DIPLOMA IN FOOD SECURITY

The American University of Beirut

AGRICULTURE

HUMAN NUTRITION

DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS

AGRICULTURAL SUPPLY AND VALUE CHAINS

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

PUBLIC POLICY AND PROGRAMS

Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences
THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT IS NOW OFFERING THE FIRST INNOVATIVE SUMMER DIPLOMA IN FOOD SECURITY IN THE MENA REGION.
“Food security exists when all people, at all times, have physical, social and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food, which meets their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life.”

– Food and Agriculture Organization, Declaration of the World Summit on Food Security, 2009

With its pioneering curriculum, the Diploma in Food Security addresses all four dimensions of food security. The Diploma does so by drawing on key disciplines, including agriculture, nutrition, and development economics. With this approach, the Diploma aims to train a new generation of leaders from throughout the Middle East and North Africa and the developing world, preparing them to address food security in a hands-on fashion.
WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Core areas
- Food security challenges and contemporary debate
- Agriculture: technology, supply chains, sustainability
- Nutrition security
- Food policies and their planning process

Our diploma focuses on the four dimensions of food security and how these can be achieved through public policies and programs.

Participants will learn how public policy and programming in the areas of nutrition, trade, agriculture, public health, food safety, and income generation can improve food availability, accessibility, utilization, and stability. The Diploma in Food Security will expand and refine participants’ abilities to manage food security programs within governmental, non-governmental, and multilateral organizations. A range of teaching methods spanning traditional lectures, seminars and activities, discussions with experts, and field trips will actively engage participants as they expand their technical knowledge and refine their communication and leadership skills.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- 4 intensive courses
- 1 graduate seminar
- 7-week summer term

The Diploma in Food Security requires completion of four intensive courses and a graduate seminar.

Courses will be offered over seven weeks during summer with the option for students to complete the Diploma in modular fashion over two summer terms. The Diploma will be delivered at the AUB campus in Beirut, Lebanon. With additional coursework, the Diploma may be enhanced to a full Master of Science in Food Security (under development).
HOW CAN I USE THE DIPLOMA IN FOOD SECURITY?

THE DIPLOMA WILL EQUIP PARTICIPANTS WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS TO ADVANCE THEIR CAREERS IN THE FIELD OF FOOD SECURITY AND RELATED DISCIPLINES.

All participants, whether recent graduates or mid-career professionals, will be equipped to contribute to the work of government ministries, consultancy-based organizations, or non-governmental organizations working to tackle hunger, poverty, human nutrition, natural resource management, and food security. As the only academic program in food security grounded in the Middle East and North Africa, the Diploma will prepare participants to actively address this critical challenge here in the region and across the developing world.

WHY SHOULD I APPLY?

AUB IS AN IDEAL PLACE TO LEARN ABOUT FOOD SECURITY AND ADVANCE YOUR CAREER IN THE FIELD.

AUB has been a leader in agriculture, nutrition, and food sciences for more than 60 years, with a proven record of robust academic programs that encompass all dimensions of food security. Our dedicated Food Security Program draws on the strength of academic and research partners in Lebanon, the region, and beyond and brings together academic, research, and community outreach efforts in the area of food security.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

THE DIPLOMA IN FOOD SECURITY IS OPEN TO BOTH RECENT GRADUATES AND MID-CAREER PROFESSIONALS.

Applicants to the Diploma in Food Security must have a Bachelor of Science degree, academic or professional experience relevant to the field of food security, and proficiency in spoken and written English.
For more information on our program or to learn more about the application process and tuition and fees, please visit our web page at www.aub.edu.lb/fafs/foodsecurity/

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