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1.0 WELCOME TO AUM!

The American University of Malta (AUM) is a vibrant, private university located in the heart of the Mediterranean. Based on the island of Malta, AUM delivers an internationally focused learning experience that blends the academic rigor of the American education model with full Maltese accreditation (MFHEA License Number: 2016-002).

With a strong commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and student success, AUM empowers learners to develop the skills, confidence, and global mindset needed to excel in an increasingly interconnected world.

The AUM Student Handbook

The AUM Student Handbook is your essential guide to navigating your non-academic and personal experience at the University. It brings together all the information you need to settle in, stay informed, get connected and make the most of campus life.

Inside, you will find clear guidance on:

- Non-academic programs and activities
- Campus life and student services
- Student Life policies and procedures
- Support networks and resources designed to help you thrive

The Handbook reflects our University motto: ***“Learn Today. Lead Tomorrow.”***

Our Vision

The American University of Malta strives to shape a brighter future by developing a new generation of ethical, innovative, and entrepreneurial leaders. We aim to inspire students to think boldly, act responsibly, and contribute meaningfully to the world around them.

Our Mission

AUM is a comprehensive American-style institution dedicated to nurturing students who are curious, ambitious, and resilient. Our mission is to provide a transformative, student-centered education that equips graduates with the knowledge, practical skills, and global awareness needed to succeed in today’s competitive landscape.



1.1 OUR VALUES

At the American University of Malta (AUM), our values form the foundation of who we are and how we deliver education. These principles guide our decisions, shape our learning environment, and ensure that we remain fully aligned with the Malta Further & Higher Education Authority (MFHEA) standards.

Quality

At AUM, quality is more than a standard—it is a commitment. It is embedded in every aspect of the University, from strategic planning and curriculum design to teaching methods and the overall student learning experience. Our academic programs are carefully developed to meet both international higher education benchmarks and the requirements of MFHEA, ensuring that students receive an education that is both globally competitive and locally accredited.

Excellence

For AUM, excellence means empowering every student to reach their highest academic and personal potential. Student achievement is our primary measure of success, such as 96% of our graduates being in full employment. We are dedicated to fostering a culture of continuous improvement, engagement, and retention, building a vibrant, student-centered ecosystem where learners can thrive, innovate, and become leaders of tomorrow.

Integrity

Integrity is at the heart of AUM. It encompasses ethical behavior, transparency, and accountability across both academic and non-academic contexts. Our community is built on the principles of honesty, respect, and responsibility, ensuring that students and staff alike engage in practices that uphold trust and fairness at every level.

Relevance

At AUM, relevance means ensuring that education adds real value to each student's life. Our programs and experiences are designed to align with personal aspirations, career goals, and cultural interests. By combining academic knowledge with practical, real-world applications, we prepare students to succeed in a fast-changing global environment.



ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Spring Semester 2026

Spring 2026	
Date	Activity
Mon 09 Feb 2026 – Wed 11 Feb 2026	Faculty In-Service Sessions (3 days, all faculty)
Mon 09 Feb 2026	Placement tests / New Faculty Orientation
Mon 09 Feb 2026	Course Registration Opens
Tue 10 Feb 2026	Feast of St Paul's Shipwreck (Public Holiday)
Mon 16 Feb 2026	First day of classes / Add-Drop begins
Fri 27 Feb 2026	End of Add-Drop
Thu 19 Mar 2026	Feast of St Joseph (Public Holiday)
Mon 30 Mar 2026 – Sun 12 Apr 2026	Easter Recess
Tue 31 Mar 2026	Freedom Day (Public Holiday)
Fri 03 Apr 2026	Good Friday (Public Holiday)
Mon 20 Apr 2026 – Fri 24 Apr 2026	Midterm Examinations (Week 8 after Easter)
Wed 29 Apr 2026	Midterm grades due
Fri 01 May 2026	Workers' Day (Public Holiday)
Fri 08 May 2026	Last day to withdraw without "F"
Fri 29 May 2026	Last day of classes
Mon 01 Jun 2026 – Fri 5 Jun 2026	Final Examinations
Sun 07 Jun 2026	Sette Giugno (Public Holiday)
Wed 10 Jun 2026	Grade entry due
Friday 12 Jun 2026	Grade appeal deadline
Mon 15 Jun 2026 – Tue 16 Jun 2026	Faculty End-of-Year Retreat (2 full days)
Fri 19 June 2026	Graduation / Commencement Ceremony

See here: [Academic Calendars](#)

1.2 HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF MALTA

During British rule in Malta, the Royal Navy made extensive use of the dockyard. The British Building, originally designed by William Scamp R.E and built between 1841-1844, was built as one of a pair. The building was extensively damaged during World War II.



Through EM Architects' design interventions, the building was brought back to life with a renewed purpose to serve Bormla in a new way. As well as restoring the historic fabric in a meticulous fashion, the overall building was also rehabilitated in order to usher the building into the current age whilst at the same time managing to showcase its stunning historic elements. The guiding principle behind this project remained the act of showcasing this heritage building as a protagonist of design.



In 1689 the Knights Building was commissioned by GM Adrien Wignacourt. Later in 1776, GM Emanuel de Rohan constructs arcaded level above existing arsenal. During the British period, the upper level was used as a ropery and sail loft. Much of the building was left in ruins after severe damage during World War II.



1.3 OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

At the American University of Malta (AUM), your academic journey is supported by more than just classroom learning. The Office of Student Affairs is here to guide your personal and professional growth, ensuring you have the tools, resources, and opportunities to succeed in today's interconnected world.

Your Partner in Student Life

At the heart of AUM's vibrant and multicultural community, the Student Affairs team leads with passion and purpose. We design engaging opportunities, innovative programs, and supportive services that foster student development.

We are not just a department we are your advocates, mentors, and allies, bridging the gap between student interests and university leadership. Whether you are navigating academic life, planning career pathways, or looking for community engagement, we are with you every step of the way.

Connect with us at: studentaffairs@aum.edu.mt

Community

- Practice civility, compassion, and care.

Integrity

- Encourage honesty, transparency, and moral clarity.
- Recognize the impact of personal actions on the wider AUM community.

Equity

- Embrace diversity and ensure accessibility for all.
- Implement inclusive practices that mitigate discrimination.
- Respect and uphold the AUM Principles of Community.

Well-Being

- Promote an environment that supports health, balance, and growth.
- Encourage respectful choices and positive decision-making.

Stewardship

- Commit to sustainability through responsible stewardship.
- Be accountable for institutional and natural resources while planning strategically for the future.

Excellence

- Strive for leadership in Student Services, Good Governance, and best practices.
- Continually enhance the student experience by setting and meeting high standards.

1.4 WHAT WE DO FOR YOU?

The Office of Student Affairs (OSA) at the American University of Malta (AUM) takes the lead in student leadership, strategic planning, and the management of student programs, while serving as your direct link to the University.

OSA is your go-to resource for both personal growth and professional advancement. And is responsible for the following departments: **Residency. Housing. Careers. Clubs & Associations. Initiatives and Engagement. Study abroad. Counselling, the student handbook and all non-academic student related policies and procedures and systems.**

Student Union, Governance & Student Voice

Ever wondered about the inner workings of the Student Union (SU)? OSA mentors the Union, oversees SU Elections, and guarantees fairness and transparency in student representation. We also safeguard the AUM Honor Code, ensuring that integrity remains at the heart of our community.

As facilitators, we bridge students, faculty, staff, and the Board of Trustees, making sure that your voice is heard and your concerns are addressed. Our role is to ensure that your experience at AUM is nothing short of extraordinary.

Student Well-Being & Development

We believe that education extends beyond academics. The OSA promotes health, inclusion, and well-being, ensuring that every student thrives during their time at AUM.

Career Services at AUM

The Career Services Center, a division of OSA, is here to supercharge your professional journey during your studies and beyond graduation.

