MISSION STATEMENT

The American University of Kuwait is a liberal arts institution based on the American model of higher education. It is dedicated to providing students with knowledge, self-awareness, and personal growth experiences that can enhance critical thinking, effective communication, and respect for diversity. AUK seeks to create leaders and life-long learners who aspire to the highest standards of moral and ethical responsibility in their societies.
THE UNIVERSITY

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The American University of Kuwait (AUK) is an independent, private, equal-opportunity, coeducational liberal arts institution of higher education. The educational, cultural, and administrative methods and standards of AUK are based on the American model of higher learning. Our distinguished faculty all have experience from prestigious universities, bringing years of research and teaching excellence to AUK. All instruction is conducted in English.

The American University of Kuwait is dedicated to helping students learn and develop their skills and potential. While the research focus of faculty in many institutions of higher education makes the faculty and not the student the focus of the university, at AUK our emphasis is on the student. Our faculty is dedicated to quality teaching and enhanced learning for students, preparing them for subsequent careers in business, the professions, and public service.

ACCREDITATION

The American University of Kuwait received its Institutional Accreditation from the Private Universities Council (PUC) – Ministry of Higher Education in the State of Kuwait, as of February 1st, 2006. The Intensive English Program at AUK is accredited by the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA) for the period August 2009 through August 2014 and agrees to uphold the CEA Standards for English Language Program and Institutions. AUK’s Business and Economics Division programs are also accredited by The Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) Baccalaureate/Graduate Degree Board of Commissioners. ACBSP accreditation certifies that the teaching and learning processes within the Business & Economics Division of AUK meet the rigorous educational standards established by ACBSP.

INSTITUTIONAL COOPERATION

Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire, is the international partner institution to the American University of Kuwait (AUK), as defined by the Private Universities Council of the State of Kuwait (Resolution no. PUC 5/21-2/2005). Dartmouth and AUK have worked closely together since 2003, when the two institutions signed a Memorandum of Understanding that facilitated a series of advisory, consultative, and cooperative projects. The initial agreement was renewed in June 2008 to extend through 2013. The two institutions share a commitment to excellence in higher learning, and the agreement between them reflects AUK’s growing stature as a premier academic institution in the Gulf region and beyond. With its deep and historic commitment to the liberal arts, Dartmouth recognizes the importance of AUK’s mission and works to support the University as it develops a superlative education, based on the principles of critical inquiry, mastery of subject material, depth of curriculum, and a vibrant experience in the classroom and on campus. Dartmouth and AUK collaborate on numerous
programs, and Dartmouth provides a wide range of administrative and academic consulting services to AUK. The two institutions have developed a flourishing relationship that involves faculty, students, and staff in both locations. Dartmouth experts in engineering, information technology, library sciences, communications, governance, and other areas routinely visit Kuwait while students, faculty, and staff from Kuwait travel to the United States to work with their counterparts at Dartmouth. AUK’s commitment to providing a premier learning environment based on the American model resonates with Dartmouth’s history and its understanding of the importance of higher learning in a global context. Since the relationship began, the two institutions have steadily deepened and expanded their partnership, creating a dynamic, evolving, and unique cross-cultural collaboration.

Dartmouth College is a member of the group of universities in the United States known as the “Ivy League.” It was founded in 1769 and offers a broad-based undergraduate education as well as advanced degrees in the arts and sciences, medicine, engineering, and business administration. Dartmouth has been accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) since 1929.

**CAMPUS LIFE**

The AUK Campus is located in Salmiya at the intersection of Salem Al-Mubarak and Amro Ibn Al-Asse Streets, and is in the middle of one of Kuwait’s most vibrant neighborhoods. The University opened its doors in the Fall of 2004 and conducts its academic activities in a new, rehabilitated and refurbished facility, which will be expanded and developed as needed in the coming years. AUK’s campus has spacious, modern classrooms; computer, science and language laboratories; an administration building, a state-of-the-art library, coffee shops, restaurants, shops and recreational facilities; as well as nearby parking available for students, staff, faculty and visitors. Next to the library and central Campus classrooms is a beautifully designed and landscaped
central courtyard, offering AUK students, faculty and staff a pleasant place to relax and study. Campus life is an integral part of a student’s university experience at AUK and it helps bring students, faculty and staff together as one community. Students are encouraged to participate in University events and use the resources available on Campus to further enhance their educational experience at AUK.

