

AAU Family

Resource Guide





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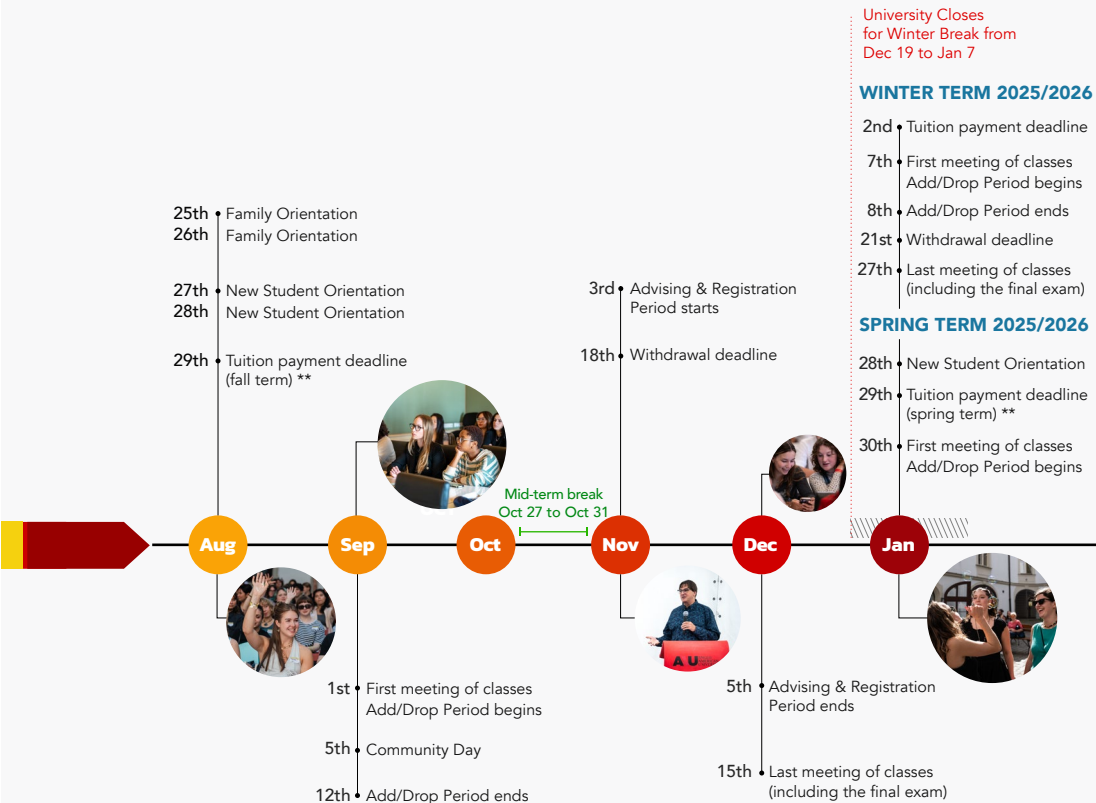
WELCOME

Dear Families,

Welcome to Anglo American Universities Family Resource Guide. We can't wait to welcome you and your students to our campus community. Our primary aim is to offer you the resources and up-to-date information necessary to assist your student on their journey to AAU. This guide serves as your initial point of contact for any inquiries you may have regarding the AAU experience.