Our Career Center is your one-stop destination for personalized career guidance, available both in-person and online. Whether you are preparing for your first internship, graduate role, or planning an international career, we are here to guide you every step of the way.

What makes us unique? We are not just a service we are a student-centric advisory hub for both current students and alumni. Our tailored support includes:

- CV and Resume Development – expert tips to make your application stand out.
- Cover Letter Crafting – creating impactful and targeted applications.
- Mock Interviews – building your confidence and professional presence.
- Peer Mentoring & Networking Opportunities – connecting you with fellow students and graduates.
- Cross-Cultural Career Guidance – insights for working in Malta, Europe, and beyond.
- Social Media Optimization – helping you build a professional online presence.

At AUM, we prepare you not only for a career, but for a future of leadership and global impact. So, whether you're a student charting your course or an alumnus looking to make your mark, we're here to empower your journey. Your career is our mission, and we're excited to be your partners in success! For further information kindly see here:

[Career Services](#)

CAREER EVENTS:

Get ready to supercharge your career at AUM, where opportunities await you every semester! We don't just talk the talk; we walk the walk by connecting students with prospective employers at our yearly on-campus career expo and networking events.

But that's just the tip of the iceberg!

Our Career Centre is your ultimate networking hotspot, and we've got the secret sauce to building incredible relationships with industry movers and shakers from both the private and public sectors in Malta.

Now, here's how you can dive headfirst into this career-boosting experience:

Virtual Drop-ins:

Got a burning career question? We're here to chat. Schedule a Teams drop-in with a Career Centre pro, Monday to Friday from 12-3pm. (Just a heads-up: no drop-ins on public holidays).

One-to-One Virtual Appointments:

Your career journey is personal, and so are our meetings. Get expert advice through online sessions with screen sharing capabilities. Hop on over to OIS messenger or contact Student Affairs directly to book your virtual appointment.

In-Person Appointments:

If you prefer a face-to-face chat, we're all for it. The Career Center offers in-person appointments Monday to Friday, 10am to 11am. Shoot us an email to request an in-person meet-up.

(Quick note: Resume, Cover Letter, and CV appointments are virtual only).

Resume, Cover Letter & CV and Interview Preparation:

Ready to make your application shine? Schedule a sit-down with us to review your resume and cover letter and be prepared for your interview.

For career resources kindly see here: [Career Services](#)

Virtual Career Workshops and Events:

Learning is a journey, and we've got your back. Dive into virtual career workshops and events, with something exciting always on the horizon. Contact us for all the juicy details.

At AUM, we're not just about education; we're about making your career dreams come true. So, let's connect, chat, and explore all the fantastic opportunities that await you via email on: studentaffairs@aum.edu.mt

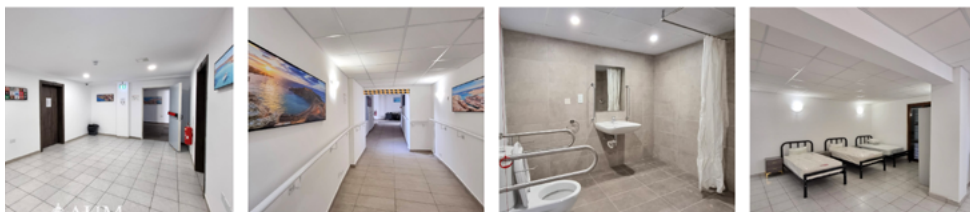
UNIVERSITY HOUSING:

Immerse Yourself In The Full University Experience!

Unlock the ultimate student experience with AUM Housing! Dive into the vibrant world of college life while ensuring your safety and security. We're not just proud, we're thrilled to offer top-notch accommodation that doesn't just meet your needs but enhances your entire learning journey at AUM.

Choose the Best Housing Option for You!

Welcome to the heart of student living at AUM! Our Student Affairs Housing Department is your gateway to comfortable and affordable accommodations. At AUM Housing, we've got your needs and wants covered.



Picture yourself, biking, or even coming to campus on a bus or ferry from your AUM housing it's that close!



Plus, we offer diverse housing options tailored to your preferences.

Whether you're seeking Male-Only, Female-Only, accommodations, we've got you sorted.

Complete with modern comforts like ensuite bathrooms, free Wi-Fi and more.

But here's the scoop if you're looking for something specific beyond our standard offerings, just reach out to the Student Affairs Office at least 30 days before the semester starts.



[See here for AUM Housing](#)

HOUSING TERMS & CONDITIONS:

Ready to dive into the world of AUM Housing? Let's make it crystal clear!

When you secure your accommodation, you'll ink a Housing Contract with the University for the duration of your stay. Here's the exciting part: we charge a fully refundable €500 Housing Deposit. You'll get every euro back as long as your room and shared living space is in top shape, with no tenant induced damage we're cool with fair wear and tear. Please see our Housing Policy here: [Students Policies and Procedures](#)

Start by completing the Housing Request Form, a must-do at least 30 days before the semester kicks off. Email it to studentaffairs@aum.edu.mt, and our Office of Student Affairs (OSA) will take it from there. They'll be your guide through the paperwork process.

Want to know more about AUM's Housing Policy and access the Housing Request Form? Dive into the information tab below your student housing journey begins here: [Student Housing](#)

Remember, rooms are in hot demand and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. So, securing your spot is a breeze with early booking and full payment before the semester kicks off to secure your accommodation.

Kindly note the minimum stay in University Housing is 6 (six) months. Kindly refer to the Academic Calendar for exact dates of each semester prior to booking and paying for your accommodation. For any questions about AUM Housing, shoot us an email at: studentaffairs@aum.edu.mt.



STUDENT RESIDENCY SERVICE:

Welcome to the Office of Student Affairs (OSA) – the Student Residency Advisory Service is a division of the (OSA). Our expertise lies in guiding students through the application and renewal procedures for a Maltese Temporary Residence Permit (TRP) Non-Eu national students may need to hold a TRP to legally reside in Malta while studying at AUM.

Are you an EU National? Great news!

You don't need a permit to reside and work in Malta.

The Free Movement of European Union Nationals and their Family Members Order 2007, along with related amendments (Legal Notice 329 of 2011 and Legal Notice 107 of 2012), paves the way for you to exercise your free movement rights in Malta.

At AUM, we're here to make your stay in Malta seamless and legally sound. Choose our Student Residency Service for a smooth transition to your new academic adventure.

The Temporary Residence Application Process in 3 Easy Steps!

Welcome to a hassle-free path toward your Maltese Temporary Residence Permit (TRP) through AUM's Student Residency Service. Follow these simple steps to ensure a smooth application process:

Step 1: Document Request Form (DRF)

First, complete and sign the AUM Document Request Form (DRF). Then, send it to us at: studentaffairs@aum.edu.mt. Our dedicated team, including the Office of Student Affairs, the Finance Office, and the Registrar, will guide you through the approval process.

Step 2: Online Application and Payment

Next, it's time to upload your TRP application and make your payment online. Use your official AUM email account for this step, not your personal email address. The Maltese Government Entity – 'Identita`', will be your platform for this process.

Step 3: Monitor Progress

Now, all that's left is to keep an eye on your TRP application. Log in to your Identita` account in the online portal regularly to track your application's progress. You're one step closer to your Maltese Temporary Residence Permit.

Join us at AUM, where we simplify the journey of our Non-EU national students applying for a Temporary Residence Permit (TRP). Opt for our Student Residency Service, and let your educational adventure begin seamlessly.

At AUM, we're your trusted partner in navigating the intricacies of international student life. Make the smart choice and opt for our Student Residency Service. Your successful academic adventure starts here!

For further information kindly see here: [Student Residency Department](#)

YOUR TRP & EMPLOYMENT IN MALTA

Your Guide to Residence and Work Permits in Malta:

Are you an EU National Student looking to live and work part-time while a Student in Malta? Discover the benefits of the Free Movement of European Union Nationals and their Family Members Order 2007.

