



American University of the Caribbean

Medical School

Safety 2008-2009

American University of the Caribbean (AUC) is committed to providing a secure and crime-free environment, and emergency management planning, for all members of the university community. AUC monitors and follows up on any reported crimes. We hope this information will be useful and help you have a better understanding of safety matters.

Security awareness is an important aspect of our lives. All students, faculty, administrators and staff are encouraged to accept responsibility for their own safety and the safety of other members of our community. Everybody working together through a collaborative effort will make our campus a safer place to work, live and learn.

Reporting Procedures

Prompt, accurate reporting of crimes or suspicious incidents is encouraged. The first priority is personal safety, and the next is notifying the appropriate authorities and school administration. Criminal acts or emergencies occurring on campus should be reported directly to the Deans' Office unless the circumstances warrant other appropriate first response. If the Deans are not available, please report the incident to Campus Security. These officials will notify the St.Maarten Police depending on the seriousness of the incident.

The purpose and authority of American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine is limited to the enforcement of campus rules and regulations. Incidents that go beyond this scope are referred to and investigated by the St.Maarten Police. To ensure accurate and prompt reporting of all crimes, AUC will take full written statements from all involved parties and witnesses for all emergency or criminal incidents. The written statements are included as part of the written report and such statements may be used by AUC staff and St.Maarten Police authorities for the purpose of apprehension and/or crime prevention.

Confidential Reporting — Under the Administrative Review and Grievance Procedures, the University allows victims or witnesses the opportunity to report crimes on a voluntary, confidential basis without pursuing action within the University system or the criminal justice system. The purpose of a confidential report is to comply with the wish to keep the matter confidential, while taking steps to ensure the future safety of all students. With such information, the University can keep an accurate record of the number of incidents involving students, determine where there is a pattern of crime with regard to a particular location, method, or assailant, and alert the campus community to potential danger. Reports filed in this manner are counted and disclosed in the annual crime statistics for the institution. Students are given the option of not filing a formal disciplinary action and simply keeping the information in a confidential file. If three confidential complaints are filed against the same person, the matter will be reported to the Supervising Dean, who may elect to take formal disciplinary action. Violations of the law will be referred to law enforcement agencies and when appropriate, to the University Disciplinary Committee for review.

School Access

The AUC campus is monitored by security personnel. The only people allowed on campus are AUC faculty, staff, students, spouses and authorized visitors who must display current ID badges. AUC reserves the right to ask any visitor, student or staff member to leave the facility following any disruptive behavior. Spouses and visitors must check in with the guard and obtain a guest permit. This will enable them to access the campus if the visit is authorized. The campus opens at 7:00 a.m. daily.

General Safety and Crime Prevention

AUC's Director of External Affairs maintains an ongoing communication with the Chief of Police and the Chief Inspector as well as the Director of Public Relations of the Police Department of St.Maarten.

At each orientation, there are representatives from the Police Department, Immigration and the Prosecutors Office, to speak to the students about laws, regulations, traffic, crime and personal safety and security of possessions (passports, cameras, automobiles, etc.) and taking steps to avoid being the victim of a crime. The University does not have additional formal crime prevention programs but encourages security awareness on an ongoing basis.

- Use common sense.
- Pay attention to your surroundings.
- Do not leave personal property unsecured or unattended.
- Secure all doors, windows and valuables.
- Do not prop doors open.
- Do not give your keys to any unauthorized person.
- Keep a record of the serial numbers of all equipment.
- Keep a copy of important documents in a secure place.
- Report all suspicious activity.
- If you see a suspicious person, do not approach the person yourself. Report the type of suspicious activity and a general description of the suspects.

Crime Statistics

	2005		2006		2007		2008	
	On Campus	Student Residence	On Campus	Student Residence	On Campus	Student Residence	On Campus	Student Residence
Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
By an Acquaintance	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
By a Stranger	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
Nonforcible Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
By an Acquaintance	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
By a Stranger	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
Burglary*	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hate Crimes**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arrests	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
Discipline Cases	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
Drug Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arrests	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
Discipline Cases	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
Illegal Weapons Possession	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arrests	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
Discipline Cases	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)

*If an item is reported missing from a structure as the result of an alleged criminal incident and it is unknown who took the item, FBI guidance indicates the proper classification for the annual crime statistics report would be Burglary.

**Hate Crimes are described as ones that manifest evidence of prejudice based on race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity or disability, as prescribed by the Hate Crimes Statistics Act (28 U.S. 534). No hate crimes were reported.

Tabulation of incidents: If the incident involves multiple arrests, for example 3 individuals were arrested, the number listed will be 3.

Note: The above criminal offenses were reported to AUC and/or the local police authorities as having occurred on campus.

