



OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

April 7, 2026

Dear Students,

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones well and safe. This has been an exceptionally difficult semester, and I want to begin by acknowledging the dedication and commitment you have shown in persevering with your studies under these circumstances.

I write today to lay out key considerations for the remainder of the spring semester and to outline our plans for the coming few weeks. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and refine our plans whenever necessary.

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** until the university announces otherwise. Course instructors have been encouraged to offer their classes in a hybrid modality, allowing those 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**. Course instructors will make alternative arrangements for students who cannot attend in-person activities or exams.
4. The **campus will remain open** for students to access [university libraries](#), study spaces, research laboratories, [athletic facilities](#), and [student services](#). The [AUB Counseling Center](#) remains available for both in-person and online consultations.

5. **Students who choose to travel outside Lebanon** must submit a "*Petition for Travel Notification*" to be able to continue their coursework while abroad. The petition should be submitted after departure and must include the boarding pass for the departing flight from Beirut and a photo of the departure stamp in the passport. Students who petition to travel remain responsible for keeping up with their course requirements and maintaining communication with their instructors.
6. 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.
7. **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 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.

We encourage you to stay in regular contact with your course instructors, academic advisor and the Student Services Office at your faculty/school about any circumstances that are constraining your academic progress or affecting your well-being.

For academic questions that cannot be answered at the faculty/school level, please write ask_ecad@aub.edu.lb. All updates are being posted on the university's [Emergency Preparedness](#) website.

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

Sincerely,

Zaher Dawy, PhD

Provost