Thanks to this order, along with Legal Notice 329 of 2011 and Legal Notice 107 of 2012, EU citizens can enjoy the freedom to reside and work in Malta without needing a permit.

Learn more about how you can take advantage of these free movement rights in Malta today!

European Economic Area (EEA) Nationals:

EEA Nationals have the privilege to reside in Malta while they exercise their treaty rights. This includes roles as workers, self-employed individuals, self-sufficient persons, family members, exempt individuals, or students.

Non-European Union Nationals:

For students who don't fall under the provisions of Subsidiary Legislation 217.22 and are pursuing courses exceeding 90 days, the opportunity to work in Malta is possible.

Access to employment comes with conditions set by Jobsplus, including sectors where these students can work.

After their initial three months of study in Malta, students can apply for a Jobs Plus Work Permit and upon receiving the Work Permit, students can work a maximum of 20 hours per week Part-Time.

Keep in mind that these provisions may change as per the discretion of the Ministry responsible for Jobsplus.

Non-European Union Nationals pursuing a full-time course leading to a recognized higher education qualification by MQRIC can work for a maximum of 20 hours per week, starting from their first year of study.

In such cases, students can apply for a work permit once they receive a residence permit, which includes reference to S.L. 217.22. It's important to note that work permit applications are more likely to be approved if the employment offer aligns with the student's chosen field of study.

Explore Malta with AUM – your gateway to a world-class education and a welcoming, diverse community. Opt for our Student Residency Service to navigate the intricate legalities seamlessly. Your academic journey begins here!

For further information kindly email the Office of Student Affairs on: studentaffairs@aum.edu.mt

CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS:

Welcome to AUM Clubs & Associations

Unlock your potential at AUM with the Office of Student Affairs (OSA) as your guide! We're all about fostering student growth through an exciting array of clubs and associations. These aren't just ordinary clubs; they're your ticket to enhancing your academic, civic, social, cultural, religious, and recreational experiences.

Experience the vibrant and diverse community at AUM! Our students, hailing from all corners of the globe, are true champions – some have even represented their countries on the world stage. At AUM, we're fully committed to nurturing your potential by offering a wide array of activities and support structures.

Stay in the loop with our activities by tuning in to the Office of Student Affairs notifications delivered straight to your inbox by the (OSA). For those eager to dive deeper into the AUM experience, the Office of Student Affairs (OSA) is your go-to hub.

Whether you're interested in clubs, associations, or activities, (OSA) is here to help and guide you in terms of setting up a club or association at AUM, so feel free to drop by the (OSA) Level 2, Room 206 or shoot us an email at studentaffairs@aum.edu.mt

Ready to kick-start your club and or association? The OSA is your launchpad, overseeing all clubs and associations, and we provide funding to support your initiatives. Get started by filling out our 'Club & Association Registration Form' using the link here: [Club and Organizations Registration Form](#)

Then, send your proposal to the OSA via email at studentaffairs@aum.edu.mt, or visit Room 206 with your fully completed form.



Discover the heart and soul of AUM's vibrant student community through the Student Union (SU). This dynamic multicultural group are not just your voice. The SU is your opportunity to lead, connect, and make a difference.

The SU is your link between students, faculty, and university administration. They're the ones shaping your campus experience, both on and off-campus, alongside the Office of Student Affairs (OSA).

But it doesn't stop there. The SU is also deeply involved in committees dedicated to Quality Assurance and Student Involvement, ensuring AUM continually raises the bar in serving its students.

Contact us at student.union@aum.edu.mt

Your voice, your leadership, your AUM experience – it all starts here!

AUM KNIGHTS ALUMNI:



Join the AUM family and be a part of our inspiring journey! At AUM, we're not just defining our future; we're crafting it with the values of Integrity, Excellence, Quality, and Relevance. Our Alumni play a pivotal role in turning this vision into reality by sharing their invaluable experiences with our new students.

Our remarkable alumni community is driving a bold new chapter in AUM's extraordinary story. Together, we're fostering growth and knowledge today to lead the way for tomorrow, one AUM Alumni at a time.

AUM Knights Alumni

Events: Stay in the loop with alumni events and exciting campus happenings, from sports to special gatherings.

News: Get the latest updates on alumni achievements, campus news, and important announcements.

Networking: Reconnect with old classmates and fellow alumni through our networking features, and explore alumni blogs for insightful perspectives.

Professional Development: Discover how AUM can propel your career and help you secure a better job.

Giving Back: Make a meaningful impact by supporting our school through donations and meaningful engagement.

AUM is more than just a university; it's a community of trailblazers and dream-chasers.

Join us and become a part of this extraordinary journey today!



STUDENT COUNSELING DEPARTMENT:

The Counseling Service at AUM aims to enhance and support the mental and emotional well-being of the University's community.

Throughout the academic year, AUM deliver mental health and well-being workshops for students. Through the interactive workshops, the students will also get the opportunity to increase their self-awareness of mental and emotional health. Students will also be given the space to discuss the importance of taking care of one's mental health and emotional well-being.

How do I book a counseling session?:

Counseling Sessions are held at AUM in room 204. Sessions are held in a safe dedicated private space that promotes privacy, confidentiality and a relaxing atmosphere where students can feel safe and comfortable to express themselves freely.

Students can book their free counseling sessions directly via email: counsellor@aum.edu.mt and or by phone: +356 2777 1100.

(Should students wish to utilize the free National Helpline for support and help, then dial free phone 179).



THE WRITING CENTER:

The Writing Center has as its mission the honing of students' composition skills. And is a handy resource for EAP, undergraduate, and graduate students, it aids at all stages of the writing process, from the construction of an argument to the fine-tuning of its expression. There is no cap on the number of consultation sessions per student. Indeed, students are encouraged to make use of the Center as often as they need assistance.

This might be for a single assignment, or for several over the course of a semester. Similarly, a student might seek consultation for one paper after another that are required by the same instructor, or for papers assigned by separate instructors in the same semester.

Ensures the improvement of students' writing composition skills in collaboration with Faculty the EAP department and Student Affairs.

The Center is dedicated to all students - undergraduate, graduate and those in the English for Academic Purposes programs or existing students whom would like to do a refresher course.

Provides assistance at all stages of the writing process, from the construction of an argument to the fine-tuning of its expression. However, the Center does not provide editing services. This means that the students are expected to participate in every aspect of the writing process, from thinking critically about a topic to then making informed choices about their composition.

Students are encouraged to make use of the Centre as often as possible since there is no cap on the number of consultation sessions a student may request.

The Writing Center will be at the AUM Library meeting room on Mondays from 12pm to 2pm, Tuesdays from 11am to 1pm and Wednesdays from 12pm to 2pm. Students are welcome to come for one-to-one tutoring during these hours.

Remote students are to book an appointment first by emailing on: studentaffairs@aum.edu.mt during working hours so that tutoring can be arranged and carried out via Teams.



AUM PODCAST:

Step into the vibrant world of our university podcast, where knowledge meets innovation and students lead the conversation. More than just audio, our podcast opens the door to powerful insights, inspiring stories, and meaningful academic exploration within a dynamic, multicultural community.

Designed as an engaging platform for communication and learning, the AUM university podcast connects the diverse minds that shape our academic and non-academic life. By tuning in, students can deepen their understanding of coursework, spark new passions, and engage with voices and ideas from across the globe.

Our podcast also gives students a stage to share their research, personal journeys, and creative projects. It's a space where your voice matters, helping build a stronger sense of belonging and celebrating the unique perspectives that make campus life so enriching.

Each episode is crafted to elevate the student experience, support academic growth, and inspire personal development. Whether you're an aspiring scholar, a curious learner, or someone looking for fresh motivation, this podcast is your companion on the path to growth.

If you're a student at the American University of Malta (AUM), we want your story. Share your experiences, insights, and ideas, and be part of a platform that amplifies student voices and shapes the future of learning at AUM.