Campus life contributes to making the time students spend on campus a continuous and valuable learning experience. Through both classroom learning and extracurricular activities, AUK students learn the critical thinking skills, knowledge and values necessary to succeed effectively in today’s modern societies in the region as well as internationally. Participation in extracurricular activities allows students to learn new skills and develop already existing ones, thus enhancing not only their educational experience but also personal development.

The University has a Student Government Association, a student-run newspaper and academic journal, intramural and intercollegiate athletic clubs and organizations, theater, academic organizations as well as other activities in which students can take part.

AUK’s location adds an important dimension to Campus life. The Campus is within walking distance from the country’s most vibrant area with its renowned restaurants, coffee shops, shopping malls and movie theaters, as well as the seafront and the Scientific Center of Kuwait. Salmiya is active, lively and secure.
ACADEMICS

- College of Arts & Sciences
- Academic Divisions
- Degrees Offered
The College of Arts and Sciences provides students with a well-rounded learning experience that motivates life-long learning and encourages analytical and critical thinking in areas of the arts and sciences. The curriculum is designed to inform, inspire and invigorate the intellectual, scientific, cultural, and creative potential of the students. Particular emphasis is placed on issues related to leadership, moral development and ethical practices.

Students also learn to examine and appreciate the traditions and contributions of Arab/Islamic, Eastern and Western cultures. Furthermore, in this increasingly global and interconnected world, students will develop knowledge of world affairs and an appreciation of the moral and ethical dimensions of collective life.

Graduates of the College of Arts and Sciences at the American University of Kuwait will be well prepared and qualified to pursue varied careers, graduate training in professional fields and graduate studies towards a Master’s or Doctoral degree in their chosen disciplines. Arts and Sciences are the foundation for careers in all public and private sectors.

ACADEMIC DIVISIONS

The College of Arts and Sciences is administratively divided into four principal academic areas:

- Business and Economics
- Humanities and Arts
- Sciences and Engineering
- Social Sciences

DEGREES OFFERED

The following Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.), Bachelor of Engineering (B.E.), and Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree programs are offered in the College of Arts & Sciences:

- B.A. in Communication and Media
- B.A. in English
- B.A. in Graphic Design
- B.A. in International Studies
- B.A. in Social and Behavioral Sciences (Concentration in Anthropology)
- B.B.A. in Economics
- B.B.A. in Accounting
- B.B.A. in Finance
- B.B.A. in Management
- B.B.A. in Marketing
- B.E. in Computer Engineering
- B.S. in Computer Science
- B.S. in Information Systems
ADMISSIONS

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- Placement Tests at AUK
- General Admissions Requirements
- Transfer Students
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AUK accepts applications from individuals who have completed or are about to complete their secondary education and who have demonstrated academic achievement and seriousness of purpose. Admission into the American University of Kuwait is competitive, and is based on evidence of potential for successful study and on available space in the entering class.

The following criteria are considered: high school courses and grades, standardized test scores, essays, extracurricular activities, and the comparison of an applicant’s overall competencies against those of other applicants.

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

As instruction at the American University of Kuwait is in English, evidence of English proficiency is required of all undergraduate applicants. This proficiency is demonstrated by achieving a minimum score of 68 on the internet-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), or a minimum score of 190 on the computer-based TOEFL, or a minimum score of 520 on the paper-based TOEFL.

Students who are unable to meet the English Proficiency requirement for admission as an Undergraduate will be admitted into the Pre-University Intensive English Program (IEP). Please refer to the IEP Brochure for more information or visit the IEP section of the AUK website at http://www.auk.edu.kw/iep/iep_main.jsp.

Undergraduate applicants may also satisfy the English proficiency requirement by fulfilling one of the following:

1) Verbal score of 450 or above on the SAT I.
2) IELTS score of Band 5.5 or higher.
3) Successful completion of Pre-University Intensive English Program at the American University of Kuwait.
4) Successful completion of a minimum of 24 credit hours of course work with a minimum grade of “C” from a post-secondary institution approved by the Kuwait Ministry of Higher Education where English is the language of instruction.
5) Successful completion of an accredited English 101 or equivalent course with a “C” or above from a post-secondary institution approved by the Kuwait Ministry of Higher Education.

PLACEMENT TESTS AT AUK

Following admission to AUK, all undergraduate students are required to take Arabic, English and Mathematics placement examinations to determine course eligibility. Additionally, these exams will be scheduled during the student’s Placement, Advising and Registration (PAR) appointment before they begin their relevant semester.

