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Admission to AUB

The American University of Beirut seeks students of sound character who have demonstrated academic achievement and promise. The University admits students regardless of race, color, religion, gender, disability or national origin.

While it attracts students from more than sixty countries from around the world, AUB serves primarily applicants from Lebanon, the Arab world and other countries of 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.

As the language of instruction is English, command of the language, both oral and written, is essential to every student's success in his or her study program.

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.



Admission to Undergraduate Study

Students may apply for admission to AUB's four-year undergraduate program as freshmen, sophomores or transfers in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and as First Year Professional (FYP) or transfer students in all the other faculties. They may apply for entrance in the fall semester or in the spring semester.

Admissions decisions are made on completed applications on the basis of the student's academic record and SAT I results. Children of university alumni and staff are given special consideration. Such factors as geographic distribution and character may also be considered. The decisions are made by the Unified Admission Committee and students are chosen from among the most promising of the eligible applicants and up to the limits of space available.

Academic Requirements and Records

The level and type of secondary preparation a student has determines the class to which he/she may apply and be admitted. The academic requirements for applying as a freshman, as a sophomore/FYP or transfer are summarized below. For a chart detailing all the possibilities, see below and the Admissions section of the 2008–09 Catalogue.

For Freshman Applicants

All applicants to the freshman class should hold a secondary school certificate based on 12 years of schooling starting with Elementary I, awarded by either governments or private schools recognized by the University. The University does not recognize high school diplomas or certificates based on less than 12 years of schooling starting with grade one. The Lebanese Baccalaureate Part I and the GCE Ordinary Level certificate alone do not admit to the University at any level.

Applicants for the freshman class who completed exams in courses taken at the Advanced Level while in secondary school (such as Advanced Placement, Higher Level International Baccalaureate, or Advanced Level in the GCE program) may be given Advanced Placement and/or freshman credit for high grades in specific subjects, subject to the approval of the academic department concerned.

Lebanese applicants to the freshman class must obtain, prior to registration at the University, "permission" from the Equivalence Committee of the Lebanese Ministry of Education allowing them to pursue their higher education on the basis of a foreign (non-Lebanese) program. To obtain this permission, an applicant will need evidence of having lived and studied outside Lebanon for no less than 2 years at the secondary level, or not less than 3 years at the elementary and/or intermediate level(s). Once permission is obtained, students admitted to the University are entitled, upon completion of the freshman class, to have their freshman year equated by the Equivalence Committee to the Lebanese Baccalaureate Part II. To advance to the sophomore class or the equivalent classes in the other faculties, a Lebanese student must produce evidence of having received the Lebanese Baccalaureate part II or its equivalent.

In addition to obtaining the above "permission," the Lebanese government requires (for the purpose of equating the freshman year to the Lebanese Baccalaureate Part II), that Lebanese applicants to the freshman class take, in addition to the SAT I (see below), the SAT II in three subjects, and must obtain a minimum total score (SAT I + SAT II) of 2850 points for the science track and a minimum total of 2750 points for the Arts track. For details, see the 2008–09 Catalogue.

Note—Students admitted to the University as non-Lebanese will not be permitted to change their nationality to Lebanese in the university records unless they had already fulfilled the requirements for admission of Lebanese students at the time of admission to the University.

For Sophomore/First Year Professional Applicants

Applicants who hold the Lebanese Baccaalaureate Part II or the French Baccaalaureate may apply to the sophomore class in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences or to the equivalent classes in the other faculties. They may not apply to the freshman class.

Applicants who hold the International Baccaalaureate Diploma, the German Abitur or the GCE in the required subjects (a minimum of 5 different subjects at least two of which are at the Advanced Level, not including Arabic) may apply to either freshman, sophomore or equivalent classes.

For Transfer Applicants

Students from recognized institutions of higher education who have completed a class equivalent to the freshman class at AUB and who completed the equivalent of all requirements for admission to AUB's freshman class, prior to their admission to the university from which they wish to transfer, may apply for transfer to the sophomore or First Year Professional level of any of the faculties. Each faculty has special criteria for the admission of transfer applicants as described in the admission and introductory sections on each faculty in the 2008–09 Catalogue.

Transfer applicants to the junior or senior classes in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences or to the second or third years of the other faculties should consult the appropriate faculty sections of the catalogue, taking particular note of the residence requirement of that faculty.

Transfer applicants need to submit the syllabi of the courses for which they expect to receive credit at AUB together with the application form **before April 30**. Deadline for receipt of additional/missing syllabi is **May 30**, date after which no equivalence will be given for courses.