The **“Everything AUM Podcast”** is your gateway to being heard, inspired, and truly connected. By joining the podcast, you'll have the chance to actively engage with the AUM community, strengthen your communication and presentation skills, and make a meaningful impact on our vibrant campus life.

It's the perfect opportunity to share your story, spark new conversations, and motivate your fellow students.

Want to be featured on the “Everything AUM Podcast”? Reach out to the Office of Student Affairs at: studentaffairs@aum.edu.mt



INWARD AND OUTWARD STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM:

Explore the world with AUM's captivating study abroad programs! We don't just offer an education; we provide a life-enriching global experience.

Whether you're an AUM student yearning for international exposure or an international student seeking an unforgettable journey in Malta, our doors are wide open.

Picture yourself:

- Building a worldwide network of trusted connections and lifelong friends.
- Immersing yourself in diverse cultures and perspectives.
- Embracing innovative teaching and learning styles.
- Elevating your CV/Resume with a unique international touch.
- Mastering new languages and broadening your cross-cultural awareness.
- Savoring the thrill of living in a foreign land.
- Gaining confidence and newfound maturity.

For further details, reach out to the Office of Student Affairs at: studentaffairs@aum.edu.mt.

Don't miss your chance to expand your horizons – choose AUM for an unforgettable study abroad experience that will shape your future and connect you with global minds!

INTERNATIONAL STUDY ABROAD PARTNERS:

Unlock a world of opportunities with AUM's globe-spanning Exchange Agreements! We've teamed up with universities across the planet to make your study abroad dreams a reality.

Whether you hail from one of our esteemed Partner Universities or you're an independent adventurer, we extend a warm invitation to join us for an unforgettable academic journey in Malta.

Here's what awaits you:

- Immerse yourself in our culturally rich and academically vibrant campus.
- Explore the breathtaking landscapes and history of Malta.
- Build friendships that cross borders.
- Elevate your global perspective and cross-cultural awareness level.
- Enhance your academic credentials with a unique international touch.
- Embark on an adventure that will leave you with memories to last a lifetime.

Ready to set sail on your educational voyage? The Office of Student Affairs is your compass. Connect with us via email at: studentaffairs@aum.edu.mt for all the details.

Seize the moment, embrace the world, and choose AUM for your study inward and outward study abroad program. Your global adventure begins here!

HOW TO APPLY:

Embrace the AUM Study Abroad adventure! Whether you're seeking to journey inward or outward, we've got an experience that will change your academic horizon. To apply for our coveted Study Abroad Program, simply reach out to the Office of Student Affairs via email at: studentaffairs@aum.edu.mt or drop by Room 206.

Here's your chance to make Malta your academic playground!

Now, let's talk costs. Study abroad and visiting students, you'll be paying regular AUM tuition fees, along with any associated expenses during your time in this stunning Mediterranean haven. For a detailed breakdown, take a look at our [Tuition & Fees](#) here.

Got questions? No worries! Your first point of contact should be the Study Abroad Coordinator at your home university. They'll connect with AUM on your behalf and guide you seamlessly through the application process.

Please note, our inward and outward study programs will resume in 2024. We're gearing up for an unforgettable experience, so mark your calendars!

The AUM Study Abroad Program is packed with exciting perks:

Tuition:

Earn transferable credits upon successful program completion. We'll send your home university an official transcript with your grades and credits for easy transfer back to your academic home. Our AUM academic team will work closely with your home academic team to ensure a smooth process.

Visa Support:

Need a Maltese study visa? We've got your back with application assistance. Kindly note, EU citizens are exempt.

Pre-Departure Prep:

Get all the essential info you need to prepare for your Malta study adventure. Plus, upon arrival, we'll give you an orientation to fast track your integration into AUM student life and Maltese culture.

Housing:

Explore various housing options for your Maltese study abroad experience.

Airport Welcome:

Share your flight details in advance, and a friendly face from the Office of Student Affairs will be at the airport to greet you and whisk you off to your new home away from home.

Curious? Intrigued?

Ready for this amazing academic journey? For all the information you need, contact the Office of Student Affairs via email at: studentaffairs@aum.edu.mt. It's time to choose AUM for a study abroad experience that will broaden your horizons and create lasting memories!

1.5 WHO DOES WHAT FOR YOU AT AUM:

OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS (OSA)

The Office of Student Affairs (OSA) at the American University of Malta is a cornerstone of campus life, dedicated to shaping a meaningful, supportive, and dynamic student experience. As the hub for student engagement, the OSA provides leadership, vision, and strategic direction for all student life initiatives ensuring that every student feels connected, empowered, and involved.

From coordinating campus-wide events and student activities to fostering a welcoming and multicultural community, the OSA is committed to enriching your journey at AUM. Whether you're looking to participate in clubs, attend events, or find support, the Office of Student Affairs is here to help you thrive.

To get involved, contact the OSA at: studentaffairs@aum.edu.mt

Join us in building an inspiring, engaging, and dynamic campus environment!

RECRUITMENT & ADMISSIONS OFFICE (RAO)

For all recruitment and admissions queries at the American University of Malta (AUM), the Recruitment and Admissions Office (RAO) is here to assist you. Whether you're looking for information on application processes, program details, the RAO provides comprehensive support to prospective students. Kindly contact the RAO via email at: admissions@aum.edu.mt for personalized assistance and to get all your questions answered. Take the first step towards joining the vibrant AUM community today!

FINANCE OFFICE

For all tuition and housing fee payments at the American University of Malta (AUM), the Finance Office is your go-to resource. Ensuring a smooth and hassle-free payment process, the Finance Office provides comprehensive support and answers to all your financial queries.

Whether you need assistance with payment plans, fee structures, or any other financial matters, the Finance Office is here to help. Kindly contact the Finance Office via email at: finance@aum.edu.mt for prompt and professional assistance. Make managing your tuition and housing fees at AUM seamless and straightforward!

IT & HELPDESK OFFICE

For all IT support and AUM ID Student Card printing needs at the American University of Malta (AUM), the IT Office is your dedicated resource.

Providing comprehensive assistance with technical issues, software setup, laptop lending scheme and student ID card printing, the IT Office ensures you stay connected and equipped for success. For prompt support and solutions, kindly contact the IT Office via email at it@aum.edu.mt. Experience seamless IT services and reliable support throughout your academic journey at AUM!

THE RECTOR

The Rector at AUM serves as the chief academic officer, overseeing all aspects of the university's academic programs, faculty, and research initiatives. This crucial role involves managing curriculum development, faculty appointments, and the implementation of academic policies to ensure the institution's educational objectives are achieved. Please see here: [Office of the Rector](#)

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

The Registrar at the American University of Malta (AUM) is responsible for ensuring that all students are fully registered for their courses. From course enrollment to academic records management, the Registrar provides essential services to support your academic progress. For any questions or assistance with course registration, kindly contact the Registrar Office via email at registrar@aum.edu.mt. Ensure a smooth and efficient registration process by reaching out to the Registrar Office today!

ACADEMIC ADVISOR:

At the American University of Malta (AUM), all incoming new and transfer students collaborate with one of the Academic Advisors in the Advising Center to get registered for classes in their first semester.

Students are assigned faculty advisors who provide ongoing academic guidance. To ensure successful academic progress, students are required to meet with their assigned faculty advisor at least once each semester before registering for the next semester's classes. This supportive advising structure helps students navigate their academic journey with confidence and success.

THE SENIOR DIGITAL DESIGNER

At the American University of Malta (AUM), the Senior Digital Designer is responsible for taking student photos in compliance with GDPR laws and AUM policies once students are fully registered. Ensuring privacy and adherence to regulations, this essential service helps maintain secure and accurate student records. For any inquiries or to schedule your photo session using your aum email account **ONLY**.

Kindly contact Mr. Jesmar Zammit via email at jesmar.zammit@aum.edu.mt.

