



SUSTAINABILITY IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

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 are the methods of payment?

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



Pay Online: in this case, you will receive an online payment gateway link.



Pay by cash at AUB: in this case, we will issue an invoice for you to provide at the cashier's office.



● What do I receive upon completing my professional diploma?

Upon program completion, you will receive a professional diploma certificate 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.

● 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.

● 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.

● When is the refund deadline?

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

● 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 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.