



AMERICAN
UNIVERSITY
OF BEIRUT
Mediterraneo

BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) IN GLOBAL LIBERAL ARTS (GLA) (4 YEARS, 240 ECTS)



**THINK ACROSS DISCIPLINES.
ENGAGE THE WORLD.**

“Programs that bring the humanities, arts, social sciences, and sciences under one roof are rare anywhere in the world, and this is the only one of its kind in Cyprus and the wider Eastern Mediterranean. Built on the American liberal arts tradition, the BA in Global Liberal Arts trains students to think across disciplines rather than merely sample them. In an era of mounting complexity — ecological, political, technological — that kind of integrative thinking is not a luxury. It is the most serious preparation for the world we actually inhabit.”

— Dr. Ana Ilievska, Assistant Professor in Global Liberal Arts



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The BA in Global Liberal Arts at AUB Mediterraneo is Cyprus’s only program of its kind grounded in the American liberal arts tradition. Bringing together the humanities, social sciences, and sciences, it helps students develop strong analytical, communication, and research skills while exploring global questions across disciplines. Graduates are prepared for advanced study and for careers that value adaptability, critical thinking, and creative problem-solving.

WHAT SETS GLA AT AUB MEDITERRANEO APART

Only Global Liberal Arts degree in Cyprus and the eastern Mediterranean

Flexible interdisciplinary pathways (including Pre-Medical)

Strong writing & research emphasis from Year 1

Close faculty mentorship & capstone project

160-year AUB heritage & global academic network

HOW STUDENTS LEARN

Interdisciplinary courses exploring major texts, ideas, and global questions

Research training through guided projects beginning in Year 2

Creative and public-facing work, including multimedia and digital portfolios

Independent senior thesis/project, supervised by faculty and presented publicly

AREAS OF STUDY & ACADEMIC EXPLORATION

Texts, Contexts, and Concepts:

Literature, media, art, writing, translation, visual culture

Space, Place, and Identity:

Migration, geography, identity, archaeology, social inequality

Science, Society, and the Environment:

Ethics, technology, health, environment, public health



CAREER PATHWAYS

Law and legal studies
Media, communication, and cultural production
NGOs and international organizations
Public service and advocacy
Education and research
Health-related and pre-med pathways



SKILLS EMPLOYERS VALUE

Communicate clearly across different formats and audiences
Analyze complex issues from multiple perspectives
Conduct independent research and present evidence effectively
Combine creativity with critical problem-solving
Adapt across disciplines and professional contexts
Engage ethically with social and global challenges

“Stoic cosmopolitanism, understood as being a ‘citizen of the world’, recognizes our shared humanity and our capacity to use reason in order to live as responsible and virtuous members of a broader human community. The BA in Global Liberal Arts (GLA), through its interdisciplinary approach and its focus on equality, social justice, and human values, seeks to bring back such an understanding of the self as globally situated and ethically engaged. Through learning across cultures, geographies, and fields of knowledge, it cultivates individuals prepared to respond thoughtfully to the challenges of our world.”

— Dr. Anthi Chrysanthou, Lecturer in Classics



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ABOUT AUB MEDITERRANEO

Located in Pafos, Cyprus, AUB Mediterraneo is a branch campus of the American University of Beirut (established 1866). It combines AUB's academic heritage with a European setting, offering internationally recognized programs grounded in quality, relevance, and impact.



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