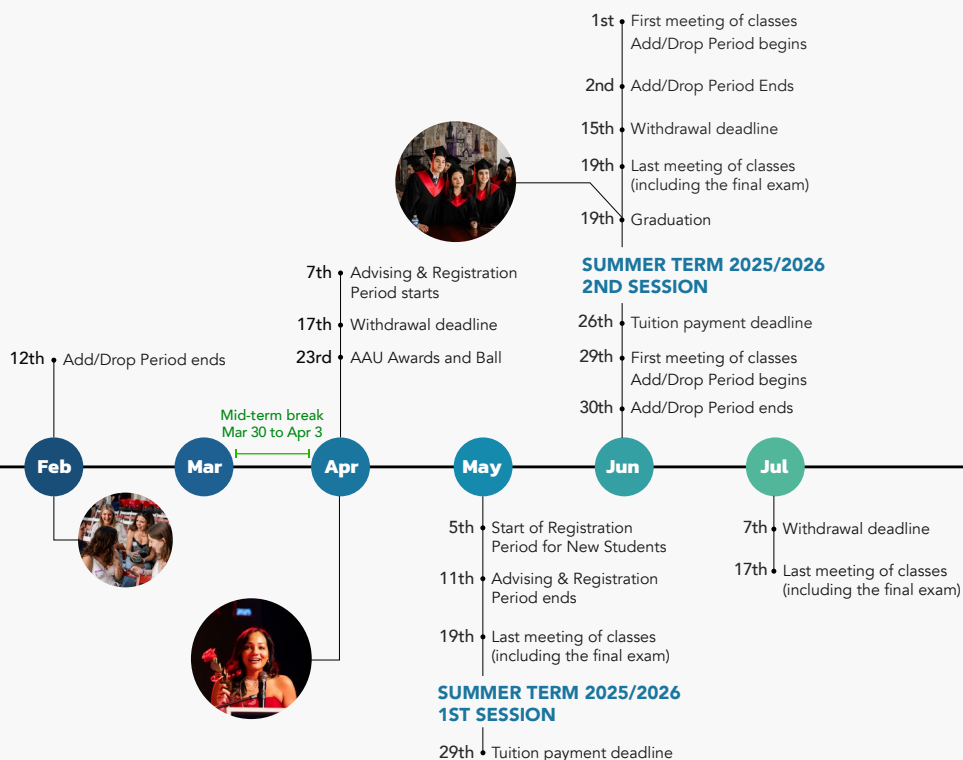
ACADEMIC Year Timeline



** The tuition deadline for new students is much sooner due to visa and registration needs.

Instruction Schedule:

ACADEMIC Year Timeline



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FERPA

AAU acknowledges that parental and familial involvement remains significant even as a student transitions into college life. However, it is important to understand that the US Department of Education has instituted the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

According to FERPA, once a student reaches 18 years of age or enrolls in a post-secondary institution, such as AAU, the university is prohibited from disclosing information about the student to anyone, including parents or other family members.

FERPA's scope encompasses various aspects such as grades, disciplinary actions, billing, and financial aid. While parents or guardians naturally have a vested interest in their student's academic journey, access to the student's records is not automatically granted without the student's explicit written consent.

From the moment a student joins AAU, their records are safeguarded under FERPA regulations. At the start of their studies, but also at any point during their studies at AAU, students can review and adjust their privacy preferences which they can modify online at any time. Even after graduation, AAU remains committed to upholding the privacy settings last established during the student's enrollment.



Academics & Accreditations

As the first private university in the Czech Republic to use English as the language of instruction, AAU continually pushes students to achieve their highest potential.

ONE DEGREE. TWO ACCREDITATIONS.

AAU is the first institution in Europe to have received the prestigious WASC accreditation, an American accrediting agency that is recognized by the US government. This Accreditation allows for each of our students to graduate with an American degree and open doors to a vast global and educational market. AAU degree programs are also accredited by the Ministry of Education,

Youth, and Sports of the Czech Republic or the National Accreditation Bureau for Higher Education in the Czech Republic. This accreditation gives degrees obtained at AAU wide recognition throughout Europe due to the Czech Republic's membership in the European Union. This accreditation allows students the opportunity to graduate with an EU degree.