Transfer credit for courses comparable to AUB courses that have been satisfactorily completed at other institutions will be given pending review by the relevant departments.

The SAT Requirement

SAT I is required of all undergraduate applicants except junior and senior transfer students. It is the responsibility of applicants to register for, and take, the required SAT I by

- **November 2008**, for applicants to the spring semester of 2008–09;
- **December 2008**, for applicants to the fall semester of 2009–10; and
- **November 2009**, for applicants for the spring semester of 2009–10

For students taking the SAT I more than once and for the purpose of admission, the highest score of each of the critical reading and mathematical reasoning sections will be considered.

Note—Lebanese applicants to the freshman class are required by the Lebanese Ministry of Education to take both SAT I and SAT II.

Students can register for the SAT by visiting the College Board website at <http://www.collegeboard.org> or writing to The College Board, PO Box 6200, Princeton, NJ 08541-6200 USA. In Lebanon, contact AMIDEAST. When registering for the SAT I applicants should enter AUB's code, 0902, and ask the Educational Testing Service (ETS) to send the scores directly to the Office of Admissions.

The **deadline to register** for the SAT I and II is approximately 5 weeks before the test date. Stand-by registration is available for those who miss the registration deadline, but an additional fee is charged by ETS to process late registrations.

SAT I test dates

October 4, 2008
November 1, 2008
December 6, 2008

Registration deadlines

August 26, 2008
September 10, 2008
October 15, 2008

The English Language Proficiency Requirement (ELPR)

All students must demonstrate, prior to enrollment at AUB, a level of English proficiency consistent with the demands of a program carried on almost exclusively in English. This may be done by earning a minimum score on any of these tests:

Test	Undergraduate Students (Freshman, Sophomore, FYP, Transfers)
SAT I (writing section)	380
TOEFL (computer-based)	230
TOEFL (paper and pencil)	573
TOEFL (internet-based)	88
EEE (taken at AUB)	500
IELTS	7.0

The **TOEFL** (the Test of English as a Foreign Language) is available in most countries only as a computer-based test (CBT). In Lebanon, this test is given by AMIDEAST every day, Monday–Friday throughout the year and on the second Saturday of each month. For more information, contact the AMIDEAST website at <http://www.amideast.org> or refer to TOEFL website at <http://www.toefl.org> TOEFL should be taken as early as possible and not later than two months before enrolling at AUB.

The **EEE** (English Entrance Examination) is given at AUB in November, January, March, May, July and September of each year. For more information, contact the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment at www.aub.edu.lb/research.

A student admitted to any faculty at AUB who has not met the English Language Proficiency Requirement before enrollment will be asked to take **the Intensive English Course (IEC)** given by the Department of English in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. The IEC is designed to prepare students for successful performance in the regular university program; students enrolled in IEC may register for one or two regular university courses at the same time, thus earning credits toward the degree at the same time as they are achieving the level of English needed to enroll in a regular program. Such courses might include Arabic, mathematics, statistics or computer literacy courses at a level appropriate to a student's preparation. For details, see the 2008–09 Catalogue.

Admission Programs

AUB offers two admission programs for undergraduate students

Early Admission

The Early Admission Program is designed for applicants for the fall semester only who can complete their applications by the early **deadline of November 30, 2008**, who rank in the top 40% of their class in each of the last two years prior to application, and maintain a minimum SAT I score as follows:

Applying to	Minimum total SAT I
Freshman year	1050
Sophomore Arts and Nursing	1100
Sophomore Sciences	
Sophomore Business	
First year Graphic Design	
First year all faculties except Engineering and Architecture	1200
First year Engineering and Architecture	1250

Decisions on early admission applications are made by the end of **January**, and students will be asked to make an enrollment commitment with a non-refundable deposit of LL450,000 (\$300) by **June 30**. The applications of students who apply for but are not granted early admission will be placed in the pool of all other regular applicants to the same level and faculty and will be given equal consideration.

Regular Admission

Applicants for regular admission may apply for either the fall semester or the spring semester.

The deadlines for applying are January 15 for the fall semester and November 30 for the spring semester.

Decisions for fall are sent by the end of April and students are expected to make a commitment to enroll together with a non-refundable tuition deposit of LL450,000 (\$300) by **June 30**. Decisions for the spring semester are sent in January.

