



**STUDENT** GUIDE  
ARTS UNIVERSITY BOURNEMOUTH



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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!

This student guide will give you an insight into AUB, our ethos and what you could achieve as an **#AUBMAKER**

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“I felt like I could be myself  
because everyone else  
was themselves.”

Nebras Jamali | BA (Hons) Acting, featured  
in BBC's Our Girl



# ABOUT US

**Making the best possible difference in the world starts with making your best possible self.**

We enable this through creative learning, supported by state-of-the-art studios and equipment and engaged, passionate staff. Creative people see the world differently. We learn differently. Which is why we've remained creative specialists since 1883.

We've achieved two Queen's Awards for Enterprise for Costume and Film, the Bournemouth Film School (BFS) is home to award-winning alumni including Oscar and BAFTA award winning Director Simon Beaufoy, Fashion Stylist Twinks Burnett and Turner Prize winning Photographer Wolfgang Tillmans.

Our award-winning campus includes specialist state-of-the-art facilities and equipment, including a purpose-built Drawing Studio designed by Alumni Professor Sir Peter Cook RA, and cutting-edge technology lab Innovation Studio, which houses world-class design, fabrication, and 3D printing technologies.

## **Our Research**

More than 12% of AUB's research has now been classed as 'world-leading' with a further 42% being classed 'internationally excellent', according to REF 2021.

## **Sustainability**

We recognise our responsibilities and are committed to continuous environmental, sustainable and social justice improvement in both our curriculum and day-to-day operations. Our campus has also been awarded EcoCampus Platinum – the highest level of university accreditation.

## **AUB Human**

AUB Human is a space where we celebrate social, ethical and sustainable creative practice. We're using our skills to engage and address some of the most pressing issues that are facing the human race today.



# WE KNOW CREATIVITY

**Making the best possible difference in the world starts with making your best possible self.**

We're a community of makers. We champion the individual. We celebrate those that want to take risks and innovate. We welcome diversity, and offer a space for you to become your creative self.

With students and staff from over 75 countries, our creative community thrives upon innovative thinking and global-minded individuals.

**Our Courses include:**

- Portfolio Preparation Summer Courses (15-18 years)
- Two Foundation Diplomas
- 28 Undergraduate Degrees
- 19 Postgraduate Courses (seven online courses)
- Study Abroad and Exchange options



# WE CREATE CAREERS

**93.5% Of our graduates are in work or further study after completing their undergraduate degree.**

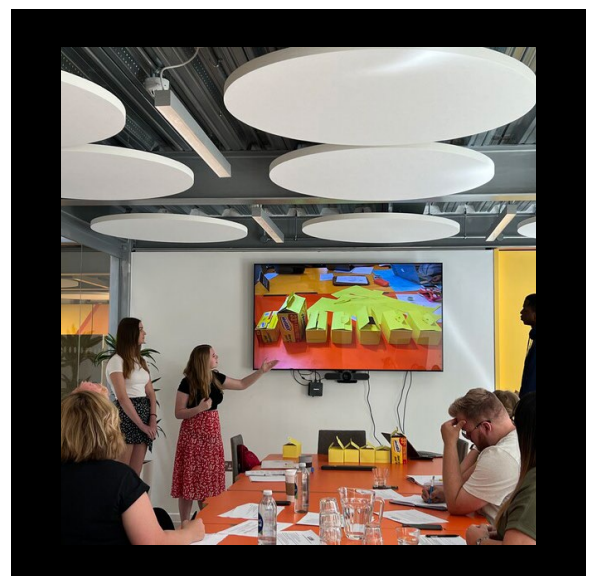
Our exceptional teaching staff are leading professionals from across the creative industries. They'll work with you to sharpen the skills you need to succeed, from developing industry contacts and gaining placements to nurturing a specialist insight that transforms creativity into careers.

Our Careers and Employability Service is dedicated to supporting you in turning your creativity into a great career. We provide quality information and guidance to help you stand out and prepare you to embark on your professional future. We offer 1:1 appointments and run events helping you explore your options and guide you in making the choices that are right for you.

Recruiters are looking to employ graduates with the right skills, personal attributes and industry experience that will make them great assets to their organisations. This is why course teams ensure employability is embedded in your curriculum, and why we provide quality information and guidance to help you stand out and prepare you to embark on your professional future.

