

Admissions

The American University of Beirut seeks students of sound character and demonstrated academic achievement and promise. In accordance with the policies of its founders and with its equal opportunity policy, the University admits students regardless of race, color, religion, gender, disability, or national origin. While it attracts students from more than sixty countries, AUB primarily serves 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.

Graduate Studies

Study leading to the master's degree was begun at the American University of Beirut in 1904; the first master's degree was awarded in 1905. Study leading to the degree of doctor of philosophy was initiated in 1961; the first PhD degree was granted in 1966.

Graduate study is under the direction of the graduate committees of the various faculties and the Board of Graduate Studies. The Board of Graduate Studies is accountable to the University Senate.

New programs may be added upon recommendation by the faculty graduate committee and approval of the faculty(ies) concerned, the Board of Graduate Studies, the University Senate, and the Board of Trustees.

Areas in Which Graduate Study Is Offered

The University offers both the master's degree and the degree of doctor of philosophy.

Master's Degrees

Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences

Agricultural Economics (MS)

Agricultural Extension (MS)¹

Animal Science (MS)

Eco-system Management (MS)

Food Technology (MS)

Irrigation (MS)

Mechanization (MS)

Nutrition (MS)

Plant Protection (MS)

Plant Science (MS)

Poultry Science (MS)

Soil Science (MS)

Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Anthropology (MA)
Arabic Language and Literature (MA)
Archaeology (MA)
Biology (MS)
Chemistry (MS)
Computational Science (MS)
Computer Science (MS)
Economics (MA)
Education (MA)
English Language (MA)
English Literature (MA)
Financial Economics (MA)
Geology (MS)
History (MA)
Mathematics (MA and MS)
Middle Eastern Studies (MA)
Philosophy (MA)
Physics (MS)
Political Studies (MA)
Psychology (MA)
Public Administration (MA)
Sociology (MA)
Statistics (MA and MS)¹

Suliman S. Olayan School of Business

Master of Business Administration (MBA)
Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA)
Corporate Executive Master of Business Administration (CEMBA)

Faculty of Engineering and Architecture

Applied Energy (MME)
Civil Engineering (ME)
Electrical and Computer Engineering (ME)
Environmental and Water Resources Engineering (ME)
Master of Engineering Management (MEM)
Mechanical Engineering (ME)
Urban Design (MUD)
Urban Planning and Policy (MUPP)

Faculty of Health Sciences

Public Health (MPH)² General and with concentrations in Health Behavior and Education, Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Health Management and Policies
Epidemiology (MS)
Population Health (MS)

¹ Not offered at present

² For more information on MPH rules and regulations, please refer to the FHS section, pp. 294–99

Faculty of Medicine

Biochemistry (MS)
Human Morphology (MS)
Medical Sciences (Interdepartmental) non-thesis (MS)
Microbiology (MS)
Pharmacology and Therapeutics (MS)
Physiology (MS)

School of Nursing

Advanced Nursing Practice, Adult Care (MSN)
Nursing Administration (MSN)

Interfaculty Programs

Neuroscience (MS): Arts and Sciences, Engineering and Architecture, and Medicine
Nutrition (MS): Arts and Sciences, Health Sciences, and Medicine
Environmental Sciences (MS):
Ecosystem Management (MSES): Agricultural and Food Sciences
Environmental Policy Planning (MSES): Arts and Sciences
Environmental Technology (MSES): Engineering and Architecture
Environmental Health (MSES): Health Sciences

PhD Degrees

AUB offers the Doctor of Philosophy degree in eight disciplines. The programs have been designed for students whose academic background and interest in specific research areas suggest a potential for scholarly success and significant contribution to the regional body of knowledge. Students will work on a specific research plan with a contributing scholar and mentor in their department.

PhD programs include the following:

Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Arabic Language and Literature
Cell and Molecular Biology
Arab and Middle Eastern History
Theoretical Physics

Faculty of Engineering and Architecture

Civil Engineering
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Environmental and Water Resources Engineering
Mechanical Engineering

All PhD candidates at AUB will receive full tuition and a generous stipend covering living expenses and books. Research funding will also be available.

Further information on programs, research possibilities, requirements for candidacy, and specific requirements for the PhD degree are on the corresponding faculty's section in this catalogue and on their webpage.

Combined Degree Programs

Faculty of Medicine: MS-MD and MD-PhD

Application Procedures

Applications are available at the Office of Admissions at either of the addresses below, and are mailed to applicants upon request. Applications may also be downloaded from the AUB website: www.aub.edu.lb/~webadmit/

Applicants Outside North America

Office of Admissions
American University of Beirut
PO Box 11-0236
Riad El-Solh 1107 2020
Beirut, Lebanon
E-mail: admissions@aub.edu.lb
Telephone: 961-1-374374/374444
Ext: 2590/2585/2596
Fax: 961-1-750775

Applicants in North America

American University of Beirut
3 Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, 8th Floor
New York, NY 10017-2303
E-mail: mills@aub.edu.lb
Telephone: 1-212-583-7600
Fax: 1-212-583-7650

Applications for admission to graduate study should be submitted to the Office of Admissions before April 30 for students who wish to begin graduate study in the summer (in FAFS and FEA)³.

Applications for admission to graduate study for the fall term should be submitted to the Office of Admissions before April 30. Applications for admission to graduate study for the spring term should be submitted before November 1.

³ In the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences and the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture.

English Language Proficiency Requirement (ELPR)

Applicants to the graduate program, other than AUB graduates and graduates of recognized colleges or universities in North America, Great Britain, Australia, and New Zealand, must meet the English Language Proficiency Requirement (ELPR).