Application Procedures

To apply to AUB, students should complete and make sure that the application forms and all other items listed below reach the Office of Admissions by the required deadlines

- undergraduate admission application (form 1- 4 pages)
- photocopy of identity card or passport
- recent passport-size color photo
- freshman or sophomore/FYP/Transfer statement (form 2a or 2b)
- school and/or university record (form 3)
- SAT I scores
- non-refundable application fee of LL75,000 (\$50 or the equivalent)

Application Deadlines

Applying for	Deadline
early admission for fall semester 2009–10	November 30, 2008
regular admission for fall semester 2009–10	January 15, 2009
regular admission for spring semester 2009–10	November 30, 2009

Deferred Enrollment

Undergraduate applicants who are offered admission for the fall semester and who do not register for that semester may be eligible for admission as regular or special students to the spring semester of the same academic year pending availability of places. A petition should be submitted at the Office of Admissions by **December 15** of that academic year.

Tuition, Fees and Other Expenses

Tuition for the academic year 2008–09 (two semesters) ranges from LL14,710,000 (\$9,754) to LL20,340,000 (\$13,480) depending upon the faculty. Additional university fees for an academic year, including hospital insurance for 12 months, total about \$410. The cost of books, supplies and incidentals varies widely, with an average of about \$2,500 per year. The cost of room and board in a residence hall and the University's cafeteria is estimated at \$6,000–\$9,000 for the academic year, depending on type of room and individual taste.

Payment of Fees

The statement of fees for tuition and other university charges is issued directly to students at the beginning of each semester. Payment is made during the following week or under a special deferred payment plan.

Merit Scholarships

Each year AUB awards full-tuition merit scholarships to ten new undergraduates with outstanding academic qualifications. Merit scholarships are awarded to newly admitted undergraduate students on the basis of academic achievement and promise alone. No application for financial aid is required. Awards are renewable for each undergraduate year provided that the student maintains a minimum cumulative 85% average.

Financial Aid

In 2007–08 approximately 43% of undergraduate students hold financial aid in the form of need-based scholarships. **Scholarships** are awarded on the dual basis of need first and academic record second and range from about 10% to 65% of tuition. About 9% of undergraduates participate in the **Work-Study Program**, working up to 20 hours per week to help pay for their expenses and gaining valuable work experience at the same time.

Applications for financial aid should be filed by February 2 for students applying for the academic year 2009–10. Awards are made and announced by early June and are applied against the tuition charges issued in the statement of fees at the beginning of the fall semester.

The application for financial aid and further information about AUB's financial aid program are available at

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Certificate, Class and Examination Chart

Certificate

Class and department to which the certificate admits

High school diploma or secondary school leaving certificate, based on at least twelve years of schooling starting with Elementary I class.

Freshman or Nursing I

Students with high grades on certain Advanced Placement (AP) examinations of the College Board may apply for freshman course credit in those subjects.

Government secondary certificates (literary or scientific), including the German Abitur and the Diplôme d'Études Collégiales (DEC) based on two years of the CEGEP program.

Freshman or Nursing I

Students who successfully complete the freshman class are promoted to the sophomore class in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences or may seek admission to the equivalent classes in other faculties. These equivalent classes are the first year in the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, the first year in the Suliman S. Olayan School of Business, the first year in the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, the first year in the Faculty of Health Sciences and the second year in the School of Nursing. Students admitted to the freshman class are urged to consult with their advisers to familiarize themselves with the requirements for admission to the majors offered by various faculties of the University.

Government secondary certificates qualify the holder for admission to the sophomore class in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and to equivalent classes in the other faculties as follows:

Literary

All sophomore majors in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Health Sciences I⁴, Nursing II, Agriculture I², School of Business¹, Graphic Design I, Engineering I³, or Architecture I³

Scientific

All sophomore majors¹ in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and the equivalent classes in the other faculties

Lebanese or French Baccalaureate
(Literature and humanities; sociology and economics)

All sophomore majors in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Health Sciences I⁴, Nursing II, Agriculture I², School of Business¹, Graphic Design I, Engineering I³, or Architecture I³

Lebanese or French Baccalaureate
(General sciences; life sciences)

All sophomore majors¹ in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and the equivalent classes in the other faculties

General Certificate of Education (GCE) and Oxford or Cambridge Higher Certificate

A total of five different subjects are required, at least two of which are at Advanced Level. Arabic at Advanced Level is not counted as one of the two required subjects at Advanced Level. The GCE advanced supplementary subjects are not recognized for the purpose of admission. A GCE certificate based only on O-Level subjects does not admit to the University at any level. Holders of the GCE certificate with subjects as specified above may apply for admission to the freshman class. If they choose to do so, they may be given freshman credits for courses equivalent to A level subjects in which they received high scores.