We also have a dedicated careers platform - AUB Advantage Career Hub for students and alumni with careers resources, job opportunities and events. Students are also able to book an appointment with a Careers Coach.

**[aub.ac.uk/careers-employability](http://aub.ac.uk/careers-employability)**



# FOUNDATION DIPLOMAS

**Our one-year or six-month Foundation Diplomas give you the chance to explore different creative areas before choosing the subject you want to take a degree in.**

- Foundation Diploma in Art, Design and Media (One-year)
- International Foundation Diploma (IFD) (Six-month)

There are a few key differences between our Foundation Diploma courses, but they both offer the same level of qualification and they both explore the areas of Art, Design and Media. When completed at AUB, you'll be offered a guaranteed place on one of AUB's undergraduate degrees.

The Foundation in Art, Design and Media is full-time and 1 year in length starting in September 2024 and finishes in June 2025.

The International Foundation Diploma is full-time and six months in length, starting in January 2024 and finishes in June 2024. Meaning, you could start an undergraduate degree in the same year! There's an online induction to this course in December to integrate students into the course before they arrive on campus in the new year.

**[aub.ac.uk/courses/foundation-courses](https://aub.ac.uk/courses/foundation-courses)**



# UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

**Our undergraduate degrees offer you the opportunity to study an arts subject you love in a creative community, on a specialist campus.**

BA (Hons) Acting  
BA (Hons) Animation Production  
BA (Hons) Architecture (part 1 ARB/RIBA)  
BA (Hons) Creative Direction  
BA (Hons) Creative Technologies  
BA (Hons) Creative Writing  
BA (Hons) Creative Writing (online)  
BA (Hons) Commercial Photography  
BA (Hons) Communication Design and Strategy  
BA (Hons) Costume  
BA (Hons) Curation, Exhibition and Experience Design  
BA (Hons) Design for Sustainable Futures  
BA (Hons) Events Management  
BA (Hons) Fashion  
BA (Hons) Fashion Branding and Communication  
BA (Hons) Film Production  
BA (Hons) Fine Art  
BA (Hons) Games Art and Design  
BA (Hons) Graphic Design  
BA (Hons) Illustration  
BA (Hons) Interior Architecture and Design  
BA (Hons) Interior Architecture and Design for Health and Wellbeing  
BA (Hons) Make-up for Media and Performance  
BA (Hons) Modelmaking  
BA (Hons) Performance Design and Film Costume  
BA (Hons) Photography  
BA (Hons) Textiles  
BA (Hons) Visual Effects (VFX) for Film and Television

**[aub.ac.uk/undergraduate-courses](http://aub.ac.uk/undergraduate-courses)**

# POSTGRADUATE DEGREES

Our postgraduate degrees will deepen your understanding of a subject; giving you the chance to critically approach your work and hone your practice. We'll enable you to understand and observe your specialism in the context of culture.

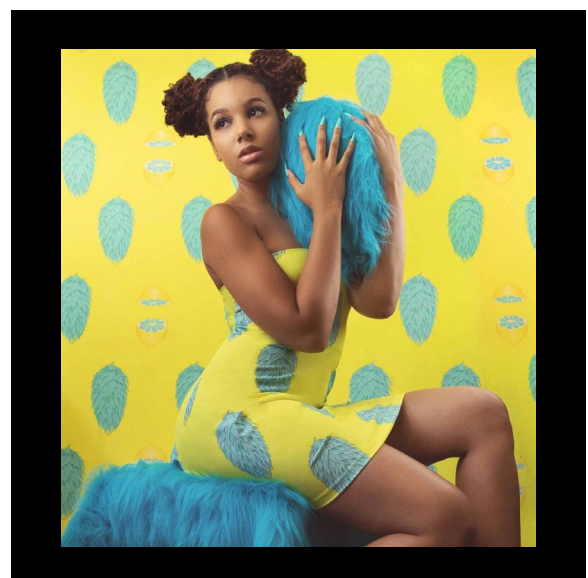
January Start:

MA Animation Production  
MA Digital Fashion Innovation  
MA Fine Art  
MA Graphic Design  
MA Historical Costume  
MA Illustration  
MA Painting  
MA Photography  
MRes Arts

September Start:

Master of Architecture (part 2 ARB/RIBA)  
MA Animation Production  
MA Digital Fashion Innovation  
MA Film Practice  
MA Fine Art  
MA Graphic Design  
MA Historical Costume  
MA Illustration  
MA Painting  
MA Photography  
MRes Arts  
MPhil/PhD Research Degrees

[aub.ac.uk/postgraduate-courses](http://aub.ac.uk/postgraduate-courses)



Hattie Young | MA Illustration



# CAMPUS AND ACCOMMODATION

## **Campus**

Our campus is a living, breathing, academic environment for creativity. It's where you'll make amazing things happen. With a backdrop of head-turning architecture, you'll be in a community of like-minded makers and thinkers.

