



AMERICAN
UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT

MAROUN SEMAAN FACULTY OF
ENGINEERING & ARCHITECTURE

CYBERSECURITY

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, or 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

● Do I need a cybersecurity background to enroll in the certificate?

Applicants will need to have a basic knowledge of IT and programming, with proficiency in at least one programming language. Any programming language will be appropriate.

● How are the timings of the courses?

The courses are made up of pre-recorded lectures that you can watch at your own pace. You will have one online live interactive session per course per week to engage with your instructors and peers. All live sessions are recorded in case you cannot make it. You can also benefit from virtual lab sessions for support with course assignments, as well as the support of teaching assistants regularly via virtual office hours.

● 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) and signed by the Faculty Dean and MSFEA Online Director.

● 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 7 days of the course start date. This ensures you get a feel of the course content to assess whether or not 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.



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