LIBRARIAN

The American University of Malta (AUM) Library is dedicated to orientating students on how to use and access its extensive library resources effectively. Whether you need help navigating databases, using turnitin in and finding research materials, or utilizing library services, the librarian is here to assist you.

For comprehensive guidance and support, kindly contact the librarian via email at library@aum.edu.mt. Maximize your academic success by leveraging the full range of resources available at the AUM Library!

STUDENT COUNSELOR

At the American University of Malta (AUM), our dedicated counselor is responsible for enhancing and supporting the mental and emotional well-being of the university community.

By providing professional guidance, support, and resources, the counselor plays a crucial role in fostering a healthy and balanced academic environment.

For confidential assistance or to learn more about mental health resources, kindly contact the counselor via email at counsellor@aum.edu.mt. Prioritize your well-being and access the support you need at AUM today!

THE WRITING CENTER

The Writing Center at the American University of Malta (AUM) is dedicated to honing students' composition skills and supporting them at every stage of the writing process. Whether you need assistance with constructing a compelling argument or fine-tuning your expression, the Writing Center is here to help.

Enhance your writing abilities and achieve academic success with expert guidance tailored to your needs. For personalized support and inquiries, kindly contact the Writing Center via email at provost@aum.edu.mt

1.6 QUALITY ASSURANCE AND STUDENT INVOLVEMENT:

At AUM, quality assurance encompasses all activities aimed at defining, assuring, and enhancing the university's standards—from strategic planning to curriculum development. This comprehensive approach involves every stakeholder, including students, who play a crucial role in fostering a quality culture within the institution.

As pivotal participants in the higher education ecosystem, students contribute valuable perspectives and innovative approaches to achieving excellence. A key aspect of quality assurance at AUM is ensuring active student involvement in governance, evaluation processes, internal reviews, and other critical decision-making events. This engagement not only supports students' personal growth but also significantly advances the university's development and commitment to high educational standards.

Through effective quality assurance processes, students at AUM have a direct impact on the quality of their own education. As integral members of the academic community, students are key partners in enhancing study programs, teaching methods, and assessment practices.

Their active participation helps shape academic discussions and drive improvements. Recognized as equal partners in higher education governance, students have both the right and responsibility to contribute to academic decision-making and quality enhancement efforts. Their involvement is crucial in creating a dynamic and responsive educational environment.

To ensure a structured approach to student involvement, AUM has established a comprehensive mechanism that enables students to consistently and systematically voice their opinions. The University's Student Representation System plays a pivotal role in fostering collaboration between staff and students to enhance the learner experience.

Student representatives are selected by the Student Union at the beginning of each academic year in September and assume their roles in October. These representatives participate in course-level program boards, faculty and university committees, as well as program validation and periodic review panels.

For information on becoming a student representative, visit the Student Union website and the QA webpage. Student members receive thorough induction covering their roles in university committees, quality monitoring, and periodic reviews to ensure effective participation and contribution.

At AUM, student feedback is integral to enhancing the university experience from application through to alumni status. First-year undergraduates complete an Experience Survey, third-year students evaluate their programs and courses, and second and third-year students provide feedback on placements via electronic surveys distributed mid-semester and at the end of each semester.

Graduate students and alumni also participate in tailored surveys to capture comprehensive feedback. These surveys, including the Student Experience Questionnaire, Student Programme/Course Questionnaire, Student Placement Questionnaire, and Graduate Evaluation Survey, are open for one to two weeks, with feedback provided within four weeks.

The Quality Assurance department oversees the design, administration, and evaluation of all student satisfaction surveys. For more information, visit [Quality Assurance](#)

1.7 YOUR LEARNING JOURNEY:

At AUM, each full-time faculty member is assigned a group of students as advisees, with assignments and changes managed by the Provost. Undergraduate students beyond their first year are typically advised by faculty members within their specific disciplines. Advisees may be reassigned upon declaring or changing their major.

All new students will meet with their academic advisor to discuss their program of study and create a tentative academic plan. Following this, students are encouraged to meet with their advisor before selecting courses for the upcoming semester to review their academic progress and make necessary adjustments.

In addition, AUM emphasizes academic integrity through its Student Code of Honor. Students are expected to uphold the highest standards by avoiding cheating, plagiarism, lying, and theft of academic materials. This Honor Code fosters a culture of mutual responsibility, respect, and fairness within the university community, and all members pledge to maintain these principles in their academic endeavors.

For more details, see here: [Office of the Rector](#)



1.8 NON ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT:

At AUM, adherence to good behavior is essential for maintaining a safe, respectful, and productive university environment. All new students must attend mandatory orientation sessions, which begin a week before the semester starts, to familiarize themselves with the standards of conduct expected at AUM.

New and existing students should regularly review this Student Handbook and familiarize themselves with the student code of conduct policy available online here: [Student Policies and Procedures](#)

Non-academic misconduct at AUM includes behaviors that threaten or endanger the safety or well-being of others, such as physical assault, harassment, bullying and breaching Housing rules and regulations and or Maltese Residency Rules if relevant.

The university also addresses serious issues like sexual misconduct, drug and alcohol violations, smoking on campus, and damage to university property. Other misconduct includes unauthorized events, distribution of materials, disruptions in class, and tampering with university records.

The university is committed to addressing such behaviors with a focus on safety and education, and all cases are reported to Student Affairs. By adhering to these guidelines, students contribute to a positive and supportive academic community.

To report a suspected incident of behavioral misconduct at AUM, individuals (students, staff, or faculty) must submit a formal written report to Student Affairs, requesting action.

Student Affairs will review the report to determine if there are sufficient grounds to proceed. If warranted, the case will be forwarded to the student conduct committee composed of faculty, staff, and student peers.

The student under investigation will receive formal notification of the hearing's date and venue, and both the student and the accuser will have the opportunity to present their cases. Advisors from within the university community or the student's immediate family may be present to provide guidance, though they cannot speak on behalf of the student.

Following the hearing, the committee will make a judgment based on the preponderance of evidence and determine appropriate sanctions within two school days.

Sanctions are designed to be educational and restorative and may include written reprimands, work sanctions, restitution, referrals to community resources, housing probation, or other measures based on the case's severity.

The final decision and sanctions will be communicated in writing by the Student Conduct Committee. For more details on the process, kindly contact the Office of Student Affairs via email on: studentsaffairs@aum.edu.mt

1.9 STUDENT ACCOUNTABILITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

At AUM, students are accountable for maintaining accurate contact information with the Office of the Registrar, including permanent and local address in Malta and wholly responsible for informing 'IDENTITA' if they change their address in Malta should they hold a Temporary Residence Permit (TRP) as underwritten by AUM.

Updates to addresses should be made via the MyAUM portal or by submitting the appropriate form to the Registrar's Office. Any changes to names or official identification must be accompanied by proper documentation and adhere to Maltese law.

It is also crucial for students to use their university-assigned email for all official communications. This email is the primary means for AUM to communicate with students, and students are responsible for checking and responding to messages sent to this account. Any forwarding of university emails to another account does not absolve students from responsibility for the content of those communications.

Each university course features a specific grading scale, prefix (or code), and number. The course prefix denotes the discipline or field of study, while the course number signifies the level of content.

For comprehensive details about mid-term and final exams, assignment reports, non-attendance warnings, class attendance policies, academic warnings, leave of absence, withdrawal procedures, grade reports, and appeal processes, repeating courses, resitting exams, add / drop and academic progress etc, consult the [Academic Catalog](#).

This resource outlines your responsibilities and accountabilities as a student in good standing. Please ensure you refer to the Academic Catalog to maintain awareness of all academic requirements and policies.

In cases of bias or hate-motivated misconduct, where an incident is motivated by an individual's or group's identity such as race, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation the university may impose heightened sanctions.

For further information kindly see here: [Student Policies and Procedures](#)

By adhering to these responsibilities, students help ensure a smooth academic experience and maintain their standing within the AUM community.

