



OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

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Dear AUB Students,

This has been an extraordinarily difficult semester for our whole AUB community. Your care, persistence, and hard work to advance your education have been truly admirable. We recognize that you have done so while experiencing stress, threats to safety, and in some cases, forced displacement and even the loss of homes and loved ones.

With a ceasefire now in place, I am writing with guidance as we move through the end of this spring semester.

Resuming instructional activities on campus

Teaching and learning will be **in-person starting Monday, April 20** until the last day of classes, Monday, May 4 (according to the [revised academic calendar](#)). If you are abroad, we encourage you to make arrangements to return to Lebanon.

For those of you who are unable to come to campus, please coordinate with your course instructor for permission to attend your classes online.

As per directives from the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, all final exams must be held in person and will follow the [exam schedule](#) between May 8 and 17. All master's and PhD thesis defenses must also take place in person on campus by the extended deadline of May 7. Any graduating students who cannot return to campus for final exams or their thesis defense will need to defer their graduation.

'Incomplete' grades – Petition process

Students must petition to request 'incomplete' grades for any course in which their work has not been completed by the end of the semester. The reasons for an 'incomplete' grade may include key course deliverables that need to be completed and/or missed assessments including final exams.

If an 'incomplete' grade is unavoidable for one or more of your courses, your instructors will make necessary arrangements to facilitate your completion of the course

requirements during the coming months. As per policy, final grades for incomplete work need to be finalized by September 30.

Commencement and summer term

Commencement for the class of 2025-26 is scheduled to take place on June 5 and 6. We congratulate in advance those of you who are expected to graduate by that time.

The summer term is scheduled to start in-person on June 1.

You may reach out to ask_ecad@aub.edu.lb for clarifications on the above guidelines. Please continue to be in touch with your course instructors, academic advisors, and/or student services officers regarding any concerns related to your courses or academic plans.

Sincerely,

Zaher Dawy, PhD
Provost
