The American University of Kuwait

Dartmouth's Only Off-Campus Program in the Arabian Peninsula



"My term in Kuwait was the highlight of my Dartmouth experience thus far, and certainly one of the best experiences of my life."

- Brandon M. '25, Intern



Study or Intern

Apply by February 1, 2025

For-Credit Academic Exchange

Term(s): FA 2025

of Slots: Two

Duration: 12 weeks

Funding: Lodging provided

Funded Leave-Term Internships

Term(s): FA 2025 or SP 2026

of Slots: Four

Duration: 9 weeks

Funding: \$4000 + lodging





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Frequently Asked Questions For-Credit Exchange & Internships at the American University of Kuwait

Where is the American University of Kuwait (AUK)? AUK is located in the State of Kuwait, a country at the northern end of the Arabian Gulf. Kuwait borders Iraq to the north and Saudi Arabia to the south. The American University of Kuwait is located in Salmiya district, Kuwait City.

How are Dartmouth and AUK connected?

Dartmouth and AUK have been partners since 2003. Both institutions are committed to fostering cross-cultural collaborations between students, faculty, and staff.

When can I participate?

Internships are available in the Fall and Spring terms (9 weeks). Exchange is offered during the Fall term only (12 weeks). Students must apply in February to travel during the next academic year. Students typically apply in their first or second year to participate in their second or third year.

How many Dartmouth students are at AUK this year?

A total of five Dartmouth students are spending time at AUK in 2024-25. Four are doing internships and one is studying. Program alumni are your best resources for learning about the program, and we are happy to connect you.

Where will I intern at AUK?

Students can customize their internships to a certain extent while also serving AUK's needs. Reflections of past interns are available on our website if you wish to learn more about types of internships available.

Do I need to know Arabic to participate?

No prior knowledge of Arabic is required. It is possible to take Arabic classes while interning and studying at AUK, depending on work arrangements and course offerings at the time.

Can all majors participate in these programs?

Yes. All majors are welcome to apply for both programs. Students must make a strong case for how the experience supports their academic, personal, and/or professional goals.

What is the cost of participation?

Interns receive a stipend of \$4000 to cover their participation (airfare, local transportation, meals, etc.). Lodging is provided by AUK at no additional cost. Exchange students pay Dartmouth tuition, airfare, local transportation, meals, etc. As with interns, lodging is typically provided by AUK at no cost.

Where will I live in Kuwait?

Typical lodging is in a spacious, modern, multi-bedroom apartment within walking distance of campus shared with 1-3 other students from Dartmouth or elsewhere.

Is there a dress code or any other restrictions that I will have to observe when I am in Kuwait?

Kuwait is a conservative country, so you should aim to dress conservatively out of respect for local customs. Business casual is generally appropriate. Avoid shorts and sleeveless items. Note also that alcohol is illegal in Kuwait.



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