Transfer students who verify Arabic, English and/or Mathematics college level transfer credit may be exempt from all or portions of the Placement Exam. All new first time in college (freshmen) students must participate in the PAR program.
GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

FIRST YEAR ADMISSION:
All First Year students seeking admission to AUK must provide a high school equivalency certified by the Kuwait

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| Indian System                           | Required     | Completion with a minimum cumulative average of 60% or equivalent for either:  
|                                          |              | - Higher Secondary School Certificate;  
|                                          |              | - Intermediate Examination Certificate;  
|                                          |              | - “All India Senior School” Certificate                |
| International Baccalaureate            | Required     | Completion of Baccalaureate with 6 subjects (at least 3 at the higher level) and a minimum score of 24 |
| Iranian System                          | Required     | Completion of degree required with minimum average score of 12 or 60% cumulative average |
| Pakistani System                        | Required     | Higher Secondary School Certificate (Part II) required with a minimum average of 40 or 2.00 GPA equivalent |

Ministry of Education Arabic and Religious Studies may each substitute for an IGCSE.

High school systems not covered above will be addressed on a case-by-case basis and will require at least a passing grade as well as Ministry of Education Equivalency.
TRANSFER STUDENTS

AUK strongly encourages Transfer Students looking to transfer to an institution that better fits their academic and extracurricular goals to apply. AUK admits a limited number of Transfer students each semester and will evaluate each application on a case-by-case basis. Transfer students can be:

- Students who are transferring from other two-year colleges/four-year universities that are accredited by the Ministry of Higher Education in Kuwait.
- Students who have completed a 2-year diploma and are seeking a bachelor degree at AUK. The diploma degree must be certified by the Ministry of Higher Education in Kuwait.

TRANSFER ADMISSION

1) Student must have a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 2.00 or have earned at least 24 credit hours with a cumulative GPA of 2.00 from a college/university that is recognized by the Private Universities Council. Courses taken at institutions approved by the Kuwait Ministry of Higher Education with a minimum grade of “C” or above may be considered for transfer evaluation. Up to a maximum of 60 credit hours of transfer credit may be awarded to students admitted under Transfer admission.

Students transferring with fewer than 24 attempted semester credit hours:

- Students seeking to transfer to AUK from colleges or universities approved by the Ministry of Higher Education with fewer than 24 attempted semester credit hours may apply for First Year admission.
- Students must have their high school equivalency certified by the Kuwait Ministry of Education and satisfy the aforementioned minimum high school GPA requirements.

Students transferring with at least 24 attempted semester credit hours:

- Students seeking to transfer to AUK who have attempted at least 24 semester credit hours from colleges or universities approved by the Kuwait Ministry of Higher Education must satisfy the minimum transfer admissions requirements.

A list of institutions approved by the Ministry of Higher Education in Kuwait can be found on its website at: http://www.mohe.edu.kw
APPLICATION MATERIALS

The AUK Application Packet includes all necessary application forms and instructions, and can be obtained directly from the AUK Office of Admissions. Students can apply to the University online or download all application materials at http://www.auk.edu.kw/admissions/apply.jsp.

ADMISSION APPLICATION DEADLINES

Admission into the incoming class is both extremely competitive and limited. AUK will not accept applications after the published application deadline or after the incoming admissions class has reached full capacity, whichever comes first. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit their admissions application and all required documentation as early as possible.

The Office of Admissions will accept and review applications according to the following deadlines:

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International Student Admission Deadlines:

The Office of Admissions will accept and review admissions applications from international applicants according to the following deadlines:

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TUITION & FEES

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TUITION & FEES *

Pre-University Intensive English Program:
The American University of Kuwait charges a total of KD 1,750 tuition per level of Pre-University Intensive English (KD 1,635 tuition + KD 115 University fees). Each level lasts one semester.

Undergraduate Level:
AUK charges KD 175 per credit hour of undergraduate level course work. Most academic courses are worth 3 credit hours, and students must complete a minimum of 120 credit hours to obtain a Bachelor’s degree from AUK. Students are permitted to take a maximum of 18 credit hours per semester.

