

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Students,

Welcome to the American University of Kuwait, the university that offers you a diverse curriculum patterned after the universally recognized American model of liberal-arts education. Pursuing higher education in the classical tradition of liberal (that is, broad) Arts and Sciences is one of the most important and beneficial investments of time, energy, and resources you will ever make. At AUK we help you set and fulfill your educational and professional goals by providing high-quality learning that promotes the fullest development of every student through intellectual, social, and emotional dimensions. You will find that student activities at AUK offer numerous opportunities for leadership, creativity, responsible risk-taking, personal development, and service. Inside and outside the classroom, AUK aspires to cultivate in our students intellectual competence and ethical judgment, preparing them for life in a larger world. AUK is a truly special place with the distinctive mission of preparing future leaders of society and economy.

Our students' academic success has brought them and AUK national and international recognition. But education is not only about subjects and disciplines; it is also about ideas. American-style curriculum engages faculty and students in active advising and provides continuous support to students in a demanding academic environment. Our catalog shows our growth in building and advancing the curriculum and increasing student choices among Major and Minor fields. With new American-trained faculty arriving at AUK campus every semester, the choice of our program and courses is growing and expanding. We ask our undergraduates to conduct research, to embrace knowledge, and to develop critical thinking and communication skills.

This catalog is designed to help students search for programs and courses that challenge young people to think synthetically and to further their intellectual development. We have responded to students' needs by identifying General Education graduation requirements and identifying the appropriate courses. Academic Year 2008-09 marks the introduction, in addition to previously existing programs, of the Computer Engineering program. Also new this year are the four-year degree plans designed to help students plan their progress through the General Education and Degree Program components of the AUK curriculum under the appropriate Bachelor's degree program.

The entire AUK community welcomes the Class of 2012. I encourage you to become involved in the academic, extra-curricular, and sports activities that AUK offers in support of its mission to educate future leaders of society. We wish you a successful, productive, and most enjoyable time of learning and growth as a member of the American University of Kuwait family.

Sincerely,

Marina A. Tolmacheva
President