

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Students,

The American University of Kuwait welcomes you and offers you a diverse university curriculum patterned after the universally recognized American model of a liberal-arts college. Pursuing higher education in the classical tradition of broad Arts and Sciences is one of the most important and beneficial investments of time, energy, and resources you will ever make. Helping each individual student develop into a competent professional and an aware and ethical citizen is what liberal education (that is, education for free citizens) is all about. 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 and concentrations. 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. Our Intensive English Program has achieved international accreditation from the U.S.-based Commission on English-Language Program Accreditation, the first program to achieve this distinction in Kuwait.

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; also please consult the Glossary of academic terms. Each academic program section lists the requirements and pre-requisites, and contains a section on the learning outcomes and a four-year degree plan. The new Bachelor of Engineering degree has been added to the already well-established undergraduate programs (please look under College of Arts & Sciences for the various programs leading to the Bachelor's degree).

Also new this year is the special section containing information for students eligible for the Kuwait government scholarship program administered by the Council for Private Universities (PUC).

The entire AUK community welcomes the Class of 2013. 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