



August 23, 2021

Dear AUB Students,

The start of the fall term 2021-22 is rapidly approaching, and all our efforts are focused on preparations to ensure that you benefit from AUB's world-recognized academic and student experience. We have prepared a set of [FAQs](#) on the return to campus that are updated based on the questions we receive.

The fall term will begin as scheduled on August 30, 2021. Registration has been on-going for continuing students and just ended on August 13. It will open on August 27 for new students and those who have been absent from AUB for a term or more. As a reminder, you may find the fall Registration Guide [here](#). For new students, if you have not already been in contact with your academic or registration advisor, please do so as soon as possible.

As we indicated in our [August 6 communication](#), lectures will be delivered online during September and in-person on campus from October 1 onwards. Labs, studios, rotations, and other courses where student presence is essential for learning, as well as exams will take place on campus and in-person throughout the fall term. If you have questions about your specific classes and which will be held online and which on campus during September, please contact your course instructors. They will be making these determinations in consultation with their faculty/school leadership and will be communicating with you directly.

Starting August 30, the campus will be open to all students to study, work on research and projects, participate in extra and co-curricular activities, connect with other students, and interact with faculty members. Both indoor and outdoor spaces will be available with internet connectivity and electricity outlets. Please remember to follow closely AUB's safety guidelines as informed by the [Expert Committee on COVID-19](#) including wearing your masks indoors and in crowded areas outdoors.

Our goal is to provide an arena in which a safe and stimulating academic and student life can flourish. The AUB experience goes beyond your academic programs, courses, and studies. It includes the relationships you establish and social connections you make, while interacting with your peers and professors around campus, coupled with opportunities for personal and professional growth.

Our preparations for fall have been challenged by the trials the country is going through. AUB remains a beacon in these troubled times as a model for liberal arts education in the region. We are prepared to maintain this role, and to provide you with the type of education that you chose when you decided to pursue your studies at a leading university regionally and internationally. Some of you made this decision several years ago and others just recently. But for all of you, our commitment is to you, and to the quality of the AUB experience you leave us with.

The safety of the community remains our utmost concern. You must be vaccinated against Covid-19 with at least your first dose behind you and your second dose scheduled to gain access to campus starting on August 23, which will be controlled through your AUB ID card. We remind you that if you have not been vaccinated, you may make an appointment for your first dose [here](#) or your second dose [here](#). If you were vaccinated somewhere other than the AUBMC vaccination center, we remind you that you must submit proof of vaccination to the Vaccination Working Group [here](#) as soon as possible—the deadline has already

expired. Exceptions to required vaccination are being considered for medical reasons only, and requests and documentation must be provided to the [Vaccination Working Group](#) as soon as possible for their review and decision.

No plan can be perfect, and while we have done our best to consider multiple eventualities, we continue to monitor and react to a fluid situation. We are committed to providing you with maximal support, while adapting and adjusting our plans as needed, and communicating them to you as soon as they are made.

Kind Regards,

Office of the Registrar