For more information, contact the Office of the Rector here: [Office of the Rector](#)



2.0 HOW MANY PROGRAMS ARE OFFERED AT AUM:

The American University of Malta offers a diverse array of academic programs designed to meet the needs and aspirations of students from around the globe. These programs provide a solid foundation for both personal and professional growth, equipping students with the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in today's competitive job market.

Choosing the right academic program is crucial, as it can significantly impact your future career opportunities and personal development. At AUM, students benefit from a comprehensive curriculum, experienced faculty, and a supportive learning environment that fosters innovation and critical thinking. For further information, kindly visit our website aum.edu.mt and click on the "Programs" tab.



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2.1 INCLUSIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT:

The American University of Malta (AUM) is dedicated to ensuring equal access and participation for students with disabilities, prioritizing health and safety. We are committed to treating individuals with disabilities in a manner that upholds their dignity and independence. AUM provides necessary support, services, and accommodations to help students with disabilities reach their full potential.

Our university supports students with physical, emotional, and learning disabilities, ensuring they have access to AUM's comprehensive academic and cultural opportunities. Students seeking additional support should contact the Student Affairs Office for a confidential discussion.

At AUM, we believe in integration and are dedicated to removing and preventing barriers to accessibility. We comply with Malta's accessibility laws to meet the needs of people with disabilities promptly. Our commitment to fostering a positive and safe environment aligns with our Vision, Mission & Values, promoting understanding, acceptance, and inclusion.

Students with disabilities are welcome to use personal assistive devices while studying or attending classes at AUM. We acknowledge the importance of these devices and permit their use unless a specific risk is identified.

Recognizing the vital relationship between individuals with disabilities and their service animals, AUM allows guide dogs and other service animals entry to all facilities open to students.

For more information about our commitment to accessibility and inclusion, please see here: [Diversity and Inclusion Policy](#)



3.0 STUDENT HEALTH AND SAFETY AT AUM:

Your safety is a top priority at the American University of Malta (AUM). We have taken every precaution to create a secure study environment. The Facilities Manager and their team conduct regular inspections and safety meetings. They also collaborate with management to plan and implement further improvements to our safety program.

Common sense and personal responsibility are crucial for maintaining safety at the University. We take safety seriously, and any willful or habitual violation of safety rules may result in dismissal. AUM is genuinely concerned for the health and well-being of everyone in our community.

Student cooperation is essential to ensure a safe university environment. Report any unsafe conditions or hazards immediately to Facilities, the Student Affairs Department, or a safety committee member. Adhere to safety guidelines presented through posters, discussions with Facilities, departmental rules, and the facilities safety booklet. Always prioritize safety while studying or learning new skills at AUM.

Accident Reporting:

Any injury at the university, no matter how minor, must be reported immediately to Reception and the Student Affairs office. Small injuries can lead to serious conditions if not treated promptly, so we encourage all students to report accidents immediately.

Specific Safety Rules and Guidelines:

To ensure your safety and that of your peers, please observe the following rules and guidelines:

- Follow established safety procedures at the university.
- Report any sickness or injury, no matter how slight, to Facilities immediately. Do not treat your own or others' injuries, or attempt to remove foreign particles from the eye.
- In the case of potential fractures, unconsciousness, or severe head injuries, do not move the injured person until authorized medical personnel arrive.
- Avoid wearing loose clothing or jewelry around machinery to prevent serious injuries.
- Do not distract other students, as this may cause injuries. Wait until it is safe to get their attention.
- Wear protective equipment such as goggles, safety glasses, masks, gloves, and hair nets where required.
- Ensure safety equipment, like restraints, pull backs, and two-hand devices, is properly adjusted for your protection.

By following these guidelines and promptly reporting hazards, we can maintain a safe and healthy environment for everyone at the American University of Malta.



4.0 STUDENT PRIVACY AND DATA PROTECTION:

Personal Data & GDPR

Most of the personal data we collect and process is provided by you during the admissions process. This includes personal information submitted with your enrollment form and supporting documentation, as well as any other information provided during admissions.

We maintain a record of your studies at AUM and may collect information on your behalf, including conducting screening checks for safeguarding purposes.

The American University of Malta (AUM) and Sadeen Education Investment Limited are committed to safeguarding your privacy. This page outlines the information we collect about you as an AUM student, how we use it, and how we protect it. For further information in relation to Student Privacy and Data Protection, kindly see below:

[Student Data Protection Policy](#)

[Student Privacy Policy](#)

Our handling of your personal data adheres to our Student Privacy Policy, your instructions, the European Union (EU) General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), relevant Maltese and EU legislation, and our professional duty of confidentiality. If you have any questions about this privacy policy or wish to exercise your rights regarding your personal data, please email us at: privacy@aum.edu.mt

Data Controller Information

For GDPR purposes, the Data Controller is:

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5.0 GENERAL INFORMATION:

Did you know that there are funding and grants available to support your studies in Malta?

Tertiary education is a transformative milestone one that opens doors to both personal and professional growth. In Malta, students benefit from a range of government-funded scholarships, grants, and financial aid opportunities designed to ease the cost of tuition, living expenses, and research activities.

With multiple funding options available, university students can better manage the financial demands of their academic journey and focus on achieving their long-term goals. This guide provides a clear overview of the latest funding and grant opportunities for university students in Malta, highlighting key government schemes, scholarship programs, and additional financial support available to eligible applicants.

1. Malta Government Undergraduate Scheme (MGUS)

The MGUS offers financial support to full-time local, or EU students enrolled in undergraduate (MQF Level 6) courses at institutions like the American University of Malta, as well as equivalent foreign institutions.

What You Get

- Maintenance stipend
- Educational material grants:
- General courses: €86.85 every 4 weeks, €465.87 per academic year, plus one-time €465.87 (Year 1).
- Prescribed courses: Higher 4-week rate of €151.99, €698.81 per year, plus one-time €98.81 (Year 1).
- High-priority courses: €302.10 every 4 weeks, €698.81 per year, plus one-time €465.87 (Year 1).

Eligibility

Full-time students physically on campus at accredited Maltese or foreign institutions offering MQF Level 6 degrees.

Students' Maintenance Grant Scheme

This ongoing scheme helps cover living expenses for full-time students in higher education across Malta.

Eligibility & Conditions

Governed by the Students' Maintenance Grants' Board, applicable to Maltese and EU students, with conditions outlined in legal regulations for the 2024/25 academic year.

Tertiary Education Scholarship Scheme (TESS)

TESS supports postgraduate studies at MQF Level 7 (Master's) and Level 8 (Doctorate/PhD), funded by the Ministry for Education, Sport, Youth, Research, and Innovation.

Level	Modality	Maximum Duration	Max Grant Value
7	Full-Time / Part-Time	4-5 years	Up to €10,000
8	Full-Time / Part-Time	5-7 years	Up to €32,000

Key Deadlines & Requirements

- Application deadline: 13 June 2025 (noon local time)
- Documentation (e.g., transcripts, Unconditional Letter of Acceptance, MQRIC statement) submission: extended to 10 October 2025 (4 PM local time)

ENDEAVOUR II Scholarships (ESF+ Co-funded)

Co-funded by the European Social Fund (ESF+), this scheme supports postgraduate programs at MQF Level 7 and 8, enhancing research and innovation in Malta.

Grant Structure

Specific funding amounts detailed in the official regulations; targeted at improving economic and research output.

Pathfinder MDIA Digital Scholarship (2025)

Managed by the Malta Digital Innovation Authority, this postgraduate scholarship supports research in AI, digital trust, ESG tech, and similar emerging areas.

Eligibility & Timeline

- Open to MQF Level 7 or 8 applicants starting studies between 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2025
- Part 1 deadline: 15 August 2025 (13:00 CET). Part 2 documents: extended to 17 October 2025.

Malta Arts Scholarships

Aimed at talented individuals in the arts (theatre, visual arts, music, creative writing, film, etc.), from MQF Levels 5 to 8.

