TO: ALL SOPHOMORE STUDENTS PLANNING TO APPLY TO THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE FOR THE 2013-2014 ADMISSION CYCLE

Dear Students:

Over the past several years, the Faculty of Medicine has been reviewing its Admission Requirements with the objective of attracting students from broader academic backgrounds and a deeper interest in the liberal arts and the humanities to the profession.

To this end, we have introduced a set of changes in the Admission Requirements which afford students an increased opportunity to take courses not included in the science Core Requirements. This was achieved by recognizing some courses taken at the Baccalaureate level towards the credit requirements of the Core Courses. In addition, required courses in the social sciences and liberal arts will no longer be restricted to CS, but can include courses in any of the liberal arts and humanities. Furthermore, the ranking of applicants will be increasingly weighted towards the major GPA. A minimum score on the Core Course Average as well as a strong performance on the MCAT assure that we continue to require excellence in the sciences as a criterion for admission.

The updated admission requirements are now published online in the Graduate Catalogue 2011-2012: http://www.aub.edu.lb/registrar/Documents/catalogue/graduate11-12/fm-aubmc.pdf

I urge you all to read these carefully as you plan your next three years of undergraduate study and consult with your Advisors for further inquiries.

Best regards,

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