



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE & DATA SCIENCE

Online Graduate Professional Diploma

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

● What is the English language proficiency requirement for this diploma?

Applicants to this diploma may provide evidence for RUSe by submitting a satisfactory and valid score for one of the following tests: AUB-EN, TOEFL iBT, IELTS (Academic), or Duolingo.

Important Note: applicants who have graduated from a university where English is the primary language of instruction may be exempted from demonstrating RUSe.

Test	Minimum score	Validity
AUB-EN	32	1 year
TOEFL iBT	80	2 years
IELTS (Academic)	6.5	2 years
Duolingo	120	2 years

● What is the schedule like for the courses?

The courses consist of pre-recorded lectures that you can access at your convenience. Although the lectures are self-paced, you will still need to follow regular deadlines. Each course includes one online live interactive session per week, providing you with the opportunity to interact with both your instructors and fellow students. All live sessions are recorded in case you cannot attend. You also have the chance to go on an optional site visit to gain hands-on learning from real world projects.

● What is the typical class profile?

Class profiles vary from one cohort to the next, but, generally, our online certificates draw a highly diverse audience in terms of professional experience, industry, and geography — leading to a very rich peer learning and networking experience.

● Can I enroll in the AI & DS online diploma program without a bachelor's degree?

To enroll in the AI & DS online diploma, a bachelor's degree is required, as it is a postgraduate diploma program. If you do not have a bachelor's degree, you can take the courses à la carte and you will obtain a certificate of completion for each completed course.

● How do I know if I need prerequisites or not?

The committee decides whether an applicant needs to take any of the foundational courses. Applicants who come from relevant majors such as computer science, computer engineering, or other engineering majors are usually waived from the foundational courses, except if they graduated a while ago and need to take the prerequisites as refreshers. Applicants from other majors will most likely need to take prerequisite courses. In all cases, applicants are advised to apply as early as possible.

● Can I complete the preparatory courses with the other courses simultaneously?

- No. Prerequisites must be completed 2 weeks before the core courses begin.
- All prerequisite courses are now fully self-paced and available to take at any time throughout the year.
- Each prerequisite course is a 1 credit course that usually requires 4 weeks to complete, however, since it is self-paced you can complete it at your own time and pace prior to the start of the core courses.
- Prerequisite courses will not have weekly live sessions or engagement with instructors, students will only have access to the Teaching Assistants for Q&A purposes.
- Students will be given access to the core courses only if they successfully complete and pass the assigned prerequisites (passing grade is 70 or a C+).

● What is the minimum passing grade of the courses to be eligible to receive the professional graduate diploma?

The minimum passing grade for the courses within this diploma is 70 (C+).

● What are the methods of payment?

For tuition fees settlement, you can only choose one of the payment methods below. You can:



Pay Online

In this case, you will receive a payment gateway link.



Pay by cash at the AUB cashier's office

In this case, we will issue an invoice for you to provide at the cashier's office at College Hall.

*Payments can only be made in USD.

**Corporate tuition rates are available. Schedule a call for more information.

● When is the refund deadline?

Refunds are allowed only within seven days of the course's start date. This allows you to get a feel of the course content and assess if this program is a good fit for you.

● Are there any scholarship/financial aid opportunities?

Currently, there are no financial aid or scholarship offers for online programs. Alternatively, you can benefit from the early bird seat by paying the full tuition fee before the start of the program to receive a 10% deduction.

● What do I receive upon completing my professional diploma?

Upon program completion, you will receive a professional diploma issued by the Maroun Semaan Faculty of Engineering and Architecture (MSFEA), signed by the Dean of MSFEA and the Director of the Abdulla al Ghurair Hub for Digital Teaching and Learning.

● What type of certificate will I receive?

Upon successful completion of the program, you will receive a digital copy of your diploma. It can be shared with friends, family, schools, or potential employers. You can use it on your cover letter, resume, and/or display it on your LinkedIn profile. The digital copy will be sent approximately two weeks after the program end date, once grading is complete. Should you request a hard copy of the diploma, this will take around one additional week to be issued and can either be shipped to you or picked up at AUB.

● Does the diploma state that the program is “online”?

The diploma does not state “online”. All our programs are offered by AUB faculty members in collaboration with industry experts and offer quality education while utilizing advanced tools and technology to facilitate online learning.

● Is there an expiry date for the diploma?

No, the diploma does not have an expiry date.

● How long will I have access to the learning materials?

Your access will remain to the online learning platform and course content for 12 months following the program's end date.

● What is the value of professional diplomas?

- Our professional diplomas focus on upskilling you in areas that are in high demand in the job market and equipping you with practical skills and knowledge.
- These programs also have an academic bearing, meaning you may be able to waive up to six credits should you wish to enroll in a relevant master's degree at AUB.