Quick Summary Table

Scheme	Levels Covered	What's Funded	Eligibility Highlights
MGUS	MQF Level 6	Stipends, materials	Full-time students MQF approved program
Maintenance Grant	Univ. Levels	Living expenses	Governed by Students' Maintenance Board
TESS	MQF Levels 7 & 8	Up to €32k	Postgrad applicants, strict deadlines
ENDEAVOUR II	MQF Levels 7 & 8	Funding via ESF+	Postgraduate, EU co-funding
Pathfinder MDIA	MQF Levels 7 & 8	Emerging tech	AI/tech research focus
Malta Arts Scholarships	MQF Levels 5 to 8	Arts-related education	Talent in expressive arts
Achieve 360	Sport courses	Tuition only (2 years)	Sport + academic programs at MCS
Get Qualified Scheme		70% Refund Tuition Fees	https://maltaenterprise.com/support/get-qualified-2017-2025

Conclusion

Malta offers a variety of funding and grant opportunities to make tertiary education more accessible and affordable. While many programs are primarily available to Maltese citizens and EU nationals, non-EU national students can still access specific scholarships designed for international students. For detailed information, see here: [Funding and Grants](#)

6.0 THE MALTESE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM:

Did you know that fully enrolled students at AUM are entitled to free public transport in Malta?

Starting October 1, 2022, all holders of a valid personalized Tallinja Card can enjoy free travel on Malta Public Transport buses, Ferries up to and including day routes, night routes, and special services.

How to Apply for a ‘Student Tallinja Card’

Kindly contact the Office of Student Affairs via email on: studentaffairs@aum.edu.mt

How to use your ‘Student Tallinja Card

- **Tapping In:** Passengers must tap their personalized Tallinja Card on the ticket machine next to the bus driver each time they board.
- **No Credit Needed:** there’s no need to have credit on your Tallinja Card to travel on day routes, night routes, and special services. However, passengers with a negative balance or an invalid Tallinja Card must purchase a cash ticket to travel.

Important

- **Non-Eligible Services:** For bus services not eligible for free travel, such as Tallinja Direct Services and On-Demand Services, passengers need to ensure they have sufficient credit on their Tallinja Card to cover the fare.
- **Checking Your Balance:** You can check your Tallinja Card balance by entering your customer number at [Check Card Balance](#) or by downloading the Tallinja APP from the Apple Store or Google Store.

Make the most of Malta’s public transport system with your Tallinja Card and enjoy free public transport in Malta.



7.0 STUDY PLANNING: How to Build a Balanced and Effective Study Plan

Creating a well-structured study plan is one of the most important steps toward thriving at university.

Your days will include a mix of fixed activities like classes, meals, club meetings, and part-time work and flexible ones such as studying, sleep, recreation, and personal errands. Striking a healthy balance between these is key to both academic achievement and overall wellbeing.

And of course, it all starts with consistently attending your classes, as this is your strongest foundation for success.

1. Build a Schedule That Balances Study, Life, and Rest

Modern study planning revolves around intentional time-blocking. Set up a weekly schedule that includes:

- Fixed commitments: lectures, labs, meals, and work.
- Flexible but essential commitments: sleep, fitness, studying, and downtime.

Creating structure helps you stay accountable and reduces stress throughout the semester.

2. Allocate the Right Amount of Study Time

A widely accepted guideline is to dedicate three hours of study per week for every academic credit. Multiply your credit load by three to estimate how much focused study time you should plan beyond scheduled class hours.

3. Study at Consistent Times and in a Comfortable Environment

Consistency builds discipline. Instead of vague goals like “study chemistry,” create task-based objectives such as:

- Complete ten equations.
- Read and annotate Chapter 6.
- Summarize lecture notes into flashcards.

Treat study blocks with the same importance as your classes don't skip them unless absolutely necessary.

4. Review Material Immediately After Class

Reinforce what you've learned by reviewing your notes while the lesson is still fresh. Rewriting, typing, or organizing notes right after class improves memory and boosts long-term retention. Start on small tasks or assignments early to stay ahead.

5. Make Use of Short Gaps During the Day

Use brief windows like the 30 minutes between lectures to revise, read, organize your planner, or create flashcards. Research shows that daytime study is more effective than late night cramming, helping you learn more in less time.

Limit Study Sessions to 1-2 Hours Per Subject

Human concentration naturally declines over time. Break your study into focused 1-2 hour sessions, followed by short breaks. Switching subjects can refresh your mind and maintain productivity. Study during the times you feel most alert, whether that's early morning, afternoon, or evening.

7. Adjust Your Schedule with a “Trade, Don’t Steal” Mindset

Unexpected events happen. Instead of deleting a study session from your week, reschedule it. Think of it as trading time, not stealing it. Weekends can be a great overflow buffer choose one evening for study and rotate it when needed around your social schedule.

8. Use Spaced Review for Long-Term Mastery

Set aside at least one day each week to systematically review each course. Short, regular reviews prevent last-minute stress and make exam preparation far more efficient. This approach supports spaced repetition, a proven method for long-term learning.

9. Focus on Active Learning: Review and Recite

Transform your notes into questions and answers, then test yourself. Active recall predicting exam questions and practising responses is one of the most powerful ways to strengthen memory and deepen understanding.

Build Habits Today That Shape Your Success Tomorrow

Mastering university life isn't about cramming or surviving week to week it's about building smart, sustainable habits that support your goals. By planning a balanced schedule, studying with intention, and using proven learning strategies like active recall and spaced repetition, you give yourself the best chance to excel academically and enjoy your university experience. The more consistently you show up for your plan, the more confident, capable, and in control you'll feel.

Start strong, stay disciplined, and remember: every small, organized step you take now brings you closer to the future you're working for.



8.0 MALTESE CULTURE FROM THE INSIDE OUT:

Study in Malta: Cultural Awareness and Integration for International Students

Studying in Malta provides a unique opportunity for both EU and non-EU students to experience a vibrant Mediterranean culture while gaining a truly global academic perspective. Cultural awareness plays a key role in making your study journey meaningful. By understanding and respecting the traditions, values, and social norms of Malta, international students can integrate more easily, build strong friendships, and enrich their educational experience.

Embracing the local way of life not only enhances your personal growth but also contributes to a more inclusive and collaborative community for both students and Maltese residents.

Location and Geography

The Maltese archipelago, located in the centre of the Mediterranean Sea, consists of the islands of Malta, Gozo, Comino, and the uninhabited islets Cominotto and Filfla. Around 92–94% of the population lives on the island of Malta, while the remaining residents are spread across Gozo and Comino. People from Gozo proudly identify as Gozitans, forming a distinct part of Malta’s cultural identity.

Malta covers approximately 316 km² (about 122 square miles) more accurate than the outdated 95 square mile figure sometimes quoted. The islands are located around 93 km (58 miles) south of Sicily and 315 km (196 miles) east of Tunisia.

Known for its dramatic coastlines, crystal clear waters, ancient fishing villages, and impressive cliffs, Malta enjoys over 300 days of sunshine per year, making it one of the sunniest places in Europe. Efficient bus routes and a frequent ferry service provide easy travel between Malta and Gozo, with Gozo often considered the more tranquil, greener escape from the activity of the main island.

Historic Valletta and Vibrant Victoria

The capital city, Valletta, overlooks the Grand Harbour and was founded in 1566 by the Knights of Saint John. Today, it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its Baroque architecture, museums, and cultural events. Valletta underwent major restoration and development after being named the European Capital of Culture in 2018, leading to improved public spaces and revitalized heritage streets.

The capital of Gozo, Victoria (also known as Rabat), offers a slower pace and picturesque surroundings. Its Citadel provides a stunning view of the island and reflects Gozo’s deep historical roots.

Demographics and National Symbols

Malta’s population is estimated at around 535,000, making it the most densely populated country in the European Union. Its cultural identity is strongly shaped by Christianity, with Saint Paul traditionally credited with bringing the faith to the islands.

