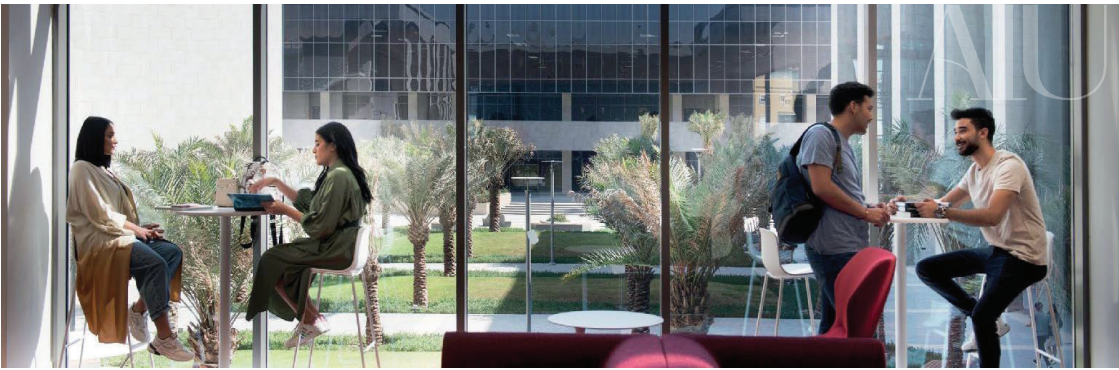# Admission Guide

AIU's Admissions Department
American International University
Academic Year 2024/2025

Explore More!

Introduction

Welcome to American International University, where we offer the people of Kuwait an authentic American education. Our goal is to provide you with quality education that will enable you to be part of the next generation of future leaders in the region.

This guide will help you understand the procedure on how to apply to AIU. Don't worry! Our capable admissions team have streamlined the process to make it as easy as possible for you to apply.

Deciding to pursue a higher education is a milestone decision in your life! Choosing the right program and university is an important step in building your future. Our Admissions Office is ready to help you with your application process, document submission, program selection, as well as discuss funding options. They will also address any further questions you may have.

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Programs Offered

School of Engineering and Computing

Bachelor of Science:

- **Chemical Engineering**
- **Biomedical Engineering**
- **Civil Engineering**

  Specializations:
  - Smart Cities
  - Building Information Modelling
  - Sustainable Design and Green Construction

- **Computer Science**

  Specializations:
  - Artificial Intelligence
  - Blockchain Technology
  - Data Science
  - Cybersecurity

- **Electrical and Computer Engineering**

  Specializations:
  - Renewable Energy
  - Automation and Robotics
  - Smart Electronics and the Internet of Things

- **Industrial Engineering**

  Specializations:
  - Industrial Digitization and Future Factories
  - Engineering Management
  - Sustainable Design in Engineering

- **Mechanical Engineering**

  Specializations:
  - Mechanical Systems and Design
  - Control and Robotics Engineering
  - Renewable Energy

School of Arts and Sciences

Bachelor of Science:
Biotechnology

  Specializations:
  - Bioinformatics
  - Clinical Laboratory Science

School of Business

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration:
Accounting
Finance
Management

School of Architecture and Design

Bachelor of Fine Arts:
Graphic Design
Interior Design

Required Documents

General Requirements

- Complete AIU's online application.
- Submit the required documents and pay the necessary fees listed below:
    - Photocopy of applicant's civil ID
    - Photocopy of applicant's passport
    - Applicant's recent passport size photo
    - Photocopy of applicant's parent's civil ID
    - Official up to date High School Transcript
    - Certificate of Good Conduct from High School
    - School sequence document (obtained from your school)
    - Official authenticated document confirming graduation from High School
    - For graduates of Kuwait public high schools: an authenticated copy of High School Diploma
    - For graduates of non-public high schools: An authenticated copy of "Kuwait Equivalency" by the Ministry of Education
    - Certificate of Criminal Record (Male students above 21 years of age)
    - Application Fee of 20 KWD (non-refundable)
    - Sealed transcripts from all previously attended universities and colleges **(transfer students)**
    - Course description of the courses wished to be transferred over **(transfer students)**
    - Credit Transfer Evaluation Fee of 20 KWD (**transfer students**, non-refundable)

Note: If you have official IELTS, TOEFL, ACT, or SAT: test score reports with dates no later than two years from date tested, please submit your official test score report with the application.

