

Information for Students from the USA



AUB is a leading creative university in the UK offering high quality, specialist education in art, design, media and performance.

We welcome students worldwide and host students from the USA each year across a range of courses. Whatever your passion, we'll help you explore it. Whatever your ambition, we'll provide the route to get you there.

On the way, you'll collaborate with other courses, learn new skills from inspiring staff and create work with industry-standard equipment.
Whatever your journey, we'll help you get from A to B.

Start your creative journey with us!

Why choose to study in the UK?

Deciding where to study can be a daunting process. Here are a few reasons why Arts University Bournemouth in the UK could be a great option for you.

- AUB's Bachelor's Degrees can be achieved in just three years
- Our programmes are focussed on your chosen specialism from day one with no need to take any minors or electives. Study the subject you love and nothing else
- The tuition fees are competitive compared to equivalent specialist institutions in the USA
- Discover British culture with easy access to European destinations
- Make yourself employable.
 Employers value students who have studied abroad demonstrating independence, flexibility and having an open mind
- Typical university accommodation is single room and private bathroom no dorm sharing required!

Discover our Guide to Bournemouth: aub.ac.uk/guide-to-bournemouth





Sarah YoumansBA (Hons) Illustration Orlando, Florida

I chose AUB for its unique campus, welcoming staff, and wonderful course. Studying in a different country has really opened my eyes to how different the world is, and I'm grateful for that experience. But even when I felt homesick AUB had always made me feel at home.

Throughout my time here I've learned so much on my course, and I wouldn't have changed a thing. I'm proud to be an AUB student, and I couldn't recommend it enough!

Rosemairi Hamill Foundation Diploma in Art and Design Maine, USA

I chose AUB because I liked the format of the course and how it differs from programs in the US. I also enjoyed living in a more diverse community than where I'm from. It didn't take very long to be comfortable living in Bournemouth. Coming from a small town on the coast of Maine I found Bournemouth exciting but not intimidating.

I really love that the foundation course is self-motivated and filled with experimental work as well as useful tutorials. The staff were very supportive and helped us with any problems we had.



Entry requirements

Foundation Studies

Successful completion of an accredited high school diploma with a GPA of 3.0 or above.

BA (Hons) courses

For direct admission to our BA courses applicants are urged to follow a college preparatory program in high school, taking a senior course in fine or applied art where possible.

One of the following:

- An accredited honours or college preparatory high school diploma with a GPA of 3.0 or better
- An accredited high school diploma with a GPA of 3.0 or above plus one of the following:
 - 3 AP exam results with a grade of 3 or better
 - SAT I (Reasoning) scores of at least 1100
 - SAT II subject tests in at least 2 subjects with scores of 600 or better
 - ACT test results in at least 2 subjects with scores of 24 or better
- An accredited Associate's Degree
- First year (freshman year) of university at an accredited university
- A recognised Foundation Diploma in Art and Design Studies



Test Optional for 2022

We know that the pandemic disrupted your academic schedule over the past year. Therefore, for the 2022 admissions cycle, AUB will consider applicants without SAT, ACT or AP exams. We encourage you to complete appropriate college-prep courses where possible! Any questions? Please feel free to ask!

AUB will consider other relevant forms of education, please contact us for more information!

Find out more.

Application process

The process of applying to universities in the UK is different from the US system. Here is a guide to applying to AUB.

- One application is submitted via UCAS. There is no need to submit multiple applications. For more information on UCAS and how it works, visit: ucas.com
- You can apply for a maximum of 5 courses in the UK
- The UCAS application will require personal details, education history, a personal statement and references.

TIP: The personal statement that UK universities will want is not the same as the one submitted for US universities. Check out the UCAS website for lots of helpful tools and advice

- You can apply before you receive your grades from High School or College
- Most courses at AUB will require a portfolio of work to be submitted
- If your application is successful, you will receive either a conditional or unconditional offer. An unconditional offer means that we are satisfied you already have the qualifications required for the course



- A conditional offer is made if you are yet to satisfy the conditions such as completing your high school diploma
- AUB is on the Common
 Application system! We welcome
 applications via UCAS or the
 Common App so choose the
 application that works for you.

You can also **apply directly** to AUB via our website if you have not applied to AUB via UCAS or the Common App!

Portfolios

For the majority of our courses, we'll ask you to submit a digital portfolio as part of the application process.