Národní akreditační úřad
pro vysoké školství



Senior College and
University Commission



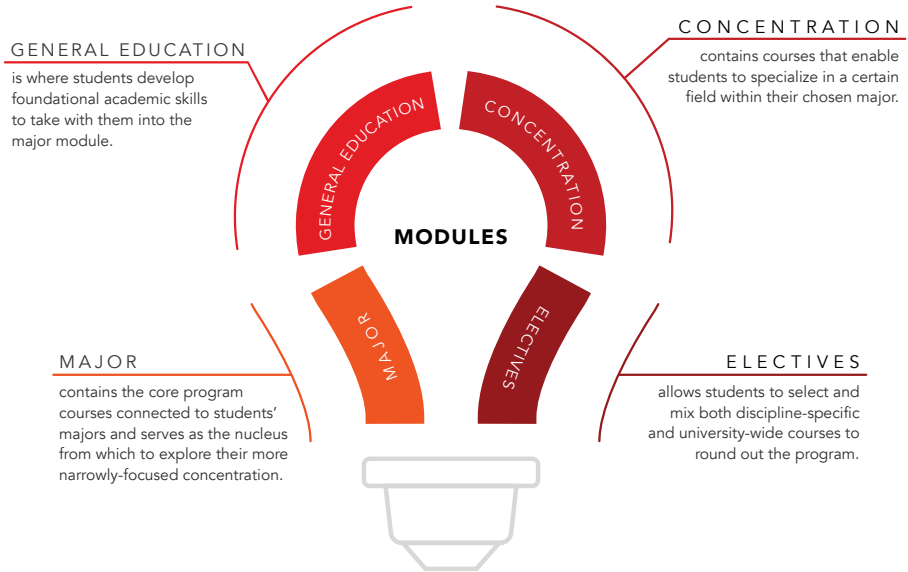
Each of our students is automatically enrolled into our American Accreditation program and can opt-in to be enrolled in our dual EU Program per their choice. Please see more information on this on our Recognition information page.

DEGREE STRUCTURE

Undergraduate degrees at AAU are 90 US credits, designed to be completed in three years when studying full-time. All programs culminate with a thesis project, allowing students to conduct research into a specific aspect of their studies and demonstrate mastery of the subject.

STUDY STRUCTURE

Our undergraduate programs follow a modular structure, composed of blocks of courses dedicated to achieving different learning outcomes. This variability allows students to take a more tailored approach to their studies.



ACADEMIC Support

AAU prides itself on small, interactive classes designed for authentic engagement and discussion. The individual attention from professors, diverse community, and emphasis on practical learning close the gap between education and real-world experience, preparing students for the ever-changing global marketplace.

STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO: 12:1
AVERAGE CLASS SIZE: 17 STUDENTS

ACADEMIC RESOURCES:

Free Textbooks

Students receive all materials at the beginning of the school year, free of charge.

AAU Library

Access thousands of free textbooks and journals as well as a nice place for students to study on campus!

Academic Tutoring Center

Designed to support students who are looking for extra help in their classes.

Composition Course

Each undergraduate student at AAU will complete a composition course, designed to help develop and improve a students' critical thinking skills, organization and writing. This class acts as a foundation for all of their courses at AAU.



TRANSITION to Campus

Transitioning to life on campus can be challenging for some students, but AAU is here to help. Check out a few of the many student resources AAU provides:

NEW STUDENT MENTORS PROGRAM & STUDENT ORIENTATION

New students are welcomed to AAU during the week before classes each term, known as Orientation Week! This week helps students get to know their peers, and professors and become adjusted to campus life. Each year New Student Mentors help host orientation and act as friendly faces on campus for the remainder of their time at AAU.



REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

The Registrar's Office is equipped to help students with all things from health insurance and residency permits, to transferring credits or completing Recognition. Whatever it may be, the Registrar's Office is designed to support students from the moment they enter our community.



PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELING SERVICES

AAU is proud to offer students on-site psychological counseling services from our registered psychologists. Each student is allocated four free sessions per semester to use at their discretion and more can be scheduled upon request.

JOURNEY TO AAU

Visa Procedures

Everyone's journey to AAU is different. If your student is not an EU citizen or Czech National and does not possess an EU passport, they will most likely need to obtain a visa in order to study in the Czech Republic.

AAU recommends that students reach out to their nearest Czech Consulate or Embassy as soon as they receive their admissions decision, to understand what documentation will be required and to ensure that they will have ample time to have their visa processed before the start of the semester.

Since documentation requirements and processing times can vary greatly by location and by student, AAU does not recommend receiving advice from individuals outside of your direct Consulate or Embassy, a trusted immigration lawyer, or the AAU Admissions Office.

If you or your student have concerns about the visa process, please contact our admissions department, who will be happy to direct you to the appropriate services.

