

AIM University Group Student Ambassador Program

The Student Ambassador Program is a leadership opportunity for students and graduates who are dedicated to serving and representing AIM University Group. Student Ambassadors provide information to students, serve as Student Union representatives and perform duties at various on and off-campus events.

What does a Student Ambassador do?

- Welcome and greet new students.
- Provide various information, services and referrals to the campus.
- Develop an expanded knowledge of AIM University Group.
- Act as host and conduct campus tours for new students, schools, classes and guests.
- Represent AIM University Group during college events and off-campus events.
- Assist with duties and tasks related to events put on by AIM Students and Officers.
- Work with freshmen and provide tips on being a successful student.
- Assist with variety of admission, office related tasks, tuck-shop, and other duties as assigned.
- Attend weekly staff meetings and required trainings.

What are the benefits of becoming a Student Ambassador?

- Student Leadership Positions
- Candidate For Final-Year Scholarship
- Monthly income of up to US200 – \$400 from new student application
- Free Coffee Break
- Guaranteed Recommendations
- Participation in management decision-making, and Student-Staff Meetings

Student Ambassadors develop a wide range of transferable skills that benefit you. Employers, colleges and universities are looking for more than just good grades; they want community involvement and service! Student Ambassadors gain leadership skills that will help build their resume, university and scholarship applications. They earn letters of recommendations, get connected to and serve their campus, and help students and the community learn more about AIM University Group.

How To Apply

- Attend our Community Information Session
- Study the attached information
- Complete the Student Ambassador Application form
- Attend the interview hosted by the selection panel
- Recommended by fellow students as having positive characteristics and behavior to serve.

ABOUT US

AIM University Group teaches internationally recognized programs and our students streamline their credits to top-up the degree abroad.

- You Can Earn A GED OR BTEC Level 3 And Enter First Year Of College In Canada/US/UK
- You Can Earn BTEC Level 5 And Transfer Straight Onto Final Year/s Of University In Canada/US/UK For The Bachelor's Degree
- You Can Earn BTEC Level 7 And Transfer Straight Onto Final Year Of University In Canada/US/UK For The Master's Degree

Any way you choose to study - on-campus, distant learning or online – AIM University Group will make learning flexible, personal, fun, informative, practical and life changing

Studying at AIM University Group is the best choice that you can make for your future So, Walk into new opportunities! Welcome to AIM University Group! Student Success Is Our Business.

BACKGROUND: AIM University Group teaches BTEC qualifications in Aviation, Business, Travel And Tourism, and Strategic Management And Leadership from Pearson, UK and US High School Diploma - GED jointly from the American Council on Education (ACE) and Pearson. Starting for Fall 2019 are new programs: BTEC Assessment Management, Teacher Training, Health Care Practice, and Health Care Management.

What's not to love about AIM University Group?

AIM offers programs that are recognized, accredited and acceptable on a global scale. For example, BTEC is accredited by OFQUAL which is the statutory body that responsible for the regulation and accreditation of examination boards and tests in England. ACE is the only major higher education association to represent all types of U.S. accredited, degree-granting institutions: two-year and four-year, public and private.

BTEC stands for 'Business and Technology Education Council', which used to run the award, first introduced in 1984. Pearson BTECs are now awarded by the Edexcel examination board and are taken in more than 100 countries at all levels, from pre-GCSE to Degree equivalent.

Graduates of AIM University Group will live, study and work anywhere in the world they choose because BTEC and GED qualifications are recognized and accepted by employers and universities globally.

How? Start AIM University Group by studying in Jamaica or 100% online and transfer directly to final year of university to earn the bachelor's or master's degree.

When? To earn a bachelor's degree, undergraduate students will:

- 1) complete 20/24 months successfully at AIM and earn BTEC Level 5 Diploma directly from Pearson, UK.
- 2) transfer the 240 Credits earned with BTEC L5 Diploma which is widely acceptable onto final year/s of university to top-up the bachelor's degree in the United States, Canada, Dubai, New Zealand, Australia, United Kingdom etc.
- 3) Upon completing university abroad, the students may work full-time for a limited period before returning to their countries with the degree and valuable work experience.

When? To earn a master's degree, graduate students will:

- 1) complete 12/16 months successfully at AIM and earn BTEC Level 7 Postgraduate Diploma directly from Pearson, UK.
- 2) transfer the 120 Graduate Credits earned with BTEC L7 Diploma which is acceptable onto final year/s of university abroad to top-up the master's degree.

Programs at AIM are entry-level, undergraduate-level, and graduate-level programs that are accredited by both Pearson BTEC and ACE.

- **ENTRY LEVEL - GED** is equal to 5 CSEC Subjects and is acceptable for entry onto university and into employment in all 50 US State And Canada. GED is taught and certified over 4 months. BTEC Level 3 is completed in 8 months. GED and BTEC L3 are acceptable for entry to year 1 of university and taken together are completed in 12 months.
- **UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL - BTEC** Level 4 takes 12 Months. BTEC Level 5 takes 20/24 Months. BTEC L4 is acceptable onto Year 2 of university. BTEC Level 5 provides entry directly onto final year of university for the bachelor's degree.
- **GRADUATE LEVEL - BTEC Level 7** is a postgraduate program, and acceptable directly onto final year of the Master's Degree Program.

There are over 8 million people around the world with BTEC and EDEXCEL qualifications from Pearson, and we are in one small corner of the world and just a dot on the map. So, AIM University Group should not be your only source for information. Carry-out your own independent research using Google as a starting point. Type in BTEC, there are millions of articles, and testimonials from colleges, universities, students, graduates, and employers worldwide.

GED is older than the Pope and a large swathe of US residents, the Canadian population and others living elsewhere, have one. GED is a national staple in the US, so research data is also readily and universally available about the acceptability of GED.

