

About AUK

Established in 2003, AUK is an independent, private, equal opportunity, and coeducational liberal arts institution of higher education dedicated to teaching, learning, and scholarship. The educational, cultural, and administrative structure, methods, and standards of AUK are based on the American model of higher learning. The language of instruction is English. The University offers programs that provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary for lifelong learning and professional success. AUK enriches society by fostering an environment that encourages critical thinking, effective communication, personal growth, service, and leadership. For more information on the American University of Kuwait, visit the University website at www.auk.edu.kw.

Vision

AUK aspires to be a leading university recognized locally, regionally, and internationally for its institutional distinctiveness, academic excellence, and the accomplishments of its graduates.

Mission

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Quick Facts



Located in Salmiya, Kuwait



3 Undergraduate Colleges



Over 90 incoming students took part in AUK international programs



Various accommodation options near campus



Diverse culture



University Culture

The American University of Kuwait is committed to creating an enlightened and progressive educational culture in which all students, faculty, and staff co-exist to create a dynamic and equitable environment. The University founders uphold the philosophy that one cannot create a true enlightened academic environment without practicing the very virtues and ideals it hopes to instill in its students.



Academics at AUK



Exchange students may enroll in a wide range of course from our 3 undergraduate schools (College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business and Economics, and the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences). The Liberal Arts education system aims not only to guide students to fulfill their educational goals, but to also instill effective critical thinking skills that they can apply in their future careers in the fields of their choice. Most students can enroll in these courses if they meet the pre-requirements (refer to AUK’s course catalog on page 4).

Some popular courses at AUK



Business Administration



Social & Behavioral Sciences



International Relations



Engineering



English Literature



Graphic Design

Orientation

AUK hosts a pre-arrival and on-campus orientation for international students taking part in exchange, study abroad, and internship programs. Students receive a welcome packet as well as an internship guide with resources to help introduce them to Kuwait and AUK.

Location



A 20-minute drive away from Kuwait City on the picturesque coastal Gulf Road is the city of **Salmiya**. It has access to many popular attractions and is walking distance to various stores that provide basic necessities. The Gulf Road is coveted for its amazing sea vistas and a boulevard passing through much of coastal Salmiya. It is also a short walk from various restaurants and touristic hubs along the gulf road.

Visa Process

Students are required to apply for a visitor E-visa through the following link:

https://evisa.moi.gov.kw/evisa/home_e.do

- Kindly check the link to ensure you meet the requirements to apply for the visa. Visas expire every 90 days; hence students must ensure to make necessary travel arrangements accordingly.

Semester	Dates	Partner Nomination Deadline
FALL 2025	September 16th, 2025 - January 15th, 2026	May 4, 2025
SPRING 2026	February 1st, 2026 - June 4th, 2026	September 1, 2025

Helpful Links



[Application process](#)

Partner institution nominate students by completing the form [here](#). Once AUK receives nominations, the International Programs Office will reach out to students for further guidance with application documents and processes.



[Academic Calendar for 2025-2026](#)



[Academic Catalog for 2024-2025](#)



[Semester Dynamic Schedule](#)

International Programs: Bridging Borders with Education

International Programs provide students with transformative experiences and unique opportunities for growth, with the support of professional guidance and resources. In collaboration with partner universities, AUK offers its students opportunities to study or intern abroad, while opening its doors for incoming undergraduate and graduate students to study and intern on campus. AUK continues to set the standard for fostering global academic connections and promoting international education. The University proudly stands at the forefront of initiatives that bring students from abroad to its vibrant campus, offering unparalleled opportunities for cultural exchange and expanding the boundaries of education.




Contact us

The AUK International Programs team is here to support international students and interns with application and international program related processes.

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