

AIM-USA

CLASS START DATES AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE

NEW MODULES START:
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:
Determined by the level program and payment plan you select. See the Tuition Schedule in your Financial and Enrolment Agreement or the said program's page on our website.

WHAT ARE THE START DATES FOR CLASSES FOR SPRING 2020 THROUGH FALL 2021?

SCHEDULE	<u>COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE INDUCTION & ORIENTATION</u>	CLASSES COMMENCE
SPRING 2020	✚ January 2 – February 5	✚ January 6 – February 14
SPRING 2020	✚ February 19 – February 22	✚ February 24 – April 3
SUMMER 2020	✚ April 27 – May 1	✚ May 4 – June 12
SUMMER 2020	✚ June 16 – June 20	✚ June 22 – July 31
FALL 2020	✚ September 1 – September 5	✚ September 7 – October 16
FALL 2020	✚ October 14 – October 17	✚ October 19 - November 27
SPRING 2021	✚ December 28 – December 31	✚ January 4 – February 12
SPRING 2021	✚ February 10 – February 13	✚ February 24 – April 3
SUMMER 2021	✚ April 28 – May 1	✚ May 3 – June 11
SUMMER 2021	✚ June 15 – June 19	✚ June 21 – July 30
FALL 2021	✚ August 31 - September 4	✚ September 6 – October 15
FALL 2021	✚ October 13 – October 16	✚ October 18 – November 26

WHAT ARE THE PAYMENT OPTIONS?

You can either 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 courses longer than sixteen weeks, there is also a three-part payment plan available. You may also pay per course. To find out more about these payment options please visit our Tuition And Financing Page or contact a Course Consultant.

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)

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)

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)

WHAT IS AIMS' 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 date 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 distant learning with AIMS| 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 late fee of \$10 every Monday until the outstanding tuition/balance is paid.

WHAT DOES AIMS ANNUAL TUITION COVERS?

- Tuition for **one** college year taught by AIMS 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 tuition in full an incentive is offered such as: you'll receive a Kindle with access to texts in our Kindle Library **OR** two free school shirts **OR** partial travel expense, e.g. one-way of the ticket cost for field trip to Florida; half of the cost of accommodation; or full cost of ground transport.

WHAT IS AIMS GLOBAL CAMPUS?

AIMS Online Campus is for all learners – whether you are studying in-class, online or distant 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. AIMS 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 personal Success Manager.

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 over the duration of 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 successfully complete the coursework overtime. 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.

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 successfully 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, transfer the credits to the final year of the University Of Northampton or 3rd year of almost any university anywhere in the world that you choose to live and work.

HOW ARE TOP-UP DEGREES RECOGNIZED?

- If you complete the top-up degree on-campus, online or distant 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.

WHY IS AIMS DEGREE PATHWAY MY BEST DIPLOMA/DEGREE CHOICE?

- AIM-USA |American Institute Of Management And Science offers a 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 interesting and practical.

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 much advantage in the job market, you should strongly consider returning to your country to contribute to its development.

WHAT IS AIMS 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 and 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 particularly because we receive an abundance of applications, we can only accept a percentage of the applicants. For Spring 2019 our acceptance rate was 68%. Broken down, this means two out of three students were accepted to the program which they applied. To improve your chances of admission, apply early, submit all the required documentations early, practice for the admission tests, and pay early.

WHERE CAN I VIEW ACCREDITATION AND RECOGNITION INFORMATION FOR BTEC PROGRAMS?

BTEC is the largest Examination Board in the United Kingdom and BTEC qualification is globally recognized by accreditation boards, universities, employers and government for licensing purposes. The units are taught by AIMS University Group INC, but the diploma is awarded directly by Pearson BTEC, UK.

International recognition, accreditation, certification, and validation of BTEC qualifications are through the UK Government's [Office Of Qualification And Examinations Regulation - Ofqual](#), and *Pearson Education* respectively.

WHERE CAN I SEE TESTIMONIALS OF YOUR CURRENT AND PAST STUDENTS?

Testimonials are on our website.