AIM University Group considers that being economically and socially under-served is no reason for Caribbean students not to have the best first-world education and the highest prospects of studying abroad with the career opportunities that follow. We will also email new applicants various testimonial videos posted by students, employers and universities about their stories and how BTEC benefited them.

There are two (2) ways to pay: In JM\$ & US\$. Anyway, you choose AIM provides the pathway to quality degrees at the most affordable rate. Scholarships are also available to high achievers.

There are three (3) ways to study: attend 100% live Online classes from anywhere, On-campus in Kingston, or Distant Learning at your pace.

ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1) Is Tuition Paid To AIM University Group Different From Registration Fee For Pearson BTEC?

Tuition and the external fees for registration and assessment for BTEC are in separate columns on the tuition page on our admission website at www.studyaimusa.org and on the Financial and Enrolment Agreement given to all applicants at enrolment. The documents also sum up: 1) what the annual tuition is, 2) the registration and assessment fees for Pearson BTEC, and 3) the total amount that a student will pay over the program lifetime for the entire study. This total column includes tuition and registration for assessment with BTEC.

2) What is the late penalty for Pearson BTEC fee if the student does not Register on Semester One?

The Late penalty for Pearson for the year 2019/2020 will be requested from Pearson. Soon as this information is available to AIM for that period, the larger student body will be notified by way of email and Discord Notice Board.

3) How is the timeline of 2-year at AIM and 1-year top-up abroad calculated for students on level 5 programs?

The breakdown on the program timeline is documented in several places. You will find this on the Financial and Enrollment Agreement, Brochure on the website, admission documents sent at application, and tuition page of the website. The level 5 HND program is 20 Months And 24 Months. EIGHT (8) Months is ONE (1) college year.

24 Months = 3 x 8 months. 20 Months = 2 ½ X 8 months. It is a choice the student makes on which of the pathway to pursue.

Example Of 3 College Years (= 24 Calendar Months): **2 ½ College Years (= 20 Calendar Months):**

YEAR 1: September 2018 - April 2019;

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YEAR 2: May 2019 - December 2019; and

YEAR 2: May 2019 - December 2019; and

YEAR 3: January 2020 - August 2020

YEAR 2 ½ : January 2020 - April 2020

4) What is BTEC Level 3 equivalent to?

Level 3 Diplomas will enable students to enter directly into careers in their chosen fields (business, airlines, travel agencies, tours etc.) or matriculate for university. It is equivalent to education at sixth form level e.g. CAPE and GCE A 'Levels.

5) Are all programs taught at AIM University Group accredited?

BTEC Pearson is an accredited body, hence why the Level 5 Diploma awarded by Pearson is acceptable by universities globally and can be converted to a degree in just 8-16 months. For example, if BTEC level 5 wasn't recognized, students would have to start the degree from scratch. That is, enter year 1 at university rather than advance to year 2 & 3 as they do with the level 5 diploma.

- Pearson BTEC (same EDEXCEL) is the largest qualification body in the United Kingdom with over 8 million Candidates on their program globally. Same programs being pursued here at AIM are delivered on every continent of the world and the diploma awarded by Pearson directly. The Diploma is likewise accepted on every continent of the world by Universities and employers.

- **GED** is a joint venture of the American Council on Education (ACE) and Pearson and is acceptable in all 50 States, Canada, and abroad. From its website: "*The GED® test has opened doors to better jobs and college programs for more than 18 million graduates since 1942. Last year nearly 800,000 adults sat for the GED test, which is accepted by virtually all U.S. colleges and employers.*"
- BTEC is a global qualification. From its website "*We are the UK's largest awarding body and we are regulated by Ofqual (England), SQA Accreditation (Scotland), CCEA Accreditation (Northern Ireland) and Qualifications Wales (Wales). We offer academic and vocational qualifications that are globally recognized and benchmarked, with educational excellence rooted in names like Edexcel, BTEC, EDI and LCCI.*"

6) Does AIM University Group have current graduates studying on the top-up degrees?

In 2018 alone, we had 12 students at Universities in the US and UK graduating with BA & MBA degrees. Their photos and stories are on AIM Face Book page.

7) After completing BTEC Diploma if we can't afford to top up the degree right away can that certificate given to us be used in Jamaica re getting a job?

You can work, save and start college at any time, once you have the Diploma. There are no time constraints. Then you'll top-up the bachelor's degree in 8-16 months by way of distant learning or on-campus. AIM students and graduates are 90% employed in all sectors and in entry level and managerial positions here and abroad.

8) Are the programs accredited by the University Council Of Jamaica (UCJ)?

AIM University Group teaches only programs that are already accredited. Students attend classes here but earn the Diploma directly from approved examination boards in England and the US e.g. BTEC by OFQUAL, UK and GED by American Council On Education (ACE). UCJ on the other hand, accredits courses that are developed in Jamaica or programs offered by foreign universities that are operating in Jamaica. For example, when AIM University Group developed its own Associate and Bachelor's Degrees in 2005, the college applied for and received registration from UCJ towards furthering accreditation of our programs by UCJ. We have since changed our business model and have discontinued our local programming. We are now only offering BTEC and GED which are accredited qualifications and examinations.

In short, AIM teaches the program only. When students complete the program of study, they receive the diplomas directly from BTEC (UK) and GED (US), and not from AIM University Group (JA). BTEC and GED are globally recognized examination boards that award diplomas directly to students who are assessed at verified standards at approved international centers like AIM University Group.

As such AIM University Group does not require accreditation from the UCJ as we have no locally developed programs.

Students who are looking just for UCJ programs, can consider attending any of the local colleges. This is not what we offer. Students at AIM University Group are preparing for international qualifications that are globally accepted to live, study and work in the Caribbean and anywhere else in the world they choose.