

# AIM UNIVERSITY GROUP

## 2021-2022 START DATES & PAYMENT SCHEDULE

### NEW CLASSES START IN:

January, February, May, June, September & October

### REGISTRATION CLOSES:

*Closes two weeks before classes begin but no later than one week after the classes start.*

### LENGTH OF STUDY:

*Certificate courses are usually 12/16 weeks; HNDs are 16/20/24 Months; PgDip are 12/16 Months, and the degree top-up is usually 8/16 Months.*

### EFFORT:

*6-8 guided hours per week, and 10-12 hours self-paced learning*

### PRICE:

*Price is based on the level program and payment plan you select. See the Tuition Schedule in your Offer Letter, Financial and Enrolment Agreement or Program Brochure on our website.*

## 1. WHAT ARE THE START DATES FOR CLASSES FOR FALL 2021 THROUGH SUMMER 2023?

SCHEDULE	COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE INDUCTION & ORIENTATION	CLASSES COMMENCE
FALL 2021	✚ September 13 - September 16	✚ September 20 - October 29
FALL 2021	✚ November 10 - November 13	✚ November 15 - December 20
SPRING 2022	✚ December 28 - December 31	✚ January 3 - February 11
SPRING 2022	✚ February 9 - February 12	✚ February 14 - March 25
SUMMER 2022	✚ April 27 - April 30	✚ May 2 - June 10
SUMMER 2022	✚ June 8 - June 11	✚ June 13 - July 22
FALL 2022	✚ August 31 - September 4	✚ September 6 - October 15
FALL 2022	✚ October 13 - October 16	✚ October 18 - November 26
SPRING 2023	✚ December 28 - December 31	✚ January 2 - February 10
SPRING 2023	✚ February 8 - February 11	✚ February 13 - March 24
SUMMER 2023	✚ April 26 - April 29	✚ May 1 - June 9
SUMMER 2023	✚ June 7 - June 10	✚ June 12 - July 21

## 2. WHAT ARE THE PAYMENT OPTIONS?

You can pay your tuition fees in full before the course starts, or you may opt for a two-part plan for courses 16 weeks and shorter. For programs longer than sixteen weeks, there is also a three-part payment plan available. You may also pay per course unit. To find out more about these payment options, please visit our [Tuition And Financing Page](#) or contact a Course Consultant.

## 3. IF I START IN THE [FALL](#), WHAT IS MY ANNUAL PAYMENT SCHEDULE?

If you will be commencing a new school year in [September](#):

- **Full Payment** is due by August 15 (without late fees)
- **Two-Part Payments** are due August 15 and November 26 (without late fees)
- **Three-Part Payments** are due August 15, November 2 and January 26 (without late fees)
- **Four-Part Payments** are due July 29; October 2; December 2; and February 2 (without late fees)

If you will be commencing a new school year in [October](#):

- **Full Payment** is due by September 15 (without late fees)
- **Two-Part Payments** are due September 15 and December 2 (without late fees)
- **Three-Part Payments** are due September 15, November 26 and February 2 (without late fees)
- **Four-Part Payments** are due September 26; December 2; January 26; and April 15 (without late fees)

## 4. IF I START IN THE [SPRING](#), WHAT IS MY ANNUAL PAYMENT SCHEDULE?

If you will be commencing a new school year in [January](#):

- **Full Payment** is due by December 20 (without late fees)
- **Two-Part Payments** are due December 20 and March 26 (without late fees)
- **Three-Part Payments** are due December 20, March 2 and May 26 (without late fees)
- **Four-Part Payments** are due December 2; February 2; April 15; and June 2 (without late fees)

If you will be commencing a new school year in [February](#):

- **Full Payment** is due by January 26 (without late fees)
- **Two-Part Payments** are due January 26 and April 15 (without late fees)
- **Three-Part Payments** are due January 26, April 15 and July 2 (without late fees)
- **Four-Part Payments** are due January 26; April 2; June 2; and August 2 (without late fees)

## 5. IF I START IN THE **SUMMER**, WHAT IS MY ANNUAL PAYMENT SCHEDULE?

If you will be commencing a new school year in **May**:

- **Full Payment** is due by April 15 (without late fees)
- **Two-Part Payments** are due April 15 and July 26 (without late fees)
- **Three-Part Payments** are due April 15, July 2, and September 26 (without late fees)
- **Four-Part Payments** are due April 15; June 2; August 2; and October 2 (without late fees)

If you will be commencing a new school year in **June**:

- **Full Payment** is due by May 26 (without late fees)
- **Two-Part Payments** are due May 26 and August 15 (without late fees)
- **Three-Part Payments** are due May 26, August 15 and October 26 (without late fees)
- **Four-Part Payments** are due May 26; August 2; October 2; and December 2 (without late fees)

## 6. WHAT IS AIM UNI'S REFUND POLICY?

**REFUND RULES:** Refund Request Forms are available on the enrolment page on our website. All Refund requests must be submitted in writing to iConnect Student Helpdesk before the start of week three of a new College Year. The refund amount is calculated on the annual tuition and not the amount that you deposit. The payment plan that you are using provides the annual tuition used in the refund calculation. The refund period is calculated from the date that the semester started, and not the time that you commence the first class on the semester.

