American University of Central Asia
Exchange Program Fact Sheet 2020-2021 Academic Year

General information

Full Institution name:	American University of Central Asia
Website:	www.auca.kg
Postal address:	American University of Central Asia 7/6 Aaly Tokombayev Street, room 237 Bishkek 720060 Kyrgyzstan
International Student Office name and website portal:	International Student Office, https://auca.kg/en/admissions/
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Contact information for visa applications	international@auca.kg

I.   Academic Calendar 2020-2021

Fall-2020	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
Spring-2021	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

II.   Application process

Language Requirements	Proof of English language proficiency is required to attend courses. (Native English speakers are waived from requirement, includes citizens of Canada).

Application deadline	Fall Semester – May 1 Spring Semester – December 1
Nomination deadline	Fall Semester – April 1 Spring Semester - November 1
Application form	Application Form can be downloaded from: https://auca.kg/en/apply_international/

III.   Course registration

Courses available	All courses except for FYS and SYS (First Year Seminar and SYS) and those that require prerequisites.
Courses location	Fall 2020 Semester courses will be announced here: https://auca.kg/en/coursesch/
Full-time course load[1]	30 credits per semester.
Minimum course load	15-18 credits per semester.

IV.   Accommodation

	AUCA Dormitory is available for exchange students. Fees and booking time is determined each Academic Year. Check university website for more information: https://auca.kg/en/dormitory/ Other options: Apartments to rent, Home Stay

V.   Other

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.
Estimated personal expenses per month:	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.
Administrative cost	a) Visa registration – 2$ b) Visa extension – 6 months -40$/1 year – 70$

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[1] 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/