

# American University of Beirut



2010-11  
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 2009–10 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 2009, 9,698 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 1,347 students (18% of total enrollment), including medical students, were enrolled in graduate programs at AUB in the 2008–09 academic year.

## Instructions for Applying to PhD Programs

To be eligible for admission to the PhD program, an applicant must hold a Master's degree preceded by a Bachelor's degree and a secondary school certificate recognized by the Lebanese Ministry of Education as equivalent to the Lebanese Baccalaureate Part II, and recognized by the University. The applicant must also have an outstanding cumulative average, acceptable to the appropriate faculty graduate committee. Applicants other than AUB graduates must meet the **English Language Proficiency Requirement (ELPR)** described in the 2009–10 Graduate Catalogue.

A student may apply to one major only by completing just one application form Form 4, with supporting materials as outlined below. The application fee is LL75,000 or \$50.

### Deadlines for Receiving Applications for Admission/Notification Dates

Applications for admission to PhD programs should be sent to the Office of Admissions as early as possible, and not later than the deadlines stated below.

For admission to	Deadline	Notification Date
Fall semester of the academic year 2010–11	April 30, 2010	By end of June 2010
Spring semester of the academic year 2010–11	November 1, 2010	By end of December 2010

A complete application includes the following items:

#### 1. The Application Form (Form 4) to be sent along with

- a recent passport size color photograph of the applicant
- a photocopy of the applicant's identity card or passport
- an application fee of LL75,000 or \$50 or the equivalent

Please make sure to list clear and valid contact address(es), number(s), or e-mail(s) as the department(s) concerned will be contacting you for a possible interview.

#### 2. Official transcripts of college or university records

#### 3. Three recommendations (Form 5) for the major applied. Please make as many copies of the Form 5 found in this booklet as you will need to provide to those making your recommendations.

#### 4. Official results of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE\*) General Test for all programs in addition to the GRE Subject Tests for applicants to the PhD program in Cell and Molecular Biology or in Theoretical Physics. It is essential that an applicant's test results reach the Office of Admissions by the deadlines specified above.

#### 5. Written statement of purpose

#### 6. A portfolio

#### 7. Please refer to <http://www.aub.edu.lb/provost/phdProgramsAUB/Pages/index.aspx> for detailed information about the specific requirements of each program.

\* The GRE General and Subject Tests are computer-based tests given by appointment at AMIDEAST–Lebanon (and at many other locations from Monday to Friday throughout the year. GRE bulletins are available at all AMIDEAST offices.

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## Application for Admission to the PhD Program

### To the applicant

Please consult the list of AUB program codes listed below before completing this section of the application. Then enter the program code for your choice of major.

	Major code	Semester applying for	
Doctoral Program in Arabic Language and Literature	PHD-ARLL	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring
Doctoral Program in Cell and Molecular Biology	PHD-CMBL	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall	N/A Spring
Doctoral Program in Civil Engineering	PHD-ECIV	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring
Doctoral Program in Electrical and Computer Engineering	PHD-EECE	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring
Doctoral Program in Environmental and Water Resources Engineering	PHD-EWRE	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring
Doctoral Program in Mechanical Engineering	PHD-EMCH	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring
Doctoral Program in Arab and Middle Eastern History	PHD-AMEH	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall	N/A Spring
Doctoral Program in Theoretical Physics	PHD-TPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall	N/A Spring

You are allowed to apply to one choice of program only.

Major Code: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Full legal name: Mr./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle (or father's name) Suffix (Jr., Sr.)

