

INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE

Background information Relative to the Institution

1. Legal status

American University of Malta is an integral part of the *Sadeen Education Investment Limited* organized to provide education and training to the citizens of Malta and representatives of other countries regionally and internationally, and to participate as a partner in the state-wide system of higher education

The Sadeen Education Investment Limited or SEIL, registration number C-65576, was established in 2014, and is owned by its parent company Sadeen Malta Holding Limited, registration number C-71313. SEIL was established to build and develop the American University of Malta, which is based in Cospicua, the largest of the three cities making up the Cottonera region in the Grand Harbor of Malta.

The American University of Malta (AUM) is a private university founded by Sadeen Education Investment Ltd., which was inaugurated on 16th September 2016, granted a license by the National Commission for Further and Higher Education (NCFHE) (*now Malta Further and Higher Education Authority (MFHEA)*) in September of 2016 (License No 2016-002) <https://mfhea.mt/list-of-licensed-providers-and-accredited-programmes/>.

In 2020 the University was re-licensed by Malta Further and Higher Education Agency (MFHEA), License number: 2016-002, Category: University (with indefinite terms of expiry) This can be found at the following link: <https://www.enic-naric.net/malta.aspx>

The recognition of diploma and qualifications awarded by AUM can be verified at the MFHEA website (www.mfhea.mt) at the following link: <http://qualifications.ncfhe.gov.mt/#/institutions?institution=MFHEA-ORG-001&licenseStatus=FULL&institutionType=UNIVERSITY&search=true>

2. Founder, Location and the Campus History

Engineer Hani Salah, the founder of the American University of Malta began to implement this long-standing vision to build a university of higher learning in 2015. Several potential sites in several countries were considered but the focus fell on Malta as the ideal place. Once the plan to create the university was established the complex process to obtain a license and accreditation began in

2015. In September 2016, the license to operate AUM and accreditation of its degree programs were granted by the National Commission for Further and Higher Education. AUM welcomed its first cohort of students and began operations in the fall of 2017.

In May 2016, the University began its work in Dock 1 Building, historically this dock yard used to serve the ships of the Royal Navy. For more than five thousand years the grand harbour of Malta has been a crossroad of civilizations and today AUM is a crossroads of ideas in innovative thinking providing the wisdom of the past to those who will explore the expanding opportunities of the present.

Today AUM is well on its way by offering various undergraduate, graduate and doctorate programs in Arts, Business, Computer Science, and Engineering.

What you are seeing today is only the beginning of this ambitious venture, already much has been accomplished and much more will be achieved further.

3. University Governance

AUM Board of Trustees is the highest governing body of the University, which presents the organization's best interests through decisions made on its behalf. Its primary responsibility is to protect the University's assets and funds in trust, to protect the stakeholders' best interests, endorses University Vision, Mission and Values, provide strategic oversight and direction. The Board oversees the operations of the University, ensure public trust is upheld, the mission addresses a community need, legal and ethical requirements are met. The Board is responsible for assuring the financial integrity and sustainability of the University and establishes procedures to safeguard the University from fraud and risk.

The Board holds the responsibility for integrity of finance, approving budget, and funding and development decisions. Oversees hiring and evaluation of top management.