



OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

April 7, 2026

Dear Colleagues,

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones well and safe. On behalf of the university, I want to begin by expressing our deep gratitude for your commitment and dedication in ensuring that our students can continue to learn and progress with their studies.

As we enter the final stretch of what has been an enormously challenging semester, I write today to share guidance on our path forward as we navigate these remaining weeks amidst uncertainty.

1. The Senate has approved a [revised academic calendar](#) and **classes will now end on May 4 instead of April 29, 2026**. To make up for lost MWF classes and activities during the semester, Thursday, April 30 will run the Wednesday class schedule; Saturday, May 2 will run the Friday class schedule; and Monday, May 4 will run the Monday class schedule.

The reading period will run from May 5 to May 7. **Final exams will start on May 8** and end on May 17, Saturdays and Sundays included. The final exams schedule will be shared by the Office of the Registrar soon. For our graduating class, **commencement ceremonies are planned to proceed on schedule**, June 5 for graduate students and June 6 for undergraduate students.

2. **Classes will continue to be offered synchronously online** at their regularly scheduled times until the university announces otherwise. Please continue to make recordings and other course materials promptly available on Moodle so that students, who are suffering from poor internet connectivity and cannot attend live sessions, can still access the course content.

You are also **encouraged to offer your classes in hybrid modality** using our technology-equipped classrooms across all faculties/schools, to allow your students who are able to come to campus to attend in-person.

3. With the goal of completing the spring semester as per the academic calendar, **experiential learning activities (labs, studios, rotations) and in-person exams will continue to take place on campus**. Please make alternative arrangements for

any of your students who cannot attend in-person activities or exams. The semester extension can help you in planning makeup sessions.

4. Students have been informed that if they **travel outside Lebanon**, they must submit a "*Petition for Travel Notification*" to be able to continue their coursework while abroad. Students who petition to travel remain responsible for keeping up with their course requirements and maintaining communication with their instructors.
5. Students must be **present on campus for final exams or thesis defenses** following the requirements of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education in Lebanon. Graduating students who cannot complete these requirements on time will therefore need to delay their graduation.
6. **Students may request an Incomplete in courses** for which they have not finished key requirements. As is normal practice, students need to submit an "*Incomplete Request Petition*" before the end of the final exam period. The workflow has been simplified and supporting documentation will not be required. The grade entered in AUBsis will then be the letter "I" plus the course grade achieved so far (e.g., IC- or ID+), and it will be later revised after the grading of incomplete work, which must be submitted by a date agreed to with the instructor, but in no case later than September 30, 2026.
7. If you have **students who are regularly missing classes and have been unreachable**, please notify the relevant associate dean and the student services officer at your faculty/school as soon as possible.

We will continue to keep you updated as the situation evolves. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out to your chairperson or dean if you have questions or concerns.

All updates are being posted on the university's [Emergency Preparedness](#) website. The Office of the Provost will also be holding a **virtual faculty Q&A session on Wednesday, April 8 at 3:00 pm**, and we encourage you to join.

Wishing you a blessed Easter holiday. May it bring peace and a brighter tomorrow.

Sincerely,

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Provost