In Arabic: (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
[Full name as it appears on passport or identity card]

2. Mother's full maiden name: \_\_\_\_\_  
In English

3. Maiden name for married women applicants (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

4. Current mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
mandatory Building [Complete address is mandatory: PO Box alone is not sufficient]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street PO Box (not AUB box)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mohafazat (County) City State Zip Code Country

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Cell

5. Permanent address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Building [Complete this item only if different from address in no. 5]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street PO Box (not AUB box)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mohafazat (County) City State Zip Code Country

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Cell

6. Email address, if available: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_  
Login Name

7. Gender:  Male  Female

8. Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., 27-JUN-1972)  
Day Month Year

9. Citizenship:  Lebanese  Other, \_\_\_\_\_  
specify

10. Country of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_  
[as on Passport or ID card provided with this form]

11. Passport information, if available:  
Passport no.: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

12. Marital status:  Single  Married  Other, \_\_\_\_\_  
specify

13. List the full name(s) of mother, father, grandparent(s) who graduated from AUB:

Full name	Relationship to you	Degree	Year of graduation
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

14. List the full name(s) of mother, father, grandparent(s) currently employed by AUB:

Full name	Relationship to you	Department	ID Number
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

15. How do you expect to meet the cost of tuition and other expenses? Check all that apply:

Myself  Sponsor  Other, \_\_\_\_\_  
specify

Name and address of sponsor:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

16. Will you be applying for financial support from AUB?  Yes  No

17. Government secondary school certificate (or high school diploma) held. Please indicate type of certificate (e.g., literary, scientific).

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and type of certificate in English / Date received

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and type of certificate in Arabic (if applicable) / Date received

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
If Advanced Level GCE, IB, or Advanced Placement, please specify subjects passed, level, and dates.

18. List all colleges/universities attended with the dates of attendance:



24. Have you previously applied to, been accepted, or enrolled at AUB?  Yes  No

If yes:  Applied  Accepted  Enrolled

Indicate faculty, academic year, and ID number:

Faculty \_\_\_\_\_ Academic year \_\_\_\_\_ ID number \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

25. Please give contact information (other than yours):

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Relationship  
\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
Building Street  
\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
PO Box (not AUB box) Mohafazat (County) City State Zip Code Country  
\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Fax Email

26. Do you have any physical disabilities? If yes, please describe. The information is requested only to enable the University to better serve students.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

27. Please make sure to include a statement of purpose in your application form or else your application will be considered incomplete and will not be considered.

I declare that I have read and understood the requirements and regulations stated in the university catalogue and that I will comply therewith. I certify that the information provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and accurate. I further understand that misrepresentations or material omissions made in this application render me morally and legally liable.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature in English: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature in Arabic: (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

## Recommendation for Admission to the PhD Program

### To the applicant

You are asked to submit at least **three recommendations for the major** to which you are applying.

Please make as many copies of this form as you will need; then complete this section of the form with your name and the appropriate faculty, major, and name of recommender; then give one form to each faculty member who will be recommending you, along with an envelope addressed to:

Office of Admissions  
American University of Beirut  
PO Box 11-0236  
Riad El Solh 1107 2020  
Beirut, Lebanon

Letters of recommendation should be mailed directly to AUB.

**Note:** In order to avoid misunderstandings from the use of different names, the applicant's name here should be spelled the same way as on the student's application for admission.

Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendation requested from \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Please rate the applicant's ability and scholarship in comparison with other individuals you have known at comparable stages in their academic careers.

	Outstanding	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor	Inadequate opportunity to observe
Intellectual ability						
Motivation						
Imagination and creativity						
Maturity						
Academic ability						
Research potential						
Ability to work with others						
Writing ability						
Teaching ability						

3. Please give the applicant's rank relative to his/her class (e.g., 6th in 69 or % scale): \_\_\_\_\_



# 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 email the Office of Admissions if you have any questions about the application procedures or the status of your application

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Fax: +961-1-750775  
E-mail: [admissions@aub.edu.lb](mailto:admissions@aub.edu.lb)  
[www.aub.edu.lb](http://www.aub.edu.lb)

Students living in North America may wish to correspond with AUB's New York Office:

American University of Beirut  
3 Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10017-2303  
USA

Tel: 212-583-7678  
Fax: 212-583-7650

# 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 7,560 graduate and undergraduate students, representing nearly sixty seven countries
- Percent: male 50%, female 50%

## Faculty

- Number of faculty members: 696
- Student/faculty ratio: 12/1
- 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: 53,000 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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