

# International Students Guide



*American University of Central Asia*

# BISHKEK

The most livable city in Central Asia, Bishkek offers something for everyone. A mix of modernity and tradition has created a city with a unique atmosphere and appeal.

Bishkek offers a wide range of entertainment. From museums showcasing traditional cultures and theatres performing local and world famous plays and shows to modern nightlife, concerts, and events: there is always something to do!

Kyrgyzstan is 90% mountains and 100% awesome! These are some of its highlights outside of Bishkek, for those moments between semesters when you're free to explore the country.



# AUCA

American University of Central Asia includes 13,600 sq. meters teaching, administrative, collaborative and cooperative space for our Students, Faculty and Staff from all over the globe. We are designed to offer high-quality education, communication environment and community outreach initiatives.

AUCA is broadening to serve a greater community of continuing adult learners and international students, as well as conducting research and creating new majors that serve the interests and people of Central Asia.



## AUCA OFFERS:

- International Student Dormitory
- Cohort-style class rooms that enable open discussion and collaboration between professors and students
- Study and meetingrooms
- Conference Hall
- Wired and wireless network connectivity throughout the building
- Computer Lab
- Library
- Bank and Easy-pay Terminals on campus
- Two coffee shops serving espresso, tea, refreshments, sandwiches and other food and beverages
- University cafeteria with local food delights

### Contact Details

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**Official arrival date:**  
From August 25, 2020

**Orientation week:**  
August 25, 2020  
August 29, 2020

**Add and drop week:**  
September 01, 2020  
September 15, 2020

**Classes Begin:**  
September 01, 2020

**Classes End:**  
December 12, 2020

**Final Exams:**  
December 14, 2020  
December 21, 2020

**Official arrival date:**  
January 7, 2021

**Orientation Program:**  
January 8-10, 2021

**Classes Begin:**  
January 11, 2021

**Add & drop period:**  
January 11-22, 2021

**Classes End:**  
May 7, 2021

**Final Exams:**  
May 10 -18, 2021



# Academic calendar 2020-2021

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- AUCA Application
- Statement of Purpose
- University Transcript
- Passport copy and Photos
- Medical Certificate
- Student Visa Application

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

All application documents should be submitted to [international@auca.kg](mailto:international@auca.kg)

### Nomination Deadlines:

Fall Semester – April 1  
Spring Semester – Nov 1

### Application Deadline

Fall Semester – May 1  
Spring Semester – Dec 1



## LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION:

All courses on Bachelor's and Master's programs are taught in English.

## **COURSE REGISTRATION**

Students must fill out a course registration form and submit it to the Office of the Registrar by the application deadline to be enrolled at AUCA for the desired semester. Visiting/exchange students can take any courses listed in the University catalogue, given that course prerequisite conditions are met, where necessary. The maximum allowable number of course credits a visiting/exchange student may take is 30 (ECST) per semester. Minimum course load 15-18 credits per semester

## **GRADING SCALE:**

Grade Point Average (GPA) scale ranges from F to A (from 0.0 to 4.0). The lowest passing grade is D–



A photograph of a modern, multi-story dormitory building. The building features a curved facade with large, white-framed windows and a prominent entrance on the ground floor. The building is constructed with light-colored panels and has a dark brown or copper-colored band at the top. The sky is clear and blue. A dark blue semi-transparent box is overlaid on the bottom left of the image, containing white text.

## **DORMITORY**

**The AUCA International Dormitory welcomes up to 140 students each year and provides all needed facilities for students' residence. The AUCA International Dormitory is a separate building, which includes 4 living floors, ground floor which includes the class and common zone and basement which includes free zone, kitchen and laundry.**

**Check university website for more information: <https://auca.kg/en/dormitory/>**

## **VISA**

**All international students should start their visa application to the Kyrgyz Republic no later than 30 days prior to their arrival. AUCA provides letters of support for all students who require it. Visa procedures differ greatly depending on your country of citizenship.**

**For more details please email: [international@auca.kg](mailto:international@auca.kg)**

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## **Health Insurance:**

**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.**

## **Transportation from Airport:**

**The service is available. Request airport pick-up two - three weeks prior to student's arrival.**

**Visa registration – 2\$**

**Visa extension – 6 months -40\$/1 year – 70\$**

## **Estimated personal expenses per month:**

**Accommodation: \$200**

**(\$200 for the apartment)**

**Monthly internet: ~20\$**

**Food, restaurant visits, toiletries, household goods, etc.: 250\$**

**Transportation bus: 10-15\$ per month**

**Medicine: 20\$**

**Utilities: 45\$**



**American University of Central Asia is an international, multi-disciplinary learning community in the American liberal arts tradition. Its curriculum includes the Preparatory Program (New Generation Academy), fourteen undergraduate majors and four graduate programs. In addition to its top-flight academic programs AUCA is committed to freedom of expression, critical inquiry, and academic honesty. AUCA is the first university in Central Asia to offer US accredited degrees in liberal arts programs through a partnership with Bard College in the United States. In addition to Bard, AUCA maintains partnerships with a number of universities and organizations worldwide.**

**As one of the leading institutions in Central Asia, AUCA maintains partnerships with a number of other prestigious universities in the US, Europe and Asia. Such cooperation provides AUCA students with an opportunity to immerse themselves in cultures, learn a new language, and experience student life in a different university.**

**Annually AUCA meets more than 100 students from Central Asian countries, Latvia, France, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, USA, Japan, South Korea, Russia, China, India, Iran, Pakistan and Canada.**

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