American University of Beirut
An Introduction
2013–14
Admission
Admission to AUB is highly competitive. Information about applying, including requirements for admission and application materials, is available on AUB’s website http://www.aub.edu.lb/admissions

New Undergraduate Application Deadlines
The deadline for applying for admission to the fall semester is February 1. The deadline for applying to the spring semester is November 30.

Calendar 2012–13
Fall semester: September 17–January 18
Spring semester: January 28–May 24
Summer session: June 3–July 26

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Alumni

- Over 54,824 alumni reside in approximately 108 countries around the world, primarily in the Middle East.
- Our graduates are prime ministers, members of parliament, ambassadors, governors of central banks, presidents and deans of colleges and universities, business people, engineers, doctors, teachers, and nurses. They work in governments, the private sector, and in nongovernmental organizations.

“My years at AUB taught me to be open to others, to appreciate differences in cultures and values and—last but not least—to analyze and critically evaluate situations.”

Mohamad Hout (BA ’84)

Campus

- 64 buildings, including 6 residence halls (in addition to one residence hall off campus within close walking distance), a medical center, four libraries, computer labs, an archaeological museum, a natural history museum, Lebanon’s only geological collection.
- 64 acres, including athletic fields, private beach, repository of native and non-native trees and shrubs, bird sanctuary.

A Community for Life

AUB encourages its students to actively participate in the communities in which they live and will return when they graduate.

“One great strength of this university is that it has never existed apart from the society in which it was founded; it draws its vigor from the vibrant city of Beirut and from the diverse peoples of Lebanon.”

President Peter Dorman, Commencement 2010
AUB Facts

AUB operates under a charter from the state of New York. It is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and is governed by a private, autonomous board of trustees.

Students (2011-12)
- 7,943 students, representing more than 76 countries
- 80% undergraduates
- 20% graduates
- 50% male, 50% female
- Citizenship: 74% Lebanese, 26% international

Faculty (2011-12)
- Number of faculty members: 817
- Student/faculty ratio: 11/1
- Most faculty members have advanced degrees from leading institutions in the United States, Europe, and the Middle East.

Degree Programs
- Over 120 undergraduate and graduate programs leading to bachelor’s, master’s, PhD, and MD degrees.
- Degrees offered: BA, BAR, BBA, BEN, BFA, BSA, BSN, BS, BSL, DIPL, MA, MBA, MD, MEN, MEM, MME, MPH, MS, MSN, MUPL MUDS, MSES, MSN, PhD, TD.

Tuition and Financial Aid
- Undergraduate tuition 2012–13: Lebanese Lira 21,540,000 (US$14,280) to Lebanese Lira 30,060,000 (US$19,920) per year depending on student’s year and major.
- In 2011–12, 37 percent of AUB students received more than US$17 million in scholarship awards ranging from 20 percent to 100 percent of tuition.
- AUB awards ten merit (academic) scholarships each year to six entering sophomore and four freshman students. All other financial aid awards are based first on financial need and then academic merit. Students who wish to be considered for financial aid must submit a separate application to the Office of Financial Aid.
- The University offers full-time students, regardless of need, an opportunity to work on campus. About 10 percent of undergraduates contribute to meeting the costs of their education in this way.
University Sports

The University supports a wide range of athletic and recreational interests. The Charles W. Hostler Student Center is a state-of-the art sport and fitness facility that includes:

- Aerobics
- AUB Beach
- Basketball Courts
- Body Building
- Fitness Area
- Green Field
- Handball Courts
- Indoor Pool
- Martial Arts
- Soccer
- Squash Courts
- Tennis Courts
- Track and Field
- Volleyball Courts
- Yoga
A Residential University

Campus Life

AUB was the first and is still one of the very few residential universities in the Middle East. Whether they live on or near the campus in Ras Beirut, AUB students attend and participate in many activities (clubs, societies, concerts, theatrical performances, special events, publications, athletics and sports, etc.). About one-fifth of all students and many faculty members and their families live on campus in university housing.