The Admissions Office can provide information and basic assistance. However, they cannot replace a specialized professional organization dealing with visa and residence permit issues. We recommend considering one of the following providers should you feel uncertain about the process:

Foreigners.cz specializes in providing assistance with the visa process, residence permit, document translation and other services. If interested, please contact Foreigners.cz directly at prague@foreigners.cz. (It is a paid service, but there is a 10% discount for AAU students).

Pexpats is a local agency that offers specialized services for students including visa applications, acquiring health insurance, opening bank accounts, relocation, nostrification, and many more which can all be completed on your behalf for a fixed fee. You can contact them at info@pexpats.com. (It is a paid service, but there is a 20% discount for AAU students).

Safety & Security

In the event that a student experiences illness or emergency, there are multiple resources for them in Prague.

THE GENERAL EU EMERGENCY NUMBER



112

guarantees English-speaking operators,
This number can be called for free from any phone.

OTHER LOCAL EMERGENCY NUMBERS



FIRE BRIGADE
150



AMBULANCE
155



POLICE CENTER
158

PUBLIC HOSPITALS IN PRAGUE

FN MOTOL

University Hospital
Motol

V Úvalu 84

<https://www.fnmotol.cz/>

Mo - Fr 19:00 – 06:30
weekends & holidays nonstop

Services for Foreigners
+420 224 433 681
+420 224 433 692

UVN

The Military University
Hospital

U Vojenské nemocnice 1200

<https://www.uvn.cz>

Mo - Fr 18:00 – 06:00
weekends & holidays nonstop

Information center (non-stop)
+420 973 208 333

BULOVKA

Na Bulovce
Hospital

Budínova 2

<https://bulovka.cz>

Mo - Fr 19:00 – 06:00
weekends & holidays nonstop

Information center
+420 283 842 222
+420 266 083 301

FNKV

Hospital
Královské Vinohrady

Šrobárova 50

<https://www.fnkv.cz>

Mo - Fr 18:30 – 23:00
weekends & holidays 8:00 - 20:00

Information center FNKV
+420 267 163 778

STUDENT Health

Not only is Prague renowned for its stunning beauty, but it's also recognized for its exceptional safety. Nonetheless, we understand that unforeseen events can occur, and at AAU, we are committed to providing our community with comprehensive resources to address any obstacles.



HEALTH INSURANCE

Ensuring your student has appropriate health insurance while attending AAU is crucial for their well-being. Below is some essential information to help you navigate the insurance options and requirements:

Insurance Provider Options

Students applying for a long-term visa or stay in the Czech Republic can now choose from multiple authorized insurance providers. While PVZP remains a reliable option, other recommended providers include AXA and SV Pojišťovna.



Increased Indemnity Limits

The coverage limit for health insurance has been significantly increased to EUR 400,000 per insured incident. This enhancement offers greater financial security in case of medical emergencies.



We understand that selecting the right insurance plan can be challenging. For personalized assistance, please contact Michaela Le Poidevin, our dedicated AAU Health Insurance agent. She is available to provide expert guidance and support free of charge.

Email: michaela@helloinsurance.eu

Whatsapp: +420 792 757 833

Your child's health and well-being during their stay in the Czech Republic are our top priorities. We are here to help you every step of the way.

Comprehensive Coverage and Pre-existing Health Conditions

Comprehensive health care coverage includes essential medical services, hospital transfers, hospitalization, prescription medications, repatriations (with limits), and emergency care. Dental care is also covered up to specified limits. It is important to note that the comprehensive coverage options assume a full state of health without pre-existing conditions. If you have a pre-existing health condition that you wish to have covered, please be aware that PVZP is the only company currently offering this option for an additional charge, subject to their assessment.

MAKING APPOINTMENTS

Students with PZVP medical insurance seeking a doctor or scheduling appointments should always use the provided assistance line. Failure to make this call may result in denial of medical expense claims. Assistance service will schedule the next available appointment with the doctor or specialist you need.

Call the helpline: +420 296 841 333

Diploma Recognition

At AAU, we offer dual degree programs that grant both U.S. and European (EU) degrees. In order for some students to be eligible for the EU degree track, their prior education must go through a process called Diploma Recognition.

