The American University of Beirut seeks students of sound character who have demonstrated academic achievement and promise. The university admits students regardless of race, color, religion, gender, disability or national origin.

While it attracts students from more than sixty countries from around the world, AUB serves primarily applicants from Lebanon, the Arab world and other countries of the Middle East, and seeks to maintain geographic distribution within the region.

The university values its strong ties with its alumni and considers the attendance of alumni children important to the maintenance of these ties and to the continuation of its traditions.

As the language of instruction is English, command of the language, both oral and written, is essential to every student's success in his or her study program.

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.

Admission to Undergraduate Study

Students may apply for admission to AUB's four-year undergraduate program as freshmen, sophomores or transfers in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and as First Year Professional (FYP) or transfer students in all the other faculties. They may apply for entrance in the fall term or in the spring term.

Admissions decisions are made on completed applications on the basis of the student’s academic record and SAT I results. Children of university alumni and staff are given special consideration. Such factors as geographic distribution and character may also be considered. The decisions are made by the United Admissions Committee and students are chosen from among the most promising of the eligible applicants and up to the limits of space available.

Academic Requirements and Records

The level and type of secondary preparation a student has determines the class to which he/she may apply and be admitted. The academic requirements for applying as a freshman, as a sophomore/FYP or transfer are summarized below. For a chart detailing all the possibilities, see below and the admissions section of the 2018–19 catalogue.

For Freshman Applicants

All applicants to the freshman class should hold a secondary school certificate based on 12 years of schooling starting with Elementary I, awarded by either governments or private schools recognized by the university. The university does not recognize high school diplomas or certificates based on less than 12 years of schooling starting with grade one. The Lebanese Baccalaureate Part I and the GCE Ordinary Level certificate alone do not admit to the university at any level.

Applicants for the freshman class who completed exams in courses taken at the advanced level while in secondary school (such as advanced placement, higher level international Baccalaureate, or Advanced Level in the GCE program) may be given advanced placement and/or freshman credit for high grades in specific subjects, subject to the approval of the academic department concerned.

Lebanese applicants to the freshman class must obtain, prior to registration at the university, "permission" from the Equivalence Committee of the Lebanese Ministry of Education allowing them to pursue their higher education on the basis of a foreign (non-Lebanese) program. To obtain this permission, an applicant will need evidence of having lived and studied outside Lebanon for not less than two years at the secondary level, or not less than three years at the elementary and/or intermediate level(s). Once permission is obtained, students admitted to the university are entitled, upon completion of the freshman class, to have their freshman year equated by the Equivalence Committee to the Lebanese Baccalaureate Part II. To advance to the sophomore class or the equivalent classes in the other faculties, a Lebanese student must produce evidence of having received the Lebanese Baccalaureate Part II or its equivalent.

In addition to obtaining the above “permission,” the Lebanese government requires (for the purpose of equating the freshman year to the Lebanese Baccalaureate Part II), that Lebanese applicants to the freshman class take, in addition to the SAT I (see below), the SAT II in three subjects, and must obtain a minimum total score (SAT I + SAT II) of 2750 points for the science track and a minimum total of 2600 points for the Arts track if taking the old SAT, or 2300 and 2150 respectively if they are taking the redesigned SAT. For details, see the 2018–19 catalogue and the Equivalence Committee of the Lebanese Ministry of Education website: http://www.mehे.gov.lb/equiv/. It should be noted that due to the recent changes in the SAT format, the total SAT scores required for equivalence need to be checked with the Equivalence Committee.

Note—Students admitted to the university as non-Lebanese will not be permitted to change their nationality to Lebanese in the university records unless they had already fulfilled the requirements for admission of Lebanese students at the time of admission to the university.

Non-Lebanese applicants to the freshman class are also required by the Lebanese Ministry of Education to take both the SAT I and SAT II if they wish to get the equivalence of their freshman year to the Lebanese Baccalaureate at a later date.

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For Senior Applicants

Students from recognized institutions of higher education who have completed the equivalent of a bachelor's degree may apply for transfer to AUB. Applicants should consult the appropriate faculty sections of the 2018–19 catalogue to determine any special criteria for the admission of transfer applicants as described in the admission and introductory sections on each faculty in the 2018–19 catalogue.

Transfer applicants to the junior or senior classes in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences or to the second or third years of the other faculties should consult the appropriate faculty sections of the catalogue, taking particular note of the residence requirement of that faculty.

Transfer applicants need to submit the syllabi of the courses for which they expect to receive credit at AUB together with the application form before the end of April. Deadline for receipt of additional/missing syllabi is end of May, date after which no equivalence will be given for courses.

Transfer credit for courses comparable to AUB courses that have been satisfactorily completed at other institutions will be given pending review by the relevant departments.