Student Activities

Students organize most activities on campus under the supervision of the Department of Student Activities. There are numerous societies and clubs on campus such as:

- Art Club
- Awareness Club
- Biology Society
- Business Society
- Camping and Hiking Club
- Chemistry Society
- Chinese Club
- Cine Club
- Civic Welfare Club
- Debate Club
- Discovery Club
- Drama Club
- Economics Society
- Environment Club
- Jordanian Club
- Latino Dance Club
- Music Club
- Palestinian Club
- Photography Club
- Red Cross Club
- Syrian Cultural Club
- UNESCO Club
Academic Centers and Institutes

- Agricultural Research and Education Center (AREC)
- Center for Advanced Mathematical Sciences (CAMS)
- Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies (CAMES)
- Center for Behavioral Research (CBR)
- Center for Civic Engagement and Community Services (CCECS)
- Center for English Language Research and Teaching (CELRT)
- Center for Research on Population and Health (CRPH)
- Environment and Sustainable Development Unit (ESDU)
- Environmental Engineering Research Center (EERC)
- Health Education Resource Unit (HERU)
- Institute of Financial Economics (IFE)
- Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs (IFI)
- Nature Conservation Center for Sustainable Futures (IBSAR)
- Outreach and Practice Unit (OPU)
- Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Bin Abdulaziz Alsaud Center for American Studies and Research (CASAR)
- Science and Mathematics Education Center (SMEC)
- Water Resources Center
- Writing Center

Medical Center (AUBMC)
- Abu-Haidar Neuroscience Institute
- Adult and Pediatric Epilepsy Program
- Assisted Reproductive Technology Unit (IVF)
- Bone Marrow Transplantation (BMT) Program
- Calcium Metabolism and Osteoporosis Program
- Children’s Cancer Center of Lebanon (CCCL)
- Children’s Heart Center (supported by Brave Heart Fund)
- Executive Health and Travel Center
- Hamdan Voice Unit
- Mamdouha El-Sayed Bobst Breast Center
- Naef K. Basile Cancer Institute
- Neurogenetics Program
- Salim El-Hoss Bioethics and Professionalism Program
- Women’s Health Center
Undergraduate Majors

Degree Programs

Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences (FAFS)
- Agribusiness
- Agriculture
- Food Sciences and Management
- Landscape Design and Ecosystem Management
- Nutrition and Dietetics
- Veterinary Science (frozen)

Faculty of Arts and Sciences (FAS)
- Applied Math
- Arabic Language and Literature
- Archaeology
- Art History
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Education/Elementary
- English Language
- English Literature
- Geology
- History
- Mathematics
- Petroleum Studies
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Studies
- Public Administration
- Psychology
- Sociology-Anthropology
- Statistics
- Studio Arts

Faculty of Engineering and Architecture (FEA)
- Architecture
- Civil Engineering
- Chemical Engineering (Minor in Petroleum Engineering)
- Computer and Communications
- Engineering (Minor in Information Technology)
- Construction Engineering
- Electrical and Computer Engineering (Minor in Biomedical Engineering)
- Mechanical Engineering
- Fine Arts in Graphic Design

Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS)
- Environmental Health
- Medical Laboratory Sciences

Faculty of Medicine (FM)
Rafic Hariri School of Nursing (HSON)
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Suliman S. Olayan School of Business (OSB)
- Business Administration: Finance, Accounting and Managerial Economics; Management, Marketing and Entrepreneurship; Business Information and Decision Systems.
A Teaching-centered Research University

The Liberal Arts

In addition to acquiring the knowledge and skills they will need to excel professionally in their chosen careers, AUB students also explore different disciplines while completing 36 credits of general education requirements in English and Arabic; the humanities; economics and social sciences; and science, math, and technology.

“In essence, the liberal arts inform us that how we choose to earn a living is not the same thing as how we choose to live life.”

President Peter Dorman, Inaugural Address, 2009

Students and faculty engage in collaborative research in all the faculties and in several specialized centers.

“Our mission as an academic institution is clear: the production and transmission of knowledge.”

Provost Ahmad Dallal, MainGate, summer 2009

Interfaculty Programs

- Computational Science
- Environmental Sciences:
  - Ecosystem Management
  - Environmental Health
  - Environmental Policy Planning
  - Environmental Technology
- Neuroscience
- Nutrition
AUB

From its inception in 1866, the American University of Beirut (AUB) has been a profoundly international and intercultural institution: chartered in New York, yet located in the Near East; based on the American liberal arts model of higher learning, yet also offering professional training to enrich the lives of its diverse peoples and to prepare generations of leaders across the region. A teaching centered research university, AUB stresses high academic standards and is committed to critical thinking, open debate, and mutual tolerance.

The University encourages freedom of thought and expression and seeks to graduate men and women committed to creative and critical thinking, life-long learning, personal integrity, civic responsibility, and leadership.

We invite you to learn more about AUB in this brochure. You can also find information on our website at www.aub.edu.lb or by contacting us at our offices in Beirut or New York.

To learn more about how the University and its Office of International Programs (OIP) support international and visiting exchange students, please visit OIP’s website at www.aub.edu.lb/oip/. You can also contact OIP via email at oip@aub.edu.lb.

We look forward to welcoming you to the AUB family.

“This College is for all conditions and classes of men, without regard to color, nationality, race or religion.”

AUB Founder Daniel Bliss, 1871