aware that it will only come into effect AFTER you settle your fees. We therefore recommend that you obtain travel insurance to cover you during this gap period.

TRAVEL

- ▶ Your passport MUST be valid for a minimum of ONE YEAR.
- ▶ Make sure your passport does NOT include visa stamps from "Israel", OR stamps from "Israeli" land-border posts in Jordan or Egypt, or you may be denied entry to Lebanon. You should also keep in mind that if you were born in Occupied Palestine, you could face a delay at the airport.
- ▶ Stay up to date with academic announcements by regularly checking the **Announcements** webpage and **Accepted Students** webpage.
- ▶ You should plan to arrive to Beirut a few days prior to the International Student Welcome Day.
- ▶ Before arriving in Lebanon, register with the embassy of your country of origin. In most cases, this can be done online. Here is a **list of embassies** and consulates for your reference.
- ▶ If you need a visa to enter Lebanon, visit this **page** for information on visas to Lebanon.
- ▶ If you would like assistance arranging transportation from the airport to campus, fill out this **form** by Sunday, December 21, 2025.
- ▶ Information on airport transport can be found in our **Off-campus Guide** and **Accepted Students webpage here**.
- ▶ Pack appropriate clothes for the weather in Lebanon. You will be in Beirut during winter and spring seasons. Refer to our **Off-Campus Guide** for more information.



HOUSING

- ▶ For safety reasons, on-campus housing capacity will be limited. More information on AUB student housing is available [here](#).
- ▶ If you wish to live in AUB dorms, reach out to our housing team by emailing Nisrin Abou Fakher at na84@aub.edu.lb and Nisrine Fattouh at nf07@aub.edu.lb. See **Student Housing Facilities Application** and the **Guidelines for Housing Application** for more information and instructions on how to apply.
- ▶ Consistently check the **Student Housing website** for any updates regarding check-in dates, procedures, and any revised policies. Should you have any concerns or questions, feel free to reach out to the **Student Housing Team**.
- ▶ Check out our OIP Dorm Tour **Videos** or refer to the Off-Campus Guide on the **Accepted** webpage for off-campus housing options.


ACADEMICS

- ▶ Check the full list of courses offered per term by regularly checking the **Dynamic Course Schedule**.
- ▶ Refer to the following **video playlist**, which serves as a user guide for all new international students. Make sure to watch all videos to learn how to manage your AUBsis, AUBnet account, and other services.

ORIENTATION WEEK

The New Student Orientation Program managed by the Office of Student Affairs at AUB will be held in a hybrid format. This program will include New Student Pre-orientation material, which will be available starting December 18, 2025. As a new international student, you should attend the International Student Welcome Day, organized by the Office of International Programs, on January 5, 2026.

To register for the International Student Welcome Day, please follow the steps below:

- Step 1:** Log in to the **Student Portal** 
- Step 2:** Scroll down to the event section
- Step 3:** Click on January 5 on the calendar
- Step 4:** Click on the link titled International Student Welcome Day
- Step 5:** Fill out the form and submit

TUITION FEES FOR NEW STUDENTS

- ▶ Visiting students (non-exchange) and degree-seeking students will be issued a statement of fees after the registration period. The statement of fees includes tuition and miscellaneous fees.
- ▶ Exchange students will not be required to pay AUB tuition fees. However, they are responsible for settling the miscellaneous fees. For a breakdown of the fees, refer to this [page](#).