Below are payment examples for the Undergraduate level based on one semester or one academic year:

**ONE SEMESTER**

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<td>12 credit hours <em>(average per semester)</em> 12 x KD 175</td>
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**ONE ACADEMIC YEAR (Fall and Spring Semesters)**

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<td>KD 230</td>
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<td><strong>Total Tuition &amp; Fees</strong></td>
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* Tuition is subject to change at the discretion of the Board of Trustees.
PAYMENT OPTIONS

1) Full Payment
   All tuition and fees are due on the day of registration. This means that students pay in full the tuition and fees upon completion of their registration.

2) Deferred Payment Scheme
   Should students decide to participate in the Deferred Payment Scheme, they pay 50% of their tuition and fees upon completion of their registration (inclusive of the enrollment deposit for newly admitted students). The remaining 50% is paid over a 3 month period, with each payment made on or before the 30th of each month following the student’s registration. A University service charge of KD 10 is added to each installment.

For additional information on payment options, please contact:

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finance@auk.edu.kw
STUDENT RESOURCES

- Academic Scholarships
- Student Employment and Internship Programs
- Student Success Center
- Writing Center
- University Library
- Student Residency
ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS
AUK awards a limited number of merit-based academic scholarships to our most academically deserving applicants. Students who are awarded a scholarship must maintain a 3.00 G.P.A. or better and complete at least 70% of courses attempted in order to retain their scholarship. Scholarship applications will be evaluated on various academic measures, including but not limited to, high school and/or university G.P.A., TOEFL scores, and class rank.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT AND INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS
AUK is committed to providing students with personal and professional growth opportunities. AUK has a sizeable number of students employed on campus as part of the Student Employment Program that provides these students with paid work experience.

Through our internship program, AUK students are also gaining academic credit and professional experience by interning in various organizations spanning a multitude of economic sectors throughout Kuwait’s business community. A limited number of research assistantships are also available for qualified AUK students.

STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER
The Student Success Center (SSC) provides academic, personal and career support to all currently enrolled students. Programs include academic advising, academic support, tutoring, retention, personal/career counseling and disability services. The Director of the Student Success Center serves as the University Student Ombudsman.

Student records with the Student Success Center are independent of all University records. Information is released only with the express written consent of the student unless the situation is considered a dire health and safety risk. It is our professional and ethical responsibility to respect and consider confidential all information including academic records/status, family information, health (mental/physical), and all other issues derived from the student. Parents or any other family member must obtain a signed consent from the student to receive students’ information from any SSC staff.

WRITING CENTER
Writing is central to developing and fostering an atmosphere of intellectual inquiry and social responsibility. The AUK Writing Center therefore aims to cultivate an environment of collaborative inquiry with students seeking help with a variety of writing needs, concerns and goals. It also seeks to create, develop and sustain cross-disciplinary, cross-
departmental and cross-constituency engagement with writing in all its forms and functions.

The Writing Center intends to promote students’ interest in and engagement with writing as a recursive process, while at the same time developing students’ understanding of the variety of writing purposes, audiences, genres and styles. The Center supports students’ efforts in all stages of their writing process, providing thoughtful and constructive feedback. The Writing Center provides resources on writing for the entire University community.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

The mission of the Library at AUK is to support and advance education by facilitating access to scholarly collections and information resources. To achieve this mission, the Library provides access to print and electronic information resources and offers information literacy workshops and lectures to students and faculty. This opens the door for Library users to browse through the spectrum of information resources as they seek to achieve their educational aspirations.

The University Library occupies a beautiful, two-storey modern space. It is a state-of-the-art, electronically wired building. The Library houses a collection of books and periodicals in English, Arabic and other languages related to the fields of study and degree programs that the University offers. The Library also has reference books, journals and media materials (DVDs, videotapes, audiotapes, etc.) to support course work. The Library is fully computerized and has online subscriptions to academic and intellectual journals needed for classroom instruction and academic research. Within the Library, there are computer workstations that allow access to the Library’s online catalog and electronic databases, as well as the Internet. All Library resources are available to members of the AUK community and other authorized users with a valid AUK ID.

In addition to the above, the Library maintains a Reserve section for instructional purposes. Faculty can place course materials on Reserve, which are then available for use for a limited time period within the building.

For additional information, please visit the Library page on the AUK website at: http://www.auk.edu.kw/library/library_main.jsp

STUDENT RESIDENCY

For Non-GCC international students, AUK will be glad to assist you in securing your student visa. For more information, please contact AUK’s Director of Corporate Relations Norma Badran via e-mail: nbadran@auk.edu.kw

For additional information on residency requirements, please visit: http://www.auk.edu.kw/admissions/admissions_international.jsp
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