The SAT Requirement

SAT I is required of all undergraduate applicants except junior and senior transfer students. It is the responsibility of applicants to register for, and take, the required SAT I by

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For students taking the SAT I more than once and for the purpose of admission, the highest score of each of the critical reading and mathematical reasoning sections will be considered.

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IMPORTANT: Shortlisted applicants to Architecture or Graphic Design majors will be required to take the AUB Design Aptitude Test: http://website.aub.edu.lb/admissions/applications/Documents/2019-20/2019_20DATDescriptionAndFAQs.pdf

For Transfer Applicants

Students from recognized institutions of higher education who have completed a class equivalent to the freshman class at AUB and who completed the equivalent of all requirements for admission to AUB’s freshman class, prior to their admission to the university from which they wish to transfer, may apply for transfer to the sophomore or First Year Professional level of any of the faculties. Each faculty has special criteria for the admission of transfer applicants as described in the admission and introductory sections on each faculty in the 2018–19 catalogue.

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Students can register for the SAT by visiting the College Board website at www.collegeboard.org or writing to The College Board, PO Box 6200, Princeton, NJ 08541-6200 USA. In Lebanon, contact AMIDEAST.

When registering for the SAT I applicants should enter AUB’s code, 0902, and ask the Educational Testing Service (ETS) to send the scores directly to the Office of Admissions.

The deadline to register for the SAT I and SAT II is approximately five weeks before the test date. Stand-by registration is available for those who miss the registration deadline, but an additional fee is charged by ETS to process late registrations. Please make sure that you submit to us all your SAT I scores as soon as they are available online. For detailed instruction, please check: www.aub.edu.lb/admissions/applications/Documents/HowToSendSAT1Scores.pdf

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Readiness for University Studies In English (RUSE)

All students must demonstrate, prior to enrollment at AUB, a level of English proficiency consistent with the demands of a program carried on almost exclusively in English. This may be done by earning a minimum score on any of the qualifying English tests listed under the English language requirement on the AUB Admissions webpage www.aub.edu.lb/admissions.

The TOEFL (the Test of English as a Foreign Language) is available in most countries only as a computer-based test (CBT). In Lebanon, this test is given by AMIDEAST every day, Monday–Friday throughout the year and on the second Saturday of each month. For more information, contact the AMIDEAST website at http://www.amideast.org or refer to TOEFL website at http://www.toefl.org. TOEFL should be taken as early as possible and not later than two months before enrolling at AUB.

The EEE (English Entrance Examination) is given at AUB in November, January, March, May, July and August of each year. For more information, contact the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment at http://www.aub.edu.lb/oir/testing/.

The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is also available in most countries. Information on this test is available on www.ielts.org

A student admitted to any faculty at AUB who has not met the English Language Proficiency Requirement before enrollment will be asked to take the Intensive English Course (IEC) given by the Department of English in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. The IEC is designed to prepare students for successful performance in the regular university program. Students enrolled in IEC may register for one or two regular university courses at the same time, thus earning credits toward the degree at the same time as they are achieving the
Admission Programs

AUB offers two admission programs for undergraduate students:

Early Admission

The Early Admission Program is designed for applicants for the fall term only who can complete their applications by the early deadline of end of October 2018, who rank in the top 25% of their class in each of the last two years prior to application, and maintain a minimum SAT I score (latest by October 2018).

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<td>Freshman year</td>
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<td>First year Graphic Design</td>
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Note—Super-scoring will NOT be done between old and new SAT I section scores. We will continue to do super-scoring (i.e. taking the maximum of each section) ONLY within the same SAT I format/design (either Old OR New).

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Decisions on early admission applications are made by the end of January, and students will be asked to make an enrollment commitment with a non-refundable deposit of LL1,500,000 ($1000) by end of June. The applications of students who apply for but are not granted early admission will be automatically placed in the pool of all other regular applicants to the same level and faculty and will be given equal consideration.

Regular Admission

Applicants for regular admission may apply for either the fall term or the spring term. The deadlines for applying are December 20 for the fall term and end of October for the spring term. Decisions for fall are sent by early April and students are expected to make a commitment to enroll together with a non-refundable tuition deposit of LL1,500,000 ($1000) by June 30. Decisions for the spring term are sent in January.

Application Procedures

To apply to AUB, students should complete and make sure that the application forms and all other items listed below reach the Office of Admissions by the required deadlines:

- Undergraduate admission application (Form 1–4 pages)
- Photocopy of identity card or passport
- Recent passport-size color photo
- Freshman (Form 2b) or sophomore/FYP/Transfer forms (Form 2a)
- School and/or university record along with course syllabi and copy of diploma based on which admission was done for the current university (Form 3)
- SAT I scores
- Non-refundable application fee of LL120,000 ($80 or the equivalent)

Online applications are also available. Students applying online need to pay a $50 non-refundable application fee.