We'll send you instructions on how to submit your portfolio via *MyApplication* once you have made your inital application (you don't need to send us your portfolio until you hear from us).

You can view our portfolio guidelines here: aub.ac.uk/apply/portfolios

If you would like further support with your portfolio or application, you can book a 1-2-1 session with one of our Senior International Officers. To book, email: international@aub.ac.uk

For further information on how to apply, visit: aub.ac.uk/apply



Finance

- Tuition fees are competitive compared to equivalent institutions in the USA and you are only paying for 3 years
- We participate in the US
 Department of Education's Direct
 Loans programme and so will
 accept FAFSA
- Eligible US students are able to access federally-subsidised Stafford and PLUS loans to help finance their studies with us
- We have been approved to process VA benefits with the US Department of Veterans Affairs. As a US Veteran, you can use your Chapter 33 (post-9/11 GI Bill) and Chapter 35 benefits to fund your studies at AUB subject to course approval by the VA
- We have a range of Scholarships and Bursaries for EU and International students. These finanical awards vary from £2,000 - £20,000 and are awarded for every year of your studies.

For further information on Scholarships and Bursaries visit: aub.ac.uk/scholarships

For further information on Finance, visit: aub.ac.uk/fees



<u>Visa</u> information

- To study a degree programme in the UK, you will need to apply for a Student Route visa and will require a passport to travel
- You can start your visa application 6 months before your course starts but no earlier
- You will need to ensure you have all of the necessary documents ready before making your visa application; this includes a CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies) which must be requested from AUB

For more information on how to apply for the correct visa and what documents are required, please visit:

aub.ac.uk/international/visa-and-immigration

Study Abroad

If you are currently enrolled at a US institution, you may be able to join us at AUB as a study abroad student, studying with us for one or two semesters or a full academic year.

For more information on Study Abroad, please visit our website aub.ac.uk/study-abroad or contact: studyabroad@aub.ac.uk





Caitlyn Keaney

BA Costume and Performance Design Graduate California, USA

I've absolutely loved my time here at AUB and always look forward to the new challenges that come with each project.

The tutors are super helpful from course work to future goals and career advice. The collaborative and creative atmosphere is awesome; there's aways something going on around campus from art installations to live performances.

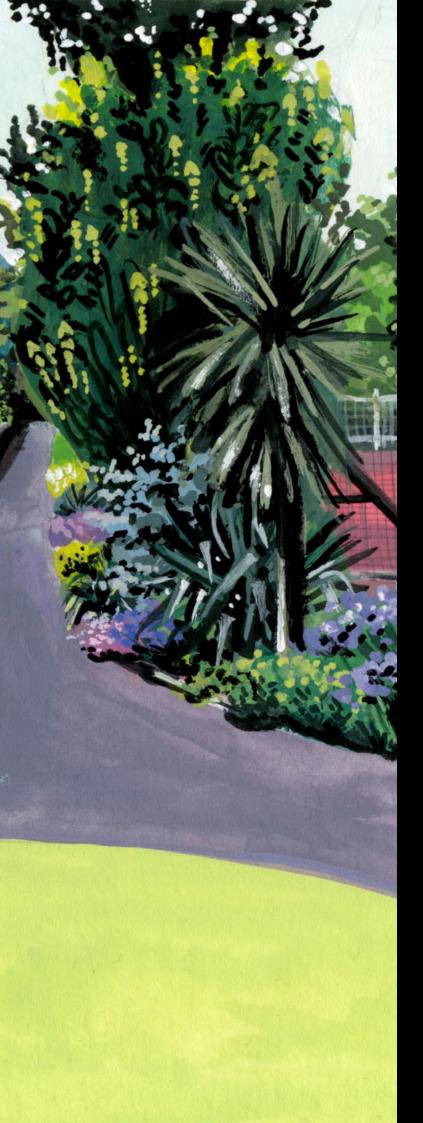
Bournemouth itself is a beautiful town and I feel at home here, even though I'm far away from the California sunshine.

If you would like to know more about AUB and what it's like studying in the UK, please get in touch with Caitlyn.

Caitlyn is free from Wednesday - Friday and would be more than happy to chat about her experiences as a student from the USA.

Book a chat!

Or email: helloUSA@aub.ac.uk



Contact



Jessica is one of our Senior International Officers who is here to support students from the USA looking to study with us. If you have any questions or just want to chat, please feel free to reach out to Jessica.

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