We invest heavily in the technology and spaces that equip you for life in your chosen field, and we want you to get used to the equipment and facilities you'll find in the real world. You'll find everything you need to thrive in the arts right here on campus.

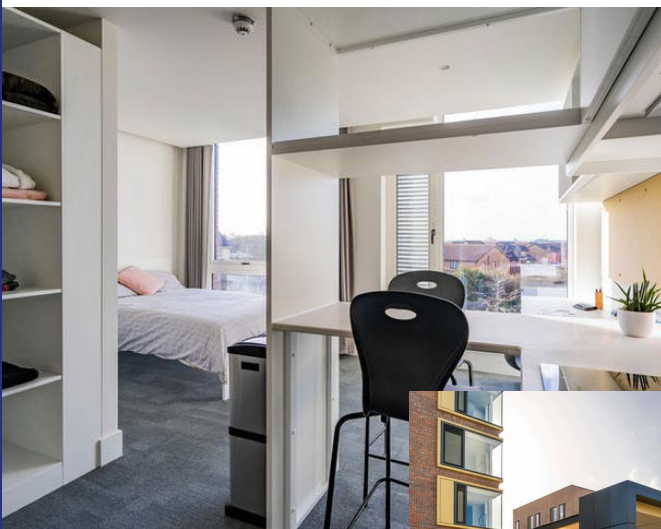
**[aub.ac.uk/campus](http://aub.ac.uk/campus)**

## **Accommodation**

We have accommodation available for first-year students in our great range of halls of residence located on AUB Campus and in the Lansdowne area of Bournemouth town centre.

Just as you're not all studying the same course, we know our students like different styles of places to live. We have a range of halls of residence, each offering something unique – with everything from modern self-contained studio flats to more traditional en-suite rooms in cluster flats, there is something for everyone.

**[aub.ac.uk/accommodation](http://aub.ac.uk/accommodation)**



# LOCATION

On campus you'll find lots of great resources and facilities. We have an unrivalled library that's totally dedicated to the creative arts and a gallery where we exhibit inspiring works from renowned artists.

Take a look at our Students' Union for lots of useful information about what's happening on and off campus.

**[aub.ac.uk/student-union](http://aub.ac.uk/student-union)**

There's a canteen, bar and café on campus and plenty more to choose from at the neighbouring Bournemouth University, which you're welcome to make use of. While you're over at BU, you'll also find fitness facilities at SportBU, the student union shop, a book shop and a Santander Bank.

Bournemouth is well-connected by public transport, which makes it easy to explore some of the South Coast's highlights.

With award-winning beaches, buzzing nightlife, mini-golf courses, cinemas, water parks, gardens and a plethora of shops and restaurants all within a 5-mile radius of our campus, being able to explore your surroundings is a must.

If you're looking to go a little further afield, there are also major train and coach stations a short walk away from our Lansdowne halls of residence that will transport you to the New Forest, Southampton, London and beyond.

**[aub.ac.uk/guide-to-bournemouth](http://aub.ac.uk/guide-to-bournemouth)**



# WHY STUDY IN THE UK?

**Deciding where to study can be a daunting process. Here are a few reasons why studying 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. Study the subject you love and nothing else!
- Discover British culture with easy access to other 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!



# HOW TO APPLY

## **Foundation and Postgraduate courses**

If you are looking to study Foundation diplomas or Postgraduate degrees, you can apply directly online.

## **Undergraduate degrees**

There are several routes that you can use to apply to one of our undergraduate courses depending on your circumstances.

### UCAS

- Once an 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](https://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.

### Direct Application

- If you're applying for a full-time undergraduate course, you can apply to us directly, via our website, free of charge.
- If you're only applying to AUB, we'd recommend that you apply directly to us.
- Please note we can only consider direct online applications if you haven't applied and won't apply through UCAS for this year of entry. If you're applying to more than one university in the UK, you should apply through UCAS.