Minimum test scores accepted by the university:
- IELTS: A minimum overall score of 6.5
- TOEFL iBT: A minimum overall score of 60
- ACT: A minimum score of 23
- SAT: A minimum English Score of 520

Transfer Students

Applicants must be in good academic standing, having a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of no less than 2.0.

Applying to our Science Programs (STEM)

Students planning to enroll in any of our science majors must complete the following additional admission requirements:

- Graduates must obtain a High School Diploma following the Science Track (must have completed Algebra, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics).
- Graduates must have completed 6 IGCSE courses obtaining no less than a D(d) and 4 out of the 6 must be **Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics.**
- Graduates of schools not within Kuwait must have successfully completed Biology, Chemistry and Physics in high school, in addition to the Math requirements as outlined by the Ministry of Education in Kuwait.

Applicants from the American Baccalaureate School (ABS)

We have partnered with ABS, to offer a unique opportunity to their students. All students who successfully graduate with a high school diploma from ABS, will be offered direct admission to our undergraduate programs.

Waived degree program entry requirements:
- Prior standardized/language proficiency test scores
- AIU placement tests

ABS graduates seeking admission to AIU are required to provide the relevant remaining documents as outlined in the General Requirements and in the Applying to our STEM Programs sections.

How to Apply

1. Speak to an admission specialist.

Call +965 22262500 or email admissions@aiu.edu.kw to book an appointment with an admission specialist.

2. Fill out our online application.

Visit AIU's website to complete your online application.

3. Submit the required documents.

Book an appointment with an admission specialist to visit AIU and submit all necessary documents.

4. Pay the processing fees.

Pay the application fee and placement tests fee.

5. Take AIU's placement tests. (If necessary)

Based on submitted documents, you may be required to take AIU's English and Math Placement tests.

6. Interview.

An Admissions interview will be conducted if applicant was selected.

7. Admission Decision.

Contact the admissions office to inquire about your admission status.

8. Apply for the Private Universities Council (PUC) Scholarship.

AIU accepts applicants seeking admission into our degree programs under the sponsorship of the Private Universities Council (PUC).

Advanced Credit Award Plan

Advanced Credit Transfer

AIU awards college credits for AP courses. If the applicant completed the minimum requirement for admission, they may apply for our Credit Award Plan if all the listed conditions were met.

Advanced Placement (AP)

AP courses accepted by AIU and count towards the total credit hours required for graduation. Students may earn up to 15 transfer credits at AIU based on qualifying AP exam scores. The minimum acceptable score ranges between 3 or 4 as it depends on the taken course.

It is the responsibility of students seeking AP credit to provide the Office of the Registrar with copies of their official AP score results. In cases where the AP exam has not previously been evaluated by AIU. For further information, please consult the Office of Admissions.

Exam	Minimum Score	AIU Equivalent	Hrs.	Gen Ed.
Art History	3,4,5	ARH 101	3	AH
Art Studio: 2D Design	3.4.5	ARD 102	3	
Art Studio: 3D Design	3,4,5	ARD 103	3	
Art Studio: Drawing	3,4,5	ARD 101	3	
Biology	3.4	BIO 101, 102	4	NS
Biology	5	BIO 100, 101, 102	7	NS
Chemistry	3	CHM 110,111	4	NS
Chemistry	4,5	CHM 110, 111, 112, 113	8	NS
Computer Science A	3,4,5	CSC 110, 111	4	
Computer Science AB	3	CSC 110, 111	4	
Computer Science AB	4,	CSC 110, 111, 210	7	
CS Principles	4, 5	CSC 102	3	
Macroeconomics	3,4,5	ECO 202	3	SS
Microeconomics	3,4,5	ECO 201	3	SS
English Lit/Composition	3	ENG 101	3	EC
English Lit/Composition	4,5	ENG 101, 301	6	EC
Environmental Science	3,4,5	BIO 100	3	NS
Math Calculus AB	3,4,5	MAT 121	4	MA
Math Calculus BC	3	MAT 121	4	MA
Math Calculus BC	4,5	MAT 121, 122	8	MA
Music Literature	5	MUS 101	3	AH
Psychology	3,4,5	PSY 101	3	SS
Statistics	3,4,5	MAT 115	4	MA
World History	3,4	HIS 101	3	AH
World History	5	HIS 101, 102	6	AH