**The Refund/Withdrawal Policy specifies that:**

1. The \$30 Application fee AND \$250 Holding Fee are non-refundable and non-transferable. Tuition paid by the student includes tuition and holding fee.
2. Two weeks before the start of the semester and up to the end of week one, 90% of the annual tuition (less the holding fee) is refundable.
3. In week two of the semester, 50% of the annual tuition (less the holding fee) is refundable.
4. At the start of week three of the semester, 0% of the annual tuition is refundable.
  - ***For example***, you are on the two-part payment and requested a refund one week prior to the start of class. The non-refundable portion is: Tuition of \$1,400 - \$250 (HF) = \$1,150  $\times$  10% = \$115. You paid \$700 - (\$250 + \$115) = \$335 is the Refund.

Tuition quoted is the annual cost of studying in-class, online or distance learning with AIM| The American Institute Of Management And Science University Group INC. The Application Fee of \$30 is not included in the quoted tuition. The annual tuition quoted includes \$250 holding fee, otherwise called placement deposit. This Holding Fee is ALREADY calculated in the tuition shown in the Tuition and Fees Schedule on our website.

Tuition is due before you start classes. Payments after the published deadlines will attract a late fee of \$10 every Monday until the outstanding tuition/balance is paid.

## 7. WHAT DOES AIM ANNUAL TUITION COVERS?

- Tuition for **one** college year taught by AIM University Group, e.g. *September – April; October – June; January – August; February – October; and May – December*
- BTEC External Registration And Assessment Fees
- For students who pay for the entire program upfront, incentives are offered. Example: you'll receive a Kindle with access to texts in our Kindle Library **OR** two free school shirts **OR** partial travel expenses paid, e.g. one-way of the ticket cost for a field trip to Florida; half of the cost of accommodation; or the full cost of ground transport.

## 8. WHAT IS AIM GLOBAL CAMPUS?

AIM Online Campus is for all learners – whether you are studying in-class, online or distance learning. It is a virtual classroom with easy to use interface and access to a variety of course content formats: interactive video lectures, module notes, practice quizzes, assignment briefs, and reading resources. AIM Online Campus allows you to join live classes in session, ask questions and interact with the tutors and fellow students. You can join the discussion forums and seek advice from your Success Manager.

## 9. WILL I HAVE TIME?

Our programs are designed for high school seniors, recent high school graduates, and working professionals. The coursework is designed to help you pace yourself throughout the course. It is broken up into modules with incremental deadlines. At the beginning of each week, you'll be presented with all the lectures, notes and assignments necessary to complete the coursework overtime successfully. You'll have access to your success manager who will help you set goals and track key milestones, manage your time, and field any administrative requests that you have.

## 10. WHAT IS A TOP-UP DEGREE?

Top-up means that you have accumulated enough college credits to upgrade to a full degree. Top Up degrees are for those who have completed a Foundation Degree, Higher National Diploma (HND) or Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip / PgD) and may want to:

- study a further one year for the bachelor's or master's degree.
- use the credit you have accumulated to study at a university locally or abroad. That is, you may transfer the credits to the final year of the University Of Northampton or 3<sup>rd</sup> year of almost any university, anywhere in the world that you choose to live and work

## 11. HOW ARE TOP-UP DEGREES RECOGNIZED?

- If you complete the top-up degree on-campus, online or distance learning, the degree is the same certification as if you had studied on campus with the same university for 3/4 full years. The degree holds the same value, and you will be able to progress to a Master's degree course upon completion, as with any other on-campus taught degree.

## 12. WHY IS AIM DEGREE PATHWAY MY BEST DIPLOMA/DEGREE CHOICE?

- AIM |American Institute Of Management And Science University Group offers a hybrid style of education that is flexible and designed to fit around your life.
- You can choose from a wide range of career-relevant courses and study at a pace that suits you.
- We are striving for the greatest impact on students' lives because we understand that higher education crosses boundaries and changes lives. So, with our global focus and study-abroad programs, you may start your degree journey here and complete at a university anywhere in the world you choose.
- We provide accreditation of prior learning (APL) . That is, learning achieved in a different setting such as the workplace is reviewed and assessed by AIMS, and a credit value can be assigned to award exemptions and reduce the time you spend on the program.
- We provide a faster, more affordable and specialized vocational path to the degree, and the qualifications will open up further career opportunities for you. We have different methods of assessing work such as oral tests, debates, forums, role-playing, case students, research etc. which make the courses enjoyable and practical.