### Via an Agent

We have agent partners across the world who work with us to support applicants. If you'd prefer to speak to someone face-to-face about your university options and the application process, applying through an agent might be the right route for you.

**[aub.ac.uk/apply](https://aub.ac.uk/apply)**



# 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 initial application (you don't need to send us your portfolio until you hear from us).

You can find our portfolio guidelines on our website, or if you would like further support with your portfolio or application, you can book a 1-1 session with our Senior Academic Advisor, Sarah Charles. To book, scan the QR Code below or email [scharles@aub.ac.uk](mailto:scharles@aub.ac.uk)

[aub.ac.uk/apply/portfolios](http://aub.ac.uk/apply/portfolios)



Anna Rumary | BA (Hons) Modelmaking

# PRESESSIONAL ENGLISH

**We offer a range of English Language support for international students, both in preparation for and during their time at AUB.**

If you're applying to study with us but don't think you will meet your chosen course's minimum English Language requirements, you might qualify for one of our Preessional English courses.

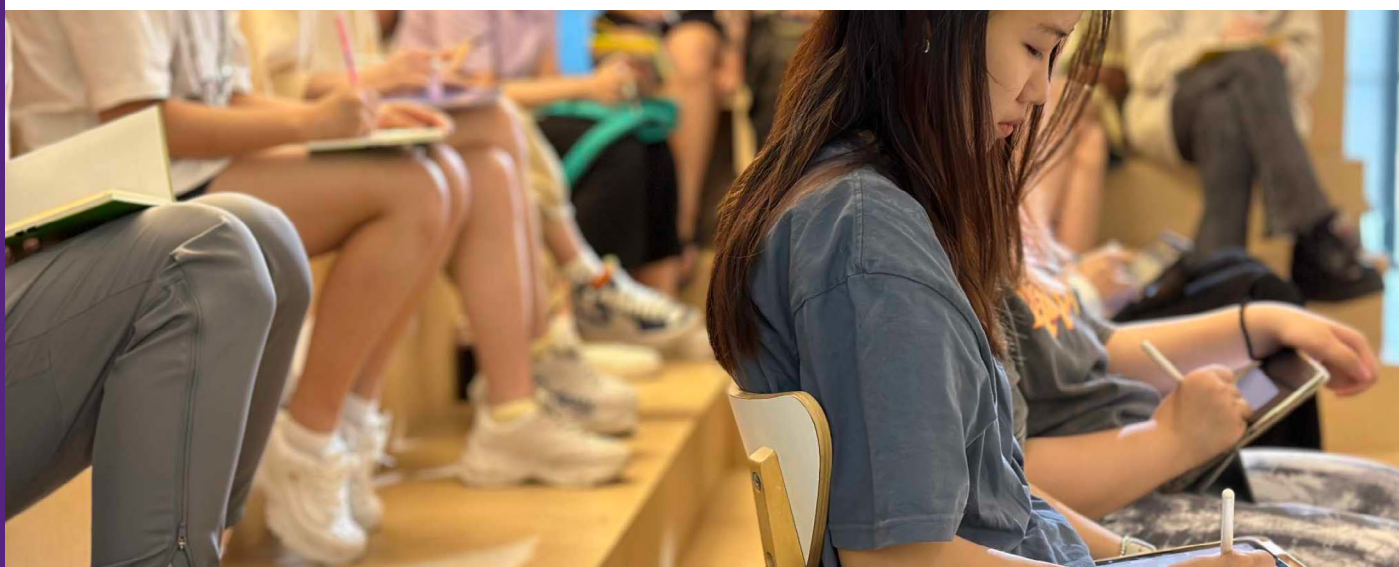
Our Preessional English and Academic Skills courses are for students who need to meet our minimum English Language requirements for their BA or MA courses. The Preessional courses will improve your ability and confidence in using English language and academic skills in your studies.

Currently, we are only able to offer Preessional courses for students applying to study at both BA and MA level. For both study levels, we provide an 11-week and a 5-week option. The course that you need to study will depend on how much you need to improve your English language skills before beginning your main course of study.

The course is fully online and includes live video-based, interactive sessions with our English for Academic Purposes lecturers and your classmates.

You can read about the English Language requirements and other details about our preessional courses on our website.