Advanced Credit Award Plan

Advanced Credit Transfer

AIU awards college credits for IGCSE courses. If the applicant completed the minimum requirement for admission, they may apply for our Credit Award Plan if all the listed conditions were met.

A-Level (IGCSE)

AIU awards college credit for students earning A-Level subjects above a minimum of 8 different IGCSE subjects with a minimum grade of "C" for each subject. Only subjects classified as academic (Including arts and creativity group subjects) will be considered for corresponding AIU courses.

Subject	AIU Equivalent	Hrs.	Gen Ed.
Craft and Design	ARD 102	3	
Biology	BIO 101, 102	4	NS
Business	BUS 103	3	
Chemistry	CHM 110, 111	4	NS
Economics	ECO 202	3	SS
English Language	ENG 101	3	EC

Advanced Credit Award Plan

Advanced Credit Transfer

AIU awards college credits for IB courses. If the applicant completed the minimum requirement for admission, they may apply for our Credit Award Plan if all the listed conditions were met.

International Baccalaureate (IB)

It is the responsibility of students seeking IB transfer credit at AIU to provide the Office of the Registrar with official copies of their IB diploma and/or certificate transcripts. Students must also provide course descriptions for each of the IB courses they wish to have transferred to AIU.

IB transfer credits will only be accepted under the following conditions:

1. American high school graduates applying to AIU can transfer up to a maximum of 4 courses earned in IB Diploma Program (DP) or the International Baccalaureate (IB)
2. Transfer conditions are:
   A. A minimum grade of 6 on the standard level (based on IBO grading scale 1-7)
   B. A minimum grade of 5 in the Higher Level (based on IBO grading scale 1-7)

3. These DP or IB certificates need to be approved and verified by the International Baccalaureate organization.

Exam	Minimum Score	AIU Equivalent	Hrs.	Gen Ed.
Art Design	4,5	ARD 102	3	
Art Design	6,7	ARD 102, 103	6	
Biology	4,5	BIO 101, 102	4	NS
Biology	6,7	BIO 100, 101, 102	7	NS
Business/Management	4-7	BUS 103	3	
Chemistry	4,5	CHM 110, 111	4	NS
Chemistry	6,7	CHM 110, 111, 112, 113	8	NS
Economics	4,5	ECO 202	3	SS
Economics	6,7	ECO 201,202	6	SS
English	4,5	ENG 101	3	EC
English	6,7	ENG 101, 301	6	EC
European History	4,5	HIS 101	3	AH
European History	6,7	HIS 101, 102	6	AH
Mathematics	4-7	MAT 121	4	MA
Music	4-7	MUS 101	3	AH
Psychology	4-7	PSY 101	3	SS
Theatre	4-7	THR 101	3	AH

AIU Placement Test

Testing

At AIU, we pride ourselves on helping every applicant achieve their academic endeavors. To ensure that we meet this goal, we require all applicants to demonstrate their aptitude levels in English and Mathematics. If you do not meet the following minimum English and Mathematics requirements for entry into our degree programs, you will be admitted to our Foundation Program (FP). These classes are led by qualified instructors who will guide you through the intensive preparatory courses based on your selected program, either STEM or Non-STEM. On successful completion of your FP courses, you will be offered direct admission into our degree programs.

