

Office of International Programs

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International Student Services

The Office of International Programs provides support to all international students studying at AUB by providing the following services:

- Pre-arrival advice (following admission to AUB)
- On-site orientation, mentoring and intercultural activities
- Demystification of processes and procedures on campus
- Advice on obtaining student visas and student residence permits
- Forums (both electronic and in-person) for interaction with other AUB student populations
- For international degree-seekers, advice on studying abroad as part of their AUB degree

Passports, Visas, and Residence Permits

International students, students who do not hold a Lebanese passport or Lebanese identity card, who are joining AUB must have their foreign passports valid for a period of no less than 13 months from the date of joining the University. All such students should also check with the nearest Lebanese Embassy or consulate in their country as to whether they require an entry visa in order to legally enter Lebanon or are eligible to obtain a one-month entry visa at the airport.

Once registered, all students who do not hold Lebanese passports are required to obtain a residence permit before the expiration of the entry visa stamped in their passports. Students must apply for this permit within one month of arrival in Beirut, and ONLY after registering and paying AUB tuition fees. For this reason, the OIP strongly advises students not to enter Lebanon more than two weeks prior to the beginning of the semester in which they plan to first enroll.

The Office of International Programs, in coordination with the Office of the Registrar, helps provide the necessary certificates for registered non-Lebanese students to acquire residence permits from the Lebanese authorities. Information about obtaining a residence permit is distributed at International Student Welcome Day at the beginning of each semester or may be obtained in room 322 of West Hall, as well as on the OIP website.

Study Abroad and Student Exchange

AUB has several study abroad and exchange programs for undergraduate and graduate students. AUB's growing number of international partner institutions include but are not limited to:

- American University, USA
- American University of Cairo, Egypt
- Aarhus University, Denmark
- Boston University, USA
- Danish School of Media and Journalism, Denmark
- Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
- George Washington University (Elliot School of International Affairs), USA
- Institut d'Etudes Politiques ("Sciences Po"), France
- Koc University, Turkey
- Lund University, Sweden
- Middle East Technical University, Turkey
- Politecnico Di Torino, Italy
- Salzburg Academy on Media and Global Change, Austria
- Södertörn University, Sweden
- Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain
- Université de Genève, Switzerland
- Université de Montréal, Canada
- University of California, Berkeley, USA
- University of California, Irvine, USA
- University of New Mexico, USA
- Uppsala University, Sweden

Undergraduate students are required to complete at least 24 credits at AUB before beginning a period of study abroad, while graduate students are required to complete at least 6 credits at AUB before studying abroad; additional academic policies and procedures also apply. For a complete list of exchange and other study abroad options at AUB, or to review the guidelines for study abroad, visit www.aub.edu.lb/oip or Room 320 in West Hall.

OIP Resources for Faculty

The Office of International Programs provides information for faculty on international standards of practice for credit transfer and grade transfer upon request. In addition, OIP maintains a current listing of institutions/consortia/universities with which AUB maintains formal institutional agreements for purposes of student mobility. Please note that exchange agreements cannot be put into effect at AUB without the approval of the Provost. Guidelines for the setting up of new international academic exchange agreements and other institutional relationships are available by request from the Director.