**[aub.ac.uk/international/english-language](http://aub.ac.uk/international/english-language)**



# VISAS

**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 our website.

**[aub.ac.uk/international/visaandimmigration](http://aub.ac.uk/international/visaandimmigration)**



# FEES AND FINANCE

## Fees for 2024/25 Applicants\*

### Foundation Diplomas

Fees | **£14,750 + £140** Registration Fee

### Undergraduate degrees

Fees | **£18,950 per year**

BA (Hons) Animation Production, Costume, Film Production, Modelmaking, and Performance Design and Film Costume | **£19,950 per year**

BA (Hons) Creative Writing (online) | **£15,000\* per year**

\* £100 recurring annual costs for associated course materials should be considered

### Postgraduate degrees

Full-time | **£19,950**

Full-time EU | **£18,500**

### Summer courses\*

2-Week Portfolio Preparation Courses (15-18yrs) | **£1,499**

Course fee + residential and half-board catering package | **£2,199**

[aub.ac.uk/fees](http://aub.ac.uk/fees)

\*all fees are subject to change



Anna Biro | BA (Hons) Visual Effects for Film and Television (VFX)



# SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

We aim to have a diverse student environment with the best creative talent. You could receive up to £15,000 to support your studies with us.

- International and EU Undergraduate Scholarship | **£1,500-£5,000 per year**
- International and EU Postgraduate Scholarship | **£1,500-£3,500 per year**
- Undergraduate Progression Bursary | **£3,000-£5,000**
- Postgraduate Progression Bursary | **£3,000-£5,000**
- International Early Payment Fee Waiver | **£1,500 per year**

## How to apply

There are no scholarship application forms to fill out - you'll be automatically considered for all eligible scholarships and bursaries when you complete an application to one of our full-time courses

[aub.ac.uk/scholarships](http://aub.ac.uk/scholarships)



# SUPPORT

## **Supporting Everyone's Needs**

Being a student involves so much more than studying. Starting university can be challenging as well as exciting. It's natural to take a while to find your feet and you may experience a hiccup along the way. We offer extra help to anyone who needs it and provide a range of specialist services to make managing your time here easier.

## **Student Advice**

Our Student Services Advisers provide advice and guidance on a range of issues including funding and financial support available for students, as well as accommodation queries and living in the community e.g. local travel and transport, local amenities and general information.

## **Study Skills and English for Academic Purposes (EAP)**

1:1 and small group study skills tutorials are available for all students for help with academic assignments, time management and academic skills. If English is not your first language, our EAP team can help you improve your language skills to get the most out of your studies.

## **Disability Support**

You don't have to tell us about your disability, but it can be useful if you do. You'll have access to more support and help for your studies, as well as possible extra funding. The Senior Disability Officer can provide advice and guidance on all disability related issues from advice on your application, to support at interview and throughout your course. We'll work in partnership with you, your course team and any external agencies to make sure that your needs are supported.

## **Wellbeing Support**

Any of our students can contact the Senior Wellbeing Officers to discuss any concerns or worries, particularly if you have mental health difficulties, addiction or eating disorders, or feel that you are struggling to remain on your course due to personal issues. This support focuses on identifying practical strategies for self management, as well as guidance on community support and services. A daily drop-in service is available for same-day support.

## **Counselling**

The Counselling Service offers single therapeutic sessions for one hour, booked on a session-by-session basis. The Counselling Service is student focused, adhering to the key theoretical principles of a person-centred approach as its foundation. Talking to a counsellor in a safe, non-judgmental and confidential setting can enable you to work through your problems with the aim of reaching a solution. Our Counselling Service maintains a professional accreditation awarded by the BACP (British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy) and there is a choice of male and female counsellors available.

**[aub.ac.uk/support](http://aub.ac.uk/support)**

# GRADUATE ROUTE

The Graduate Route for international students who have successfully completed their studies in the UK is available to graduates at undergraduate level or above. The visa route allows graduates to live and work in the UK for two years (three years for PhD Graduates) after completing their studies. If you are successful in applying for this visa, you will be able to work in any sector and at any skill level in the UK and when the two years are over, you can switch into skilled work visa routes if you find a suitable job and meet the requirements of the visa.

The Government has published a Fact Sheet, including Frequently-Asked-Questions, on the Graduate route.

**Home office fact sheet ([gov.co.uk](https://www.gov.uk))**



# STUDENT STORIES

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AUB is a hub and creative entrance to the UK; the best part of my student life here is to connect with people literally all around the world. People here are very friendly and welcoming to me even when I'm from a small place like Hong Kong and I have really enjoyed learning and working together, especially seeing the creative process of others students on my course.