Holders of the GCE certificate as specified above may apply for admission to the sophomore class in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and to the equivalent classes in the other faculties, in the manner indicated below:

For those who followed the literary track

All sophomore majors¹ in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Health Sciences I⁴, Nursing II, Agriculture I², School of Business¹, Graphic Design I, Engineering I³ or Architecture I³

For those who followed the scientific track

All sophomore majors¹ in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Graphic Design I, Nursing II, School of Business¹

Applicants to Health Sciences I and Agriculture I must pass math and chemistry at Advanced Level

Applicants to Engineering I or Architecture I must pass math and physics at Advanced Level

Applicants to the sophomore sciences class in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences must pass math at Advanced Level and another science subject according to their major field of study as indicated below, or take freshman level courses or their equivalents

Certificate (GCE continued)

Class and department to which the certificate admits

Departmental Requirements

Must take the following GCE subjects at Advanced Level (or freshman equivalents):

- Math and Biology
- Math and Chemistry
- Math and Physics
- Math and Physics
- Math and one from Biology, Chemistry, or Physics

Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Computer Science
Geology, Math, Petroleum Studies, or Statistics

International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB)

Six different subjects are required:

Three at Higher Level (HL) and 3 at Standard Level (SL).

For admission to the freshman class:

A combination of 3 HL and 3 SL that includes one of the following mathematical studies, math methods, or math HL.

Freshman or Nursing I

Admission to the freshman class is a choice that can be exercised by the applicant. Freshman credits may be given for courses equivalent to those earned in the diploma. Holders of the IB diploma may apply for admission to the **sophomore class** in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and to equivalent classes in the other faculties in the manner indicated below.

For those who followed the literary track

All sophomore majors¹ in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Health Sciences I⁴, Nursing II, Agriculture I², School of Business¹, Graphic Design I, Engineering I³ or Architecture I³

For those who followed the scientific track

All sophomore majors¹ in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Graphic Design I, Nursing II, School of Business¹

Biology at HL plus Math Methods (SL) or Math HL

Biology

Chemistry at HL plus Math Methods (SL) or Math HL

Chemistry

Physics at HL plus Math Methods (SL) or Math HL

Physics or Computer Science

One from Biology, Chemistry, or Physics, plus Math Methods (SL) or Math HL

Computer Science, Geology, Math, Petroleum Studies, or Statistics

Physics at HL plus Math HL

Engineering I or Architecture I

Chemistry at HL, plus Math Methods (SL) or Math HL

Agriculture I, HS I, or Nursing II

- 1 Students who hold the Lebanese or French Baccalaureate (literature and humanities or sociology and economics) or a government secondary school certificate, or a certificate or diploma considered by the University to be equivalent to such Baccalaureates (literature and humanities or sociology and economics), may be required to take additional freshman level courses in mathematics and sciences pertaining to their majors in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, namely sciences and economics, or in the Suliman S. Olayan School of Business.
- 2 Students who hold the Lebanese or French Baccalaureate (literature and humanities or sociology and economics) or a government secondary school certificate, or a certificate or diploma considered by the University to be equivalent to such Baccalaureates (literature and humanities or sociology and economics), may seek admission to the first year in the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences provided they take the following additional courses: CHEM 101 and MATH 203 for agriculture and food sciences and management students; CHEM 101 for nutrition students; and CHEM 200 and MATH 203 for landscape design and eco-management students.
- 3 Students who hold the Lebanese or French Baccalaureate (literature and humanities or sociology and economics) or a government secondary school certificate, or a certificate or diploma considered by the University to be equivalent to such Baccalaureates (literature and humanities or sociology and economics), may seek admission to any of the four engineering majors or to architecture after they complete a minimum of 6 credits of freshman level mathematics and a minimum of 9 credits of freshman level natural sciences as students in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. This minimum credit requirement is waived for students who hold the Lebanese Baccalaureate in sociology and economics and are seeking admission to architecture, if they had completed their Première year (old Baccalaureate Part I) in sciences.
- 4 Students who hold the Lebanese or French Baccalaureate (literature and humanities or sociology and economics) or a government secondary school certificate, or a certificate or diploma considered by the University to be equivalent to such Baccalaureates (literature and humanities or sociology and economics), may seek admission to the first year in the Faculty of Health Sciences provided they take the following additional courses: CHEM 200 and MATH 203 for literature and humanities students; only CHEM 200 for sociology and economics students.