Recognition is a formal comparison of a student's foreign* education to a comparable level of Czech education to confirm that it meets the necessary standards. A student's academic background will be evaluated against Czech secondary or bachelor-level education to determine their equivalency.

The recognition process is unique to each student, and AAU is here to support you and your student every step of the way. The Assistant Registrar can guide your student through the process and answer any questions your student might have. Students are encouraged to initiate recognition upon arrival at AAU by contacting the Assistant Registrar.

There are several key advantages to graduating with both U.S. and EU degrees, such as:

- The ability to work as a student
 - Multiple-month visa-free stay in the EU for job searching post-graduation
 - Ability to participate in Erasmus
- And more!





Students who hold certain high school diplomas are exempt from the recognition process. These include:

- Czech High School Diploma ("vysvědčení o maturitní zkoušce")
- German High School Diploma ("Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife")
- Hungarian High School Diploma ("érettségi bizonyítvány")
- Polish High School Diploma ("świadectwo dojrzałości")
- Slovak High School Diploma ("vysvedčenie o maturitnej skúške")
- Slovenian High School Diploma ("Spričevalo o Splošni/Poklicni maturi")
- European Baccalaureate Diploma
- International Baccalaureate Diploma
- Czech, German, Hungarian, or Polish University diploma,
- Slovak University Diploma (with the exception of diplomas issued by Czech branches of Slovak universities after March 28, 2015)
- Slovenian Master's Diploma

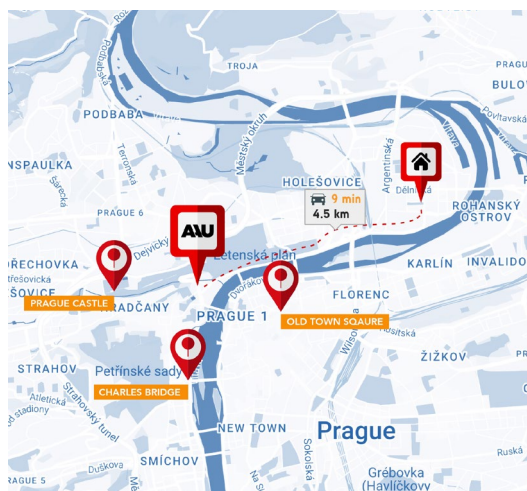


AAU OFFERS STUDENT Housing

AAU can provide housing to students in our off-campus housing facility, Zeitraum. Located just 20 minutes away by tram, Zeitraum provides students with everything they need to have a swift transition when moving to Prague. Located in the trendy neighborhood of Prague 7, Holešovice, students can enjoy an eclectic neighborhood full of students, international expats, and locals alike. It's no mistake that Holešovice has been named one of the top 10 coolest neighborhoods in Europe, according to The Guardian (2020).

Located in the trendy neighborhood of Prague 7:

HOLEŠOVICE





The building has 7 floors, 111 total rooms, and the possibility to choose from double or single rooms. Accommodation is offered for the full Fall or Spring semester, as well as for the entire academic year. If capacity allows, students can also be accommodated in the Winter and Summer terms as well. Each room comes fully equipped with all the necessary furniture and appliances to make moving to Prague as smooth as possible!

While AAU housing is not required for students, it is recommended for first-year students. Choosing AAU housing can allow for a smooth transition to Prague as well as ease during the visa process.

Student Life at AAU

Student clubs are a fantastic way for your students to immerse themselves in the AAU community. Initiating a club is straightforward – just bring an idea and gather 10 other students who want to join. Alternatively, your student can become a part of any of the 25+ existing groups on campus.

With the support of the AAU Student Council and our committed Student Experience and Engagement Manager, we ensure that all clubs operate seamlessly. Among our most popular clubs, your student will find:

- Rock Climbing Club
- Yoga Club
- Film Watchers Club
- Students Against Violence
- Photography Club
- Football Club
- Basketball Club
- Hiking Club
- Writing Club
- and more...