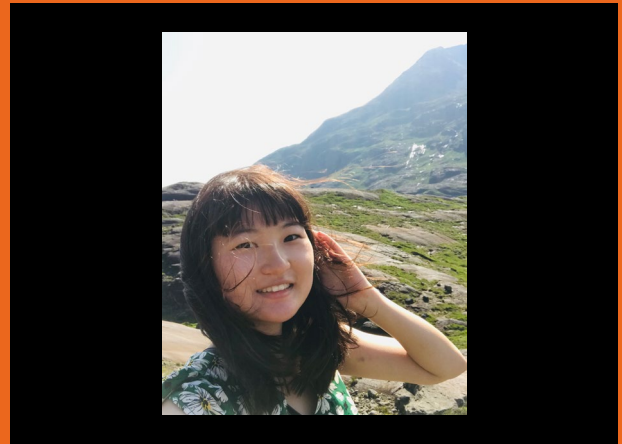
Travis Yu | Hong Kong  
International Foundation Diploma



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AUB gave me a creative space to express myself confidently. There has been many opportunities to collaborate between the graduate school and the industry. MA Design and Innovation has challenged and pushed me to think innovatively but at the same time sharpened my technical skills and prepare myself for the industry.

Shannon Yang | Taiwan, China  
MA Design and Innovation



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I started my life in AUB from Foundation to get to know Bournemouth and myself in terms of which art course I wanted to pursue in. Now I'm moving into the final year in BA Animation Production and I am enjoying being in my animation group. I really thought these past few years in UK was a great experience to see what it's like to spend time with people from all over the world and finding possibilities to work outside my country.

Anna Katayama | Japan  
BA (Hons) Animation Production

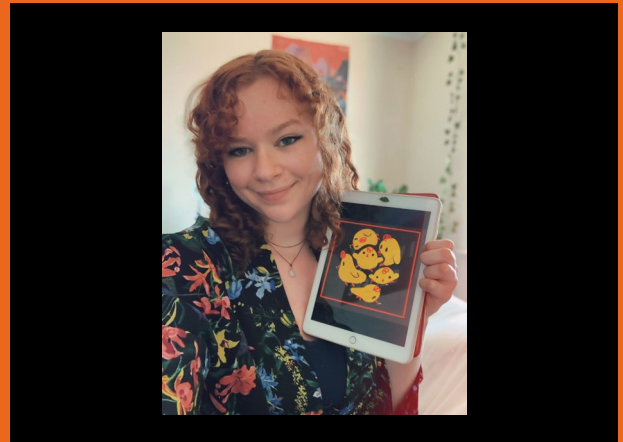


# STUDENT STORIES



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!

Sarah Yomans | United States of America  
International Foundation Diploma



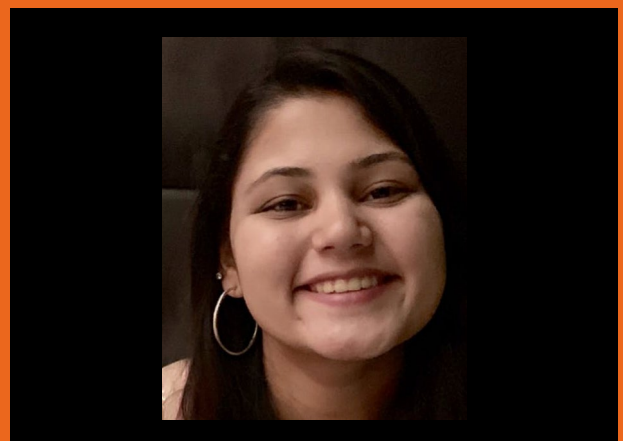
AUB being a specialist University let me be who I am and explore creativity in many ways. Our course is well balanced offering all sorts of challenges and a lovely environment to learn and change for the best. The staff were lovely and always had their doors open to us. Studying abroad gave me a new perspective.

Augustė Baltrūnaitė | Lithuania  
BA (Hons) Film Production



AUB attracts so many different people because it's an arts-based university for creative individuals. AUB has a wide range of courses and hence the network that is built here, is very strong. I found many like-minded people here. You can get a lot of experience by collaborating with students from different courses.

Mitali Ratnaparkhi | Pune, Maharashtra, India  
BA (Hons) Visual Communication



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