



Major updates to [AS&P 2023-2024](#) highlighted

Postponing graduation

Article 2.1.4: has been added to the AS&P to make sure that graduation is not postponed by students who meet all the degree requirements.

Degree requirements

Articles 2.4-2.6: the general degree requirements have been adapted following AUC NEXT curriculum changes. The language and theme course requirements have been removed, and the requirement to take two courses in each major other than one's own has been added – with a transition arrangement for students who started at AUC before September 2023.

Changing majors

Article 2.6.5: Students can now change majors at any time during their studies at AUC, provided they have completed the first methods course within their new major. Students are responsible for ensuring they can meet the requirements of their new major within the 6 semesters of their AUC programme.

Double majors

Double majors: The option to complete a double major is no longer available and has been removed from the AS&P. No students had completed a double major in recent years. Since AUC students have many opportunities to complete courses in majors other than their own (more so with the expanded breadth requirement), the double major option was considered no longer appropriate.

Course load reductions

Article 2.8: From 2023-24 onwards, students who need to withdraw from a course during the semester no longer need to make a request to the Board of Examiners for a partial course load reduction. Instead, a student can decide to withdraw from a course and do so by making a request to the AUC digital servicedesk (new article 2.8.8). Students can withdraw from, for example, 5th courses they no longer wish to take (outside of add/drop) or from courses they struggle to complete due to personal circumstances. Since the norm proceeds to be that students complete their studies within 6 semesters, and since withdrawing from a course can mean a credit deficiency, students are advised to discuss course withdrawals with their tutor / the student life officer.

Off-campus courses

Article 2.10: Off-campus course grades that do not count towards the GPA (including all courses followed during study abroad) will be listed as pass/fail on AUC's diploma supplement. The transcript obtained from the host institution will appear as an appendix to the diploma supplement

Community projects and internships

Article 2.12: This section includes the new 30 EC internship opportunity and describes choices between CP and I available to students, within the degree requirements. One article has been added (2.12.2) with the rule that the 30 EC internship credits are considered off-campus credits. Since AUC permits a maximum of 42 off-campus and/or approved study abroad credits, this means the 30 EC internship cannot be combined with a semester abroad (within the degree requirements).

Assessment in courses

Article 3.2.10: This article has been added to clarify that already passed courses cannot be retaken (for example, to improve upon the final grade).

Grade lists and diploma supplement

Article 3.4.6: The decision has been made that only passed courses will be included on students' transcript and diploma supplement. If a student fails a course, the failing grade will be visible in the student information system (SIS) but will be excluded from officially requested transcripts and from the diploma supplement.

Academic progress and extra support

Article 3.6: The term academic probation has been replaced with academic progress plan. Students who incur a credit deficiency must still meet with their tutor or the senior tutor to draw up a progress plan. The emphasis is on lending support and helping students to catch up and eliminate the deficiency. Depending on the size of the deficiency, students on an academic progress plan might not be able to study abroad (see article 2.11.3). They are allowed to work for AUC and run for or hold an elected office at AUC.

It is important to note that housing is only provided to AUC students for the period of 6 semesters. Hence, students study at AUC longer than 6 semesters need to find alternative housing on their own accord.

Binding study advice

Article 3.7.4: The qualitative requirement that used to be part of the BSA norm at AUC, whereby students had to complete several required courses from the first year, has been removed. The option whereby students obtained 48 EC and combined this with a sufficient number of completed first year requirements, no longer exists. Instead, students must obtain no less than 54 EC in their first year of studies.

Academic awards

Article 3.8: Academic awards consist of honours, cum laude, and summa cum laude. They will be based exclusively on a student's GPA. The former rule that students could only receive one of these forms of distinction if they had completed the programme in six semesters, has been removed. Thus, students will not have to request a 7th semester from the BoE in order to keep their distinction if they cannot study nominally.

Attendance

Article 4: The new rules regarding attendance give students more responsibility and independence, and provide lecturers with more autonomy to make decisions to waive absences. Students must be present for 75% of lectures scheduled for a course throughout the teaching period. If they exceed the percentage of permitted absences due to exceptional personal circumstances or force majeure, students can directly ask their lecturer to waive their extra absence(s). If a lecturer thinks that exceptional personal circumstances or force majeure *cannot* be established, they can deny the student's request. Students who exceed the permitted absences will continue to receive a failing course grade of 1.0, unless the lecturer waved such absences or the BoE provided an exemption to the attendance policy.

Appendix 2 Regulations fraud and plagiarism

This appendix now includes the use of artificial intelligence tools such as ChatGPT without explicit permission in its definition of fraud.

Appendix 5. List of courses that cannot both count toward the degree requirements

This list has been extended due to the curriculum changes. At present, Portal does not prevent students from enrolling in courses that cannot be combined to meet the degree requirements. Hence, students must be advised to check this appendix and the courses it contains before course registration.