The iconic Maltese Cross, the country’s Roman Catholic heritage, and the George Cross awarded to Malta for exceptional bravery during World War II remain important national symbols, proudly displayed on the official flag. You’ll also find decorative dolphins on traditional brass door knockers, a beloved element of Maltese architectural charm.

The islands are famously home to 365 churches, one for each day of the year, and the colourful summer village celebrations known as festa remain central to Maltese cultural life.

Language and Cultural Heritage

The national language, Maltese, is the only Semitic-rooted language written in Latin script and the only language of its kind in the European Union. It contains elements from Arabic, along with a strong influence from Sicilian and Italian. People in Gozo speak a slightly different dialect, reflecting the island's distinct identity.

English is an official language and widely spoken, making everyday communication easy for international students. Many Maltese also understand Italian due to historical ties and media exposure.

Malta's Cultural Heritage: A Deep, Diverse Mediterranean Legacy

Malta's remarkable history is visible across its landscape from ancient megalithic temples older than the Egyptian pyramids to Bronze Age settlements, Phoenician inscriptions, and Roman catacombs. The Maltese people proudly embrace their Christian heritage, shaped significantly by the long rule of the Knights of Malta, whose influence remains central to national identity and cultural pride.

Over the centuries, Maltese culture has absorbed layers of influence from the Phoenicians, Romans, Greeks, Normans, Sicilians, Castilians, the Knights, and the British. This rich blend forms the multicultural character of the islands today.

Malta gained independence in 1964, became a republic and joined the British Commonwealth in 1974, and later became a proud member of the European Union in 2004. Thanks to its strategic position in the Mediterranean, Malta has long served as an international crossroads of trade and culture. Today, it is home to well over 100,000 foreign residents from EU and non-EU countries alike, contributing to a dynamic and diverse population.

National Identity and Ethnic Relations

Modern Maltese identity celebrates a fusion of Mediterranean and European traditions. While the population is predominantly Maltese, the country's rapid economic growth and global connectivity have nurtured a lively international community. This diversity strengthens cultural exchange, enriches local life, and fosters an environment where students and newcomers alike feel welcomed.

Malta's strategic position continues to shape its role as a bridge between Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East an attribute that has defined its identity for millennia.

Delicious Maltese Cuisine

Maltese cuisine captures the warmth and variety of the Mediterranean. Many meals feature pasta, rustic bread, fresh vegetables, meat, and seasonal fruit. Traditional favourites include:

- Minestra - a hearty vegetable soup.

- Lampuki Pie – a seasonal fish casserole.
- Bragoli – beef olives in rich sauce.
- Stuffed octopus, squid, and cuttlefish in tomato and fennel-based stews.

For a true taste of Malta, try Kinnie, the bittersweet national soft drink. Street food lovers shouldn't miss pastizzi, flaky pastries filled with ricotta, peas, chicken, or sweet options like Nutella. And of course, rabbit stew (fenkata) is widely considered the national dish.

A Thriving and Diverse Economy

Malta's economic success is driven by its strategic location, pleasant climate, and well-developed infrastructure. The country attracts tourists at nearly four times its population each year, supporting a strong tourism sector.

Beyond tourism, Malta excels in:

- Financial services
- iGaming and digital technologies
- Maritime and logistics industries
- Aviation maintenance and operations
- Construction and real estate

A robust public sector also plays a key role, maintaining oversight of industries vital to national interests.

Social Dynamics and Modern Maltese Society

While Malta is officially committed to equality, certain historical social distinctions remain visible, especially among older generations. Families with long established status often prefer private or church run schools, a trend rooted in tradition rather than policy.

Malta enjoys a high literacy rate and strong participation of both men and women in higher education and the workforce. Women commonly pursue careers in education, corporate services, finance, and healthcare sectors central to Malta's modern economy.

The Rich Social Fabric of Malta

Social relationships are deeply valued in Malta. Close knit family ties and networks often referred to as "klikka" play an important role in daily life, influencing personal and sometimes professional relationships.

Social behaviour ranges from reserved in formal contexts to warm, expressive, and highly hospitable in personal settings. Business relationships often evolve through social interactions, and being invited into a Maltese home is considered a sign of genuine respect.

Preserving "face", or maintaining mutual respect and dignity, is a key element of Maltese social etiquette. Understanding these cultural nuances helps newcomers integrate more easily and build meaningful connections.

A Final Word

As the Director of Student Affairs and author of *Maltese Culture from the Inside Out*, I cannot emphasize enough the importance of understanding both your own cultural background and the cultural environment of the country you choose to live in.

By embracing Malta's heritage, values, and community spirit, you will enrich your academic journey and create a more fulfilling and connected experience during your time on the islands.

*Regards,
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Agenzija Appogg	22 959 000
Agenzija Sapport	21 451 868
Agenzija Sedqa	23 885 110
Alcoholics Anonymous	21 239 264
Ambulance / Fire/ Police (All Emergencies)	112
Animal Ambulance for Strays (24hrs)	7996 9918
ARMS Ltd	80 072 222
Citizenship Office	2590 4168
Consumer & Competition Division Department	8007 4400
Dementia Helpline	1771
Detox Centre	23 885 300
Directory Enquiries (Go)	1182
Directory Enquiries (Go Mobile)	1187
Directory Enquiries (Melita)	27 275 000
Directory Enquiries (Red Touch)	9811 0100
Directory Enquiries (Vodafone)	1189
Electoral Office	21 221 994
Emotions Anonymous	7941 2338
Enemalta PLC - Customer Care	8007 2224
Enemalta PLC - Electricity Power Failure	21 223 601
Enemalta PLC - Liquigas Malta Ltd	21 651 661
Flight Enquiries	5230 2000
Gamblers Anonymous	25 906 600
Genitourinary Clinic	21 227 981
Government Information Service	153
Gozo Channel Co Ltd	22 109 000
Hospital- Malta - Mater Dei	25 450 000
Hospital- Gozo	21 561 600
I D Cards (Maltese)	21 226 627
I D Cards (Foreigners)	25 904 800
LGBTIQ Rights Movement	9925 5559
Meals On Wheels	21 230 181
MSPCA	21 23 0468
SPCA - Gozo	21 553 769
Narcotics Anonymous	7946 6566
Ombudsman	22 483 210
Overseas Operator	1152
Passport & Civil Registration Office - Malta	25 904 100
Passport Office - Gozo	22 156 247
Police Crime Stop	119
Responsible Gaming Foundation Helpline	1777
Smoking Quit Line	8007 3333
Social Policy Information Centre (SPIC)	159
Social Security	25 903 000
Support Line	179

Telephone Faults	133
Time Check	195
Traffic Accident Reporting	21 320 202
Transport Malta	8007 2309
Victim Support Malta	21 228 333
Water Services Corporation	8007 6400
Yellow, Discover local Helpline	8007 2237



10.0 PURPOSE AND INTENT OF THIS STUDENT HANDBOOK:

As the Director of Student Affairs, I want to highlight how essential it is for every student to read, understand, and regularly refer to the Student Handbook. This handbook is not just a formality. It is your strategic guide to navigating life at AUM and in Malta with confidence. Inside, you will find clear and comprehensive information on university policies, non-academic regulations, student conduct expectations, support services, and the many resources designed to help you thrive.

By familiarizing yourself with this handbook, you empower yourself with knowledge of your rights, responsibilities, and the standards that uphold our academic community. It equips you to make informed decisions, address non-academic challenges effectively, and fully embrace the opportunities available throughout your journey at AUM.

I strongly encourage each of you to invest the time to read it carefully. Your university experience becomes richer, smoother, and more fulfilling when you are well-prepared and well-informed.

As the great Lao Tzu once said, ***“The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.”*** Let your first step be taken with clarity, courage, respect for others and a commitment to be the best you can be.

Warm Regards

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