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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES 2026

May 4, 2026

Dear graduating students,

The 157th Commencement Exercises will be held on the Green Field on two consecutive evenings in June.

The honorary doctorate and graduate ceremony will take place on Friday, June 5, 2026, at 7:30 pm.

The undergraduate ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at 7:30 pm.

Below you will find a message from the Office of the Registrar with critical information regarding your degree and participation in the commencement exercises.

Please note that in keeping with the dignity and grandeur of the event and out of respect for all graduating students, their families, and our guests, you are expected to return to your seats after crossing the stage and remain seated until the end of Commencement.

I wish you the best of luck in finishing the academic term successfully. I look forward to congratulating you personally in June.

Fadlo R. Khuri, MD

President

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MESSAGE EXCLUSIVELY FOR SPRING 2025-26 CANDIDATES AND SUMMER 2025-26 CANDIDATES WHO ARE PERMITTED TO MARCH

You are receiving this email because you have either applied to graduate in spring 2025-26 or you have petitioned to march in the commencement ceremony.

This message is not a confirmation of your graduation. Please note that you will be an AUB graduate—and alumnus or alumna—only after the vote taken by the University Senate and the official awarding of your degree has been documented on your student record.

MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

Dear graduating students,

Congratulations on your academic achievements. We are pleased to share with you some important information as you prepare to participate in the upcoming graduate or undergraduate commencement ceremony.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

All candidates are required to wear the appropriate academic regalia (gown, cap, and hood) at the ceremony. In addition, we recommend that all candidates dress in plain colors. No jewelry or decoration may be worn on the gown. Details on how to rent your cap, gown, and hood for commencement can be found here: <https://www.aub.edu.lb/auxiliary/Regalia/Pages/default.aspx>.

DEGREES

During the commencement ceremony, you will be given a degree cover as you cross the stage. Inside the degree cover will be instructions on how to retrieve your degree if you have not already done so. Degree retrieval appointments will start on Monday, June 22, 2026.

GRADUATE CEREMONY

A rehearsal for the graduate commencement ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 4, 2026, at 5:30 pm at the Green Field. All graduate candidates must attend the rehearsal. Attending the rehearsal constitutes your final confirmation of participation. Candidates who cannot attend the rehearsal are required to submit a valid excuse [here](#) by Monday, May 25, 2026. Names of unexcused candidates who do not attend the rehearsal will be removed from the seating plan. These candidates will not be permitted to march in the commencement ceremony.

Graduate candidates must report to the south end of the Green Field no later than 6:00 pm on Friday, June 5, for the academic procession. You will enter from the ramp leading down to the Green Field between the Charles Hostler Student Center and the Green Field. Students who arrive later than 6:00 pm will not be allowed to join the procession.

UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONY

A rehearsal for the undergraduate commencement ceremony will be held at the Green Field on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at 5:00 pm.

All undergraduate candidates for graduation must attend the rehearsal. Attending the rehearsal constitutes your final confirmation of participation. Candidates who cannot attend rehearsal are required to submit a valid excuse [here](#) by Monday, May 25, 2026. Names of unexcused candidates who do not attend the rehearsal will be removed from the seating plan. These candidates will not be permitted to march in the commencement ceremony.

Undergraduate candidates must report to the south end of the Green Field no later than 5:30 pm on Saturday, June 6 for the academic procession. You will enter from the ramp leading down to the Green Field between the Charles Hostler Student Center and the Green Field. Students who arrive later than 5:30 pm will not be allowed to join the procession.

E-TICKETS*

E-tickets will be issued and sent to you by email once you confirm your participation.

Graduating students at the graduate level who have confirmed their attendance are entitled to TWO (2) e-tickets each for the Honorary Doctorate and Graduate Commencement Ceremony on Friday, June 5, 2026.

Graduating students at the undergraduate level who have confirmed their attendance are entitled to TWO (2) e-tickets each for the Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, June 6, 2026.

Further details about e-tickets will be shared at a later date. Please note that e-tickets will not be issued on the day of the commencement ceremony.

*Exceptionally, this year and for security reasons, the number of e-tickets is reduced to TWO (2). If this decision is revised, you will be notified by email.

COMPORTMENT

If you choose to participate in Commencement 2026, you are expected to behave in an orderly and dignified manner throughout the ceremony.

In particular, we ask on behalf of your fellow students and their guests that you remain in your seats until the end of the ceremony. We will remind you at the rehearsal of the importance of respecting all graduates in this way.

All information pertaining to Commencement 2026 is available online at the following [link](#).

Kind regards,

Office of the Registrar