

## American University of Central Asia

### Exchange Program Fact Sheet 2020-2021 Academic Year

#### General information

<b>Full Institution name:</b>	American University of Central Asia
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.auca.kg">www.auca.kg</a>
<b>Postal address:</b>	American University of Central Asia 7/6 Aaly Tokombayev Street, room 237 Bishkek 720060 Kyrgyzstan
<b>International Student Office name and website portal:</b>	International Student Office, <a href="https://auca.kg/en/admissions/">https://auca.kg/en/admissions/</a>
<b>Contact persons for student Exchange program coordinators:</b>	Head of International Student Office Student Exchange Program Coordinator: Ms. Umetalieva Asel, <a href="mailto:umetalieva_a@auca.kg">umetalieva_a@auca.kg</a>
<b>Contact information for visa applications</b>	<a href="mailto:international@auca.kg">international@auca.kg</a>
<b>I. Academic Calendar 2020-2021</b>	
<b>Fall-2020</b>	Academic calendar 2020-2021
	Official arrival date: From August 25, 2020 Orientation week: August 26, 2019 – August 29, 2020 Add and drop week: September 01 – September 15, 2020 Classes Begin: September 01, 2020 Classes End: December 12, 2020 Final Exams: December 14 – December 21, 2020
<b>Spring-2021</b>	Official arrival date: January 7, 2021 Classes Begin: January 11, 2021 Add & drop period: January 11 – January 22, 2021 Classes End: May 7, 2021 Final Exams: May 10 – May 17, 2021
<b>II. Application process</b>	
<b>Language Requirements</b>	Proof of English language proficiency is required to attend courses. (Native English speakers are waived from requirement, includes citizens of Canada).

<b>Application deadline</b>	Fall Semester – May 1 Spring Semester – December 1
<b>Nomination deadline</b>	Fall Semester – April 1 Spring Semester - November 1
<b>Application form</b>	Application Form can be downloaded from: <a href="https://auca.kg/en/apply_international/">https://auca.kg/en/apply_international/</a>
<b>III. Course registration</b>	
<b>Courses available</b>	All courses except for FYS and SYS (First Year Seminar and SYS) and those that require prerequisites.
<b>Courses location</b>	Fall 2020 Semester courses will be announced here: <a href="https://auca.kg/en/coursesch/">https://auca.kg/en/coursesch/</a>
<b>Full-time course load<sup>1</sup></b>	30 credits per semester.
<b>Minimum course load</b>	15-18 credits per semester.
<b>IV. Accommodation</b>	
	AUCA Dormitory is available for exchange students. Fees and booking time is determined each Academic Year. Check university website for more information: <a href="https://auca.kg/en/dormitory/">https://auca.kg/en/dormitory/</a> Other options: Apartments to rent, Home Stay
<b>V. Other</b>	
<b>Health Insurance</b>	All exchange students are required to arrive with health insurance. In case health insurance doesn't cover Kyrgyzstan, it can be purchased in country upon arrival.
<b>Transportation from Airport</b>	The service is available. Request airport pick-up two-three weeks prior to student's arrival.
<b>Estimated personal expenses per month:</b>	a) Accommodation: dormitory – 190\$; apartment - 250 – 300\$; home stay - 400\$ b) Monthly internet: ~20\$ c) Food, restaurant visits, toiletries, household goods, etc.: 250\$ d) Transportation bus: 15-20\$ per month e) Medicine: 20\$ f) Utilities: 45\$ *prices are subject to change.
<b>Administrative cost</b>	a) Visa registration – 2\$ b) Visa extension – 6 months -40\$/1 year – 70\$

<sup>1</sup> Following the Decree from Kyrgyzstan Ministry of Education, AUCA has changed credit load system from 3 credits = 1 one course (USA credit system) to 6 credits = 1 course (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System-ECTS). Since the transition is currently being implemented, there are still courses that adhere to old credit system, i.e. USA credit system. For more information, please, check with Registrar Office at <https://auca.kg/en/registrar/>