## 13. CAN I WORK WHILE STUDYING ABROAD?

- Our students may transfer the credits from BTEC levels 4 – 7 programs to study the final year/s of university abroad. International students in the UK and Canada may **work 20 hours during the term and 40 hours when on break**. After completing university, you can seek to work an additional year.
- If you're having a great time learning and you're making good money, move to the next degree level, get a permanent job offer, and be well on your way to becoming a permanent resident.
- Now that you're a well-educated citizen who is equipped for leadership and with many advantages in the job market, you should strongly consider returning to your country to contribute to its development.

## 14. WHAT IS AIM'S ACCEPTANCE RATE?

### Schools and Colleges

With three schools, various international university partners for the degree top-up, and over 20 programs including bachelor's and master's programs, undergraduate diplomas, postgraduate diplomas, and continuing education and professional courses, students at American Institute Of Management and Science University Group can choose a curriculum that combines theoretical study and experiential learning, Our courses are taught by experienced faculty who will take you from the classroom, to study in the US, UK, Canada, Jamaica and all around the globe with our university partners.

## **Selective Acceptance Rates**

Getting into a dream college can be a tough task, and mainly because we receive an abundance of applications, we can only accept a percentage of the applicants. For Spring 2020, our acceptance rate was 68%. Broken down, this means two out of three students were admitted to the program which they applied. To improve your chances of admission, apply early, submit all the required documentation soon, practice for the admission tests, and pay early.

## **15. WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS FOR STUDYING ON THE PROGRAM**

### **MODES OF STUDY**

**Face-To-Face Classes** are in Kingston and Fort Lauderdale. Full-time Students use a mixed-method of having on-campus and online courses. Private boarding arrangements can be made to live on-campus in Kingston. In Fort Lauderdale, we offer scheduled tutoring, student support services, and admission services to US resident-students only. For the final year for the bachelor's degree, our students may apply to a university of choice in Canada, UK and US, or the University Of Northampton. We're an official recruitment partner for UoN.

**Online Classes** are live classes for 1 ½ - 2 ½ -hours per day for 3-4 days per week. These classes may be mornings, mid-afternoon, or evenings. Online learners join the said classes, which are taught on-campus. They also take an active part in the class discussions, group assignments and presentations.

**Distance Learning** is a more flexible learning method. If you choose distance learning, you do not attend scheduled classes but will be accessing the recorded lessons, texts and learning resources on our website. You will, however, meet the same assignment and academic requirements.

## **16. WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DIFFERENT LEVEL PROGRAMS**

**The bachelors-level programs** such as BTEC HNDs level 4-6 programs will require Four (4) CXC/IGCE Subjects inclusive of English Language. US High School Diploma and SAT Scores of 900+ are also accepted. Special considerations may be given to applicants over age 25 with three subjects inclusive of English Language or 30+ years with no subjects (supported by five years of valid work experience).

**The masters-level program**, such as BTEC level 7- level 8 programs, will require a bachelor's degree from any discipline. Special considerations may be given to applicants with five or more years substantial senior management experience who do not have a bachelor's degree but have other professional certification earned at post-secondary institutions.

**Certificate-level programs** and the US High School Diploma (GED) have no requirements for subjects to enter. However, all students without the program requisites are strongly urged to do the US High School Diploma, which can be completed in 3 months and is equal to 5 CXC

Subjects. Colleges and employers accept GED in all 50 States in the US and Canada.

**Entry testing** is a mandatory part of our admission process for ALL learners admitted to the program. Starting December 2019 all current and prospective students must be present for the Pre-Admission Seminar and for the Admission Interview to be considered for admission/re-admission to the institution. Distant Learners need only attend the Pre-Admission Seminar.

## **17. WHERE CAN I VIEW ACCREDITATION AND RECOGNITION INFORMATION FOR THE PROGRAMS?**

Our programs are the globally recognized BTEC qualifications which are awarded by Pearson (of Pearson College, London and Pearson Edexcel). BTEC is one of seven Examination Boards in the United Kingdom. With over 8-million graduates world-wide, BTEC is the largest awarding body in the UK, and one of the most respected international qualifications for direct entry to employment and higher education. BTEC qualification is recognized globally by accreditation boards, credit evaluation services, universities, employers, and governments for professional licensing purposes. AIM University Group teaches the units, but the diploma is awarded directly by Pearson BTEC.

### **ACCREDITATION**

- *The Office Of Qualification And Examinations Regulation (Ofqual)*, and
- The Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA).

## **18. WHERE CAN I SEE TESTIMONIALS OF YOUR CURRENT AND PAST STUDENTS?**

Testimonials are on our website.