Activities & Clubs



Additionally, our community hosts over 100 on and off-campus events each school year to give students the chance to stay involved and meet new friends!



Life in Prague

Life at AAU in Prague is exciting and allows you to learn indispensable life skills while immersed in a historically significant environment. Your student will live in vibrant neighborhoods, shop at local stores, and experience life in one of the most beautiful cities in the world.

Prague is an affordable city to live in, but it isn't just easy on your wallet; it's a breath of fresh air for your well-being, too. The city's drinkable tap water helps reduce plastic usage and its walkable city center, along with numerous parks and green spaces, provides ample opportunities to relax and socialize. Prague embodies a sustainable and leisurely lifestyle for those who seek it. Additionally, nearly every district boasts a local farmers market, with Holešovice hosting one of the largest. These markets are perfect for purchasing fresh, local produce and are also wonderful spots for community engagement.

TOP 1 BEST STUDENT CITY

In Europe - The Campus Advisor 2024

11TH SAFEST COUNTRY

In the world - Global Peace Index 2025

COMMUTING AROUND PRAGUE

Prague offers an impressive and highly affordable public transportation network, making commuting both easy and accessible. The city is well-connected by a dense network of trams, buses, and metro stations, ensuring you can quickly reach any destination. You will be able to easily afford it! Currently, public transport for students is exceptionally economical, costing only 1250 CZK per year, which is approximately 50 EUR or 55 USD!

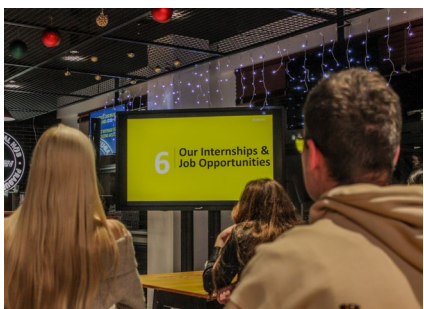
AAU'S Career Center



The AAU Career Center is one of our strongest resources. Our office is equipped to help connect our current students, as well as recent and past alumni with the professional world. Through a string of resources, AAU is able to provide students with internships and job opportunities all over Prague, the EU, and the world!



Career opportunities are built into the curriculum at AAU, with each student being required to participate in a minimum of 135 hours interning or working. Currently, AAU has over 70 internship providers related to all of AAU's fields of study, many of which are our own alumni.



- *One-on-One Career Counseling Services*
- *Internship Course*
- *On and Off-Site Job fairs*
- *Mock interviews and Resume workshops*



AAU Alumni

AAU has over 2 900 alumni living and working in all corners of the world. Our Alumni Relations Office works to facilitate community connections and promote relationships within our Alumni Community and with our institution as a whole.

We expect our alumni to shape a changing world, and we love to hear about their adventures after they leave AAU. Each year we host Alumni events all over the world to connect with our alumni and help our previous students network with people in their community.

Additionally, we are able to help our current students get a feel for their future by facilitating relationships with our alumni! Often, our current students conduct internships with companies or NGOs founded or managed by our previous students, and in some cases, students even go on to work for other alumni after graduation.

Check out some of our **ALUMNI SUCCESS STORIES** to see what our recent graduates have accomplished.

VISITING AAU

Staying in Prague

Whether you are a new AAU parent or are returning back to our campus we would love to host you! Drop by our admissions office at any time for a tour, or feel free to check out campus with your student. Check out our website for information on New Parent Orientation held at the beginning of the fall semester.

HOTELS

AAU partners with two local hotels to give discounts to our students and families:

Use code CAMP-AAU to receive a 10% discount for all flexible, and nonrefundable rates.

Use code AAU for a 15% discount on your reservation.

TRAVELING AROUND PRAGUE

AAU recommends the app **Pid Litacka** for traveling in Prague. Use this app to purchase and activate tickets for tram and metro services in Prague. Alternatively, tickets are available to purchase on trams, and in metro stations.



Contact Information

Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time with questions or concerns.

AAU ADMISSIONS DEPARTMENT

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For finding Doctors and Appointments

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AAU Student Housing
AAU Student Services and Support

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Tuition and Payment
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