English Placement Test (EPT)

The English Placement Test assesses incoming students' English proficiency level if no standardized test or proficiency scores are present.

Structure

Number of questions: 80 (20 questions in each section)

Type: Computer Based - Multiple choice questions

The EPT consists of 4 sections, each section will be composed of 20 multiple choice questions. You will be provided with 2 sample questions before each test section to familiarize yourself with the structures of the questions.

The EPT tests applicants on the following skills set:
- Listening
- Reading
- Language Use
- Sentence Meaning

Based on the outcome of the test and the program of choice, the applicant will be placed into one of the below courses:

English Foundation Program (EFP)
- Level 1
- Level 2
- Degree Level

The English Foundation Program (EFP) aims to help students develop academic listening and English-speaking skills needed for successful extended academic discourse.

Students will develop complex grammatical understanding and successfully produce academic writing in English. On completion of the program, the student will be ready to take on degree-level reading, writing, and research assignments, as well as communicate effectively with faculty and peers.

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Mathematics Placement Test (MPT)

The Math Placement Test (MPT) assesses a students' math proficiency level if the standardized test or proficiency scores are not present at the time of admissions.

Structure

Number of questions: 20 questions

Type: Computer Based - Multiple choice questions

The MPT consists of 1 section composed of 20 multiple choice questions. You will be provided with 2 sample questions before the section to familiarize yourself with the structure of the questions. Based on the outcome of the test and the program applied for, the applicant will be placed into one of the below courses:

Mathematics Foundation Program (MFP)
- Level 1
- Level 2
- Degree Level

The Math Foundation Program (MFP) provides an opportunity for students to develop their mathematics skills and learn degree-level material, fully preparing them for university study before they progress onto their chosen major.

Non-STEM MPT

If you are applying to any of our non-STEM majors, including but not limited to *Business, Architecture and Design, and English Education*, you will be required to the Qualitative Reasoning, Algebra and Statistics test. The test adaptively assesses a student on a range of math skills of varying difficulty levels.

Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra and Statistics (QRAS) assess the student knowledge in
- Exponents and Algebraic Expressions
- Geometry Concepts for Algebra I
- Linear Equations and Graphs
- Statistics, Probability and Sets
- Ratio and Proportional Relationships

STEM MPT

If you are applying to any of our STEM majors, including but not limited to *Engineering and Computing, Biotechnology, and Math Education,* you will be required to take the Advanced Algebra and Functions test.

The Advanced Algebra and Functions (AAF) assess the student knowledge in:
- Exponential and Logarithmic Equations
- Factoring and Functions
- Geometry Concepts for Algebra I & II
- Linear Equations
- Quadratic Equations
- Geometry and Trigonometry

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Dual Enrollment

Opportunity for Seniors and Rising Seniors to Take AIU Courses for University Credit.

Courses:

Each year, AIU makes a certain number of seats available to qualified high school students in certain AIU courses as identified and determined appropriate by the students' high school and AIU ("AIU Courses").

- Dual Enrollment courses shall only be offered by AIU Faculty on the AIU Campus and may not be offered in the high school setting.
- Students will only be offered sections that meet between 12:00pm and 5:00pm.
- All AIU Courses apart from AIU 111/112 (Health & Wellness) are mixed gender.
- Students may enroll in a maximum of 7 credits per semester under the Dual Enrollment program.
- Students are required to provide their own transportation to and from AIU's Campus.

   Additionally,

   o   AIU is not responsible or liable for students once they have left the gated University complex.

Cost:

Students will be solely responsible for all financial obligations stemming from enrollment in this program. Neither the students' high school nor AIU will provide financial assistance to the student. Students will be responsible for purchasing required course materials and paying university and course-specific fees. However, AIU will waive, or discount fees as specified below.

Tuition Fee:

- 50% discount on Student Activity Fee.
- 50% discount on per-credit hour tuition rates as published in the current catalog.
- One free transcript per semester delivered directly to the students' school representative.

