

# American University of Beirut



## 2009–10 Application for Admission to PhD Programs

Dear Applicant,

We are pleased that you plan to apply for our PhD programs at the American University of Beirut and hope that you will find the application process a relatively straightforward one.

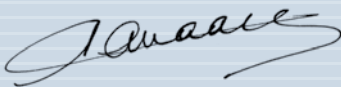
There are several important aspects of our admissions procedures to which I would like to call your attention:

- The deadlines for applying, the dates by which students are notified of admission, and the date by which students must accept admission that are detailed on the "Instructions for Applying" on the facing page.
- Students who decide to enroll will be asked to make a commitment to enroll by an earlier date.

Let me call your special attention to the Admissions section in the 2007-08 Graduate Catalogue, and to the PhD Program section for the faculty and department to which you intend to apply.

We look forward to receiving your application. Please do not hesitate to write or call the Office of Admissions with any questions you may have about applying or your preparation for admission.

Sincerely,



Salim Kanaan, PhD  
Director of Admissions

## Graduate Facts

- The American University of Beirut (AUB) offers over sixty Master's degrees and other graduate diplomas in six faculties. The Master's degrees offered are: Master of Arts (MA), Master of Business Administration (MBA), Master of Engineering (MEN), Master of Engineering Management (MEM), Master of Mechanical Engineering (MME), Master of Environmental Sciences (MSES), Master of Urban Design (MUDS), Master of Urban Planning (MUPL), Master of Public Health (MPH), and Master of Science (MS).
- The first Master's degree was awarded by AUB in 1906; by the end of 2008, 9,350 Master's degrees would have been awarded.
- AUB awarded its first PhD in 1966; since then, 94 PhDs have been awarded. PhD programs currently offered are:
  - Arabic Language and Literature
  - Cell and Molecular Biology
  - Civil Engineering
  - Electrical and Computer Engineering
  - Environmental and Water Resources Engineering
  - Mechanical Engineering
  - Theoretical Physics
  - Arab and Middle Eastern History
- About 1,323 students (18% of total enrollment), including medical students, are enrolled in graduate programs at AUB in the 2007–08 academic year.

## Checklist

Please make sure that all the following items are sent to the Office of Admissions by the required deadline. Your application will not be reviewed until all of the following items have been received:

- Application for PhD programs (Form 4-four pages)
- Photocopy of applicant's identity card or passport
- One recent, passport-size colored photograph
- Official transcript of college or university records (to be sent directly to AUB)
- Three recommendation(s) (Form 5) as required for each major (to be sent directly to AUB)
- The official GRE results
- Written statement of purpose
- A portfolio (if available)
- A non-refundable application fee of LL75,000 or \$50. Applicants who send their applications by mail should include a check payable to the American University of Beirut. Do not send cash. Applicants who hand-deliver their applications should pay the fee at the Cashier's Office located on the first floor of College Hall.

When you are admitted to AUB you will receive an enrollment confirmation form with your letter of admission. To indicate your intention to enroll, you will be asked to return this form by a specified deadline.

Please call, write, or e-mail the Office of Admissions if you have any questions about the application procedures or the status of your application

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## AUB Facts

### Accreditation

The degrees of the American University of Beirut are officially registered with the Ministry of Higher Education in Lebanon and at the Board of Education of the State of New York. AUB has institutional accreditation from the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, Philadelphia, USA.

### Campus

- 80 buildings, including a medical center, four libraries, three museums, six dormitories
- 73 acres, including athletic fields, numerous gardens

### Students

- About 7,303 graduate and undergraduate students, representing nearly sixty seven countries
- Percent: male 46%, female 54%

### Faculty

- Number of faculty members: 635
- Student/faculty ratio: 11/1
- Most faculty members have their highest degrees from leading institutions in the United States, Europe, and the Middle East

### Programs

- AUB offers more than 100 undergraduate and graduate programs in six faculties
  - Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences
  - Faculty of Arts and Sciences
  - Suliman S. Olayan School of Business
  - Faculty of Engineering and Architecture
  - Faculty of Health Sciences
  - Faculty of Medicine/School of Nursing

### Financial Support

Applicants to the PhD programs may apply for a PhD graduate assistantship. This assistantship is awarded on the basis of academic qualifications and the needs of the departments. It may include up to a full tuition waiver and a stipend of up to \$1000 a month for up to two semesters and a summer (12 months). Recipients are expected to assist in either research or teaching as part of their assistantships.

### Alumni

- Number of living alumni: 43,000 residing in approximately ninety countries around the world, most in the Middle East.
- AUB alumni hold leadership positions in education, government, banking, business, engineering, science, and medicine. They have served as cabinet ministers, members of parliament, governors of central banks, diplomats, CEOs, and university presidents.



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