A score of 550 on the English Entrance Examination (EEE), or 600 on the paper-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), or 250 on the computer-based TOEFL or 97 on the Internet-based TOEFL, or 7.0 on the IELTS, or 500 on the Verbal Part of the GRE, or 25 on the Verbal Part of the GMAT is required for admission of new applicants to graduate study, or prospective graduate study, from recognized institutions of higher education. Those who score between 375 and 499 on the EEE, or between 490 and 570 on the TOEFL (between 163 and 227 on the computer-based TOEFL or 57-87 on the Internet-based TOEFL), will join the Intensive English Course (Eng 100A or Eng 100B, see Admissions section in the Undergraduate Catalogue) if approved by their respective faculties. Those who score between 500 and 549 on the EEE or 573 and 599 on the TOEFL (between 230 and 249 on the computer-based TOEFL or 88-96 on the internet-based TOEFL) are required take English 338 during their first semester of registration as graduate students

Summary

Test	Graduate Students
TOEFL (computer-based)	250
TOEFL (paper and pencil)	600
TOEFL (internet-based)	97
EEE	550
IELTS	7.0
GRE General (Verbal Part)	500
GMAT (Verbal Part)	25

Upon registering for these tests, applicants must specify that results be sent to the AUB Office of Admissions.

- Information and application forms for the TOEFL can be requested from
 Educational Testing Service AMIDEAST
 Rosedale Road, P.O. Box 6155 Riad El Solh, Bazerkan Building
 Princeton, NJ 08541-6155 Beirut, LEBANON
 USA E-mail: Lebanon@AMIDEAST.org
 Applicants who take the TOEFL must use the institutional code number for AUB: 0902, when registering for the test.
- For information pertaining to IELTS, applicants should contact the British Council in their respective countries.

Further Requirements

An applicant's scores on the tests below must be made available to the appropriate departments and faculty graduate committees in time for graduate study admission selection. It is the responsibility of applicants to register for, and to take, the required tests on the appropriate dates to ensure that the Office of Admissions receives the scores in time for admission selection.

- Applicants for graduate study in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences are required to take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) general test and submit the test scores along with the application form. Some Departments in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences recommend that applicants present GRE Subject tests. Applicants are advised to check with the department or program to which they are applying regarding this requirement.
- Applicants for graduate study in Electrical and Computer Engineering, at the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture are required to take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) general test either before or after registering in the program.
- Applicants for graduate study in the School of Business are required to take the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT).

Some faculties and departments have additional requirements regarding admission to their programs. Prospective applicants should ascertain from the faculty/department/program concerned whether they meet all requirements. For detailed information regarding admission to a particular faculty or department, see the sections on graduate study in the relevant faculty and department sections.

Admission

Admission to Master's Programs

Graduate study is offered on a selective basis to students who have shown distinct academic ability. Applicants for graduate study may be considered for admission in one of three categories:

Graduate

A candidate qualifies for this category if s/he holds a bachelor's degree from AUB, or an equivalent degree from another recognized institution, with a cumulative undergraduate average of at least 80 (or its equivalent) in the major field of study, and a cumulative undergraduate average of 75.

Graduate on Probation

A candidate qualifies for this category if s/he holds a bachelor's degree from AUB, or an equivalent degree from a recognized institution, with a cumulative undergraduate average of at least 75 (or its equivalent) in the major field of study, and a cumulative undergraduate average of 75. In addition, the University recognizes that relevant work experience or outstanding performance on the GRE, or an equivalent professional exam where applicable, may be an important consideration regarding a candidate's qualifications for admission.

Upon notification of conditional admission, a student can hold a place semester by making a non-refundable enrollment deposit of \$300. This deposit is credited to the student's account upon registration.

Prospective Graduate

A candidate qualifies for this category if s/he has an undergraduate degree from AUB with a cumulative average of at least 75 (or equivalent performance from another recognized institution) and applies for a major different from that of his/her undergraduate specialization.

The faculty graduate committee acts on prospective graduate student admission based on department/program recommendations. Included in the recommendations by the department/program of the intended major are the supplementary undergraduate courses the applicant must take before consideration for graduate work admission. The supplementary courses must be completed within four successive semesters.

Upon completion of the supplementary undergraduate courses, with an average of at least 80, the department/program may recommend to the faculty graduate committee that the applicant be admitted to the graduate program.

Upon notification of conditional admission, a student can hold a place semester by making a non-refundable enrollment deposit of \$300. This deposit is credited to the student's account upon registration.

Admission to PhD Programs

Applicants for PhD study must hold a master's degree or its equivalent and must demonstrate, at the master's level, outstanding academic ability (minimum average of 85 or its equivalent) and potential to conduct scholarly research.

Admission of Special Students Not Working for a Degree

Persons not currently enrolled at AUB who have a bachelor's degree from a recognized institution of higher learning, may apply to take up to nine credits at the graduate level, in any faculty for the fall semester (by June 30) or for the spring semester (by November 1), using an application available from the Office of Admissions. Courses successfully completed at AUB by a special student not working for a degree may be considered for credit toward an AUB degree if the student subsequently applies for, and is admitted to, degree candidacy through the regular admission process. (Please refer to pp. 45, for information on Transfer of Credits policy).

Deferred Registration of Admitted Students

Graduate applicants who are offered admission for a semester and who do not register for that semester may be eligible for admission the following semester pending availability of places. A petition should be submitted to the Office of Admissions by July 31 for fall, and December 15 for spring.