Qualifications:

To enroll in AIU Courses, students must:

- Be classified as rising or current junior or senior under their school's rules at the time of enrollment; and have a cumulative grade point average of no less than 3.0 (or equivalent) as of the end of the previous semester for which grades are available.
- Demonstrate an ability to read, write, speak, and comprehend English.

AIU, at its option, shall be entitled to require evidence that a student wishing to take AIU Courses meets these qualifications at the time of enrollment.

If your high school is not yet an official Dual-Enrollment partner with AIU, they can contact admissions@aiu.edu.kw to get started.

Tuition and Fees

Tuition and Fees 2023-2024	KWD	Comments
Admissions Application	20	Non-refundable
English and Math Placement Test	5	Per exam
Credit Transfer	20	Non-refundable
Registration Fee for All Programs	150	Non-refundable
Math Foundation Program	500	Per semester
English Foundation Program	2000	Per semester
Engineering Programs	260	Per credit hour
Non-Engineering Programs	240	Per credit hour
Student Services Charges	190	Per semester
Graduation Fee	60	Per degree earned

After you Apply

Once you submit your application, we will contact you to inform you of a decision. Before you can begin your classes, you must attend the New Student Orientation that will be held on campus. The orientation will provide you with all the necessary information to get you ready to begin your journey at AIU, from class schedules to campus services. In addition to key information, you will also be provided with your own student account, university email, and a physical student identification card. Once you are a student at AIU, you will have access to your assigned academic advisor who will guide you through your studies at AIU.

Your future is our goal, and we look forward to welcoming you on campus!

New Student Orientation

AIU offers New Student Orientation to all new students attending AIU. Orientation is designed to assist students in their transition to AIU and is mandatory for all new students to attend. During the orientation students will become acclimated to the university and will have the chance to meet with faculty and staff, meet new classmates, connect with current students, learn about university resources, and register for their classes. Students will leave New Student Orientation understanding our university's opportunities and resources, as well as what to expect with our university experience.

How to Register

For the most up-to-date list of available orientation sessions, visit **aiu.edu.kw/life/orientation** or contact our Admissions Office to sign up for New Student Orientation.

Policy Highlights

- The University (AIU) reserves the right to reject your application if it is discovered that any information you provided in your application is incorrect or fraudulent.

- Fulfilling the admissions requirements does not guarantee acceptance. All offers of admission are made at the discretion of the Admissions Committee. All decisions by the Committee are final.

- If your application was received after the application deadline stated, it will be considered on a case-by-case basis and at the discretion of the Admissions Committee

- It is your responsibility to ensure that all the information you provide to us, in the form of supporting documentation, is accurate and complete. Failure to complete your application will result in a delay in considering you for a place in your desired program.

- Applicants may re-apply for an upcoming semester. A new application will need to be opened. However, the applicant is required to update their documents if they were invalid/outdated by the time they re-apply.

- We do not accept SAT or ACT scores that were obtained over three years prior to the date of application submission. We do not accept IELTS or TOEFL scores that were obtained over two years prior to the date of application submission.

- If you would like the university to consider other equivalent proof of English and/or mathematical proficiency, please speak to an Admissions Specialist. Please be aware that AIU reserves the right to not consider and/or accept any form of proof of proficiency other than that mentioned in this document.

- AIU also reserves the right to discount any test scores/certificates that can be reasonably believed to have been tampered with in any manner.

- Placement tests are conducted on campus, in a secured room in the Testing Center. The test is proctored electronically and by center personnel. If you are required to take the test, please refer to the Student Testing Procedures guide to familiarize yourself with our policies. Any infringement of these policies, for example, cheating of any manner, will be dealt with according to our admission policies.

- Applicants seeking to transfer their credits from prior higher education institutions must submit a sealed official transcript. Submission of this form does not automatically guarantee the transfer of university credits. Your prior courses will be evaluated and accepted at the discretion of our Academic Departments.

For inquiries relating to our admissions policy, write to **admissions@aiu.edu.kw**

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