Application Deadlines

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Deferred Enrollment

Undergraduate applicants who are offered admission for the fall term and who do not register for that term may be eligible for admission as regular or special students to the spring term of the same academic year pending availability of places. A petition should be submitted at the Office of Admissions by December 15 of that academic year.

Tuition, Fees and Other Expenses

Tuition for the academic year 2018–19 (two terms) ranges from LL27,510,000 ($18,240) to LL38,370,000 ($25,440) depending on the faculty. Additional university fees for an academic year, including hospital insurance for 12 months, total about $800. The cost of books, supplies and incidentals varies widely, with an average of about $2,500 per year. The cost of room and board in a residence hall and the university’s cafeteria is estimated at $7,250–$9,000 for the academic year, depending on type of room and individual taste.

Payment of Fees

The statement of fees for tuition and other university charges is issued directly to students at the beginning of each term. Payment is made during the following week or under a special deferred payment plan.

Scholarships

AUB offers annually a number of full or partial scholarships including:

**AUB Merit Scholarships:** to the best ten applicants to AUB

**Lebanese Baccalaureate Merit Scholarships:** AUB, in collaboration with The National Council for Scientific Research, offers those scholarships to the top five students in each of the four sections of the Lebanese Baccalaureate.

**Liberal Arts Scholarship:** to applicants accepted to one of the majors: Arabic Language and Literature; Archaeology; Art History; Education/Elementary; English Language; English Literature; History; Philosophy; Sociology-Anthropology; and Studio Arts.

**Advanced Student Scholarship Initiative (ASSI):** to the five highest ranking applicants from each district.

Detailed information on scholarships could be found on http://website.aub.edu.lb/faid/Scholarships/Pages/default.aspx

**Financial Aid**

In 2017–18 approximately 37% of undergraduate students received financial aid in the form of need-based scholarships.

**Applications for financial aid should be completed by December 20 for students applying for the academic year 2019–20.** Awards are made and announced by early June and are applied against the tuition charges issued in the statement of fees at the beginning of the fall term.

The application for financial aid and further information about AUB’s financial aid program are available at

**Office of Financial Aid**
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Beirut 1107 2020
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Tel: +961-1-353465, ext. 3160/1
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**Certificate, Class and Examination Chart**

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<td>High school diploma or secondary school leaving certificate, based on at least twelve years of school starting with Elementary I Class</td>
<td>Freshman</td>
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Students who successfully complete the freshman class are promoted to the sophomore class in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences or may seek admission to the equivalent classes in other faculties. These equivalent classes are the first year in the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, the first year in the Suliman S. Olayan School of Business, the first year in the Maroun Semaan Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, the first year in the Faculty of Health Sciences, and the second year in the Rafic Hariri School of Nursing. Students admitted to the freshman class are urged to consult with their advisers to familiarize with the requirements for admission to the majors offered by various faculties of the university.

Government secondary certificates (literary or scientific), including the German Abitur and the Diplome D’Etudes Colliegiales (DEC) based on two years of the College d’Enseignement General et Professionel (CEGEP) program, the French Baccalaureate GCE and IB.

1. **Government secondary school certificates including French and Lebanese Baccalaureate (scientific)** qualify the holder for admission to all majors in the sophomore class in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and to equivalent classes in the other faculties.

2. **Government secondary school certificates (including French and Lebanese Baccalaureate) in humanities or sociology-economics:** holders of this certificate may be required to take additional courses if applying to majors where some science or math is needed (information on additional required courses may be obtained from the appropriate department/faculty section in the university catalogue.) Holders for the Lebanese or French Baccalaureate sociology-economics or humanities may not apply for admission to engineering majors.

3. **General Certificate of Education (GCE) and International Baccalaureate (IB) Requirements** (remedial freshman courses may be required from accepted applicants who lack required subjects)
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<td>Environmental Health, Medical Laboratory Sciences, Nutrition, and Food Sciences and Management</td>
<td>A level MATH and CHEM</td>
<td>CHEM at HL, plus MATH at SL or MATH at HL</td>
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<td>Nursing</td>
<td>A level Math and CHEM; and O level BIOL</td>
<td>CHEM at HL, plus MATH at HL or SL, and BIOL at SL</td>
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<td>Agriculture, Agribusiness, Landscape Design and Eco-Management</td>
<td>A level MATH and BIOL</td>
<td>BIOL at HL, plus Math at HL or SL</td>
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<td>Mechanical, Civil, Construction, Chemical, Electrical and Computer, and Computer and Communications Engineering</td>
<td>A level MATH and PHYS</td>
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<td>Biology</td>
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<td>Computer Science</td>
<td>A level MATH and one from PHYS or CHEM</td>
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<td>Geology, Math, Petroleum Studies, and Statistics</td>
<td>A level MATH and one from BIOL, CHEM, or PHYS</td>
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