The AUC campus is a limited access facility separated by a fence and gated guard entrance staffed 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, every day of the year, with no noncampus buildings.

The student residence is located on campus.

Emergency Contacts

Island

General Emergency Number

911

Police

9211 or 542-2222

Ambulance

912 or 542-2111

Fire Department

919 or 545-4222

Hospital

910 or 543-1111

AUC

Dean's Office

545-2298 ext. 221

Security (Guard)

545-2298 ext. 257

Director of Physical Plant

545-2298 ext. 251

Director of External Affairs

545-2298 ext. 272

AUC Main Number

545-2298

Professional Support

Crisis Intervention (24/7 On-call)

554-0265

Cindy Stroschein, Ph.D., Psychologist and Assistant Dean for Student Affairs

587-6661 or ext. 271

Dr. Hidde Deketh (Physician)

545-4280

MEAS

Coral Gables, FL

(305)446-0600

Free Security Shuttle Service

AUC provides a complimentary shuttle service from 9:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. from campus to students' homes located within the Maho vicinity (Beacon Hill, Cupecoy and Pointe Pirouette). The shuttle can be booked at the campus guard house.

Appropriate Conduct

AUC is committed to providing an environment that is safe, secure, and free from threats. All members of the university community and authorized visitors are expected to:

- Behave in an appropriate manner and cooperate with all university personnel as they carry out their duties.
 - Not engage in behavior that is threatening, dangerous or harmful to self or others, that disrupts the learning environment, or that damages University property.
 - Not possess firearms, other weapons, or fireworks while on the University campus.
 - Not tamper with wiring, fire alarms, etc.
 - Not engage in the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, promotion, possession or use of drugs and abuse of alcohol.
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Sexual Offenses

AUC students are expected to comply with the University's Sexual Harassment Policies. A student who violates these will be subject to disciplinary proceedings according to its Administrative Review and Grievance Procedures. Additionally, all criminal sexual offenses will be reported to the local authorities, whether or not the offender is a student.

Students are to follow the procedures detailed below if a sex offense occurs:

Notify the Associate Dean for Student Affairs or Campus Security. If requested, the institution will notify the St.Maarten police. It is very important that the victim preserve evidence for proof of the criminal offense.

During times when school is in session, the university provides an after-hours and on-weekend on-call crisis services staffed by a psychologist. Students are encouraged to make use of this service during times of crisis and they will be assessed and referred for follow-up treatment when appropriate.

Please note that Sint Maarten has no registry of proven sex offenders.

Note: A University wellness clinic staffed by mental health professionals is available. Wellness counseling is available to help students achieve and maintain balance in life during medical school. Wellness services include individual, group, and family counseling; assessment and referral; preventative education and crisis intervention. If an individual initially chooses not to disclose that they are the victim or witness to a crime, the Wellness counselor may encourage the individual to report the crime on a voluntary, confidential basis and this information will be included in the annual crime statistics.

Disaster/ Emergency Response Plan

The university maintains procedures for the emergency response team to follow in the event of various types of emergencies – pending hurricane, fire, phone-in or other on-campus threats, community trauma, death of a classmate or faculty member, severe violence, suicide/homicide, and accidents involving a student, staff or faculty member.

Emergency Notice and Critical Incident Response Alert

As noted under General Safety, AUC's Director of External Affairs maintains an ongoing communication with the Chief of Police and the Chief Inspector as well as the Director of Public Relations of the Police Department of St.Maarten, and enlists their cooperation in informing the institution about incidents reported to them that may warrant an emergency notice and critical incident response alert.

In the rare event that a critical life safety incident occurs, the campus emergency response plan will be activated, and the campus community notified of the situation.

An announcement of immediate danger or other emergent matter that needs to be disseminated will be issued by the Dean's office or the Dean's delegates through various means including voice through the telecommunications public address system, the electronic bulletin boards, e-mail blasts, etc.

Notifications will include information on what has occurred and directions to the community on what to do. It is essential for each student and member of our community to keep his/ her contact information that is maintained in the Office of the Registrar, constantly updated.

Important: Should you need to report an emergency situation, please note that the phones in classrooms, offices, etc., have been programmed to reach the appropriate recipient directly via speed dialing through the university's telecommunications network. Instruction sheets are provided next to the phone to direct callers to the police department, the fire department, ambulance, and security.

Timely Notice/ Crime Alert

This includes notices of serious but non-critical life safety incidents of those crimes that have occurred and pose an ongoing threat to students and the university community. Information will be issued from the Dean's office or the Dean's delegates via University-wide e-mail blasts, printed flyers/ posters and any other available means deemed necessary.

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Annual Disclosure

A daily crime log is maintained in the office of the Director of the Physical Plant and Housing, for any alleged crime that occurs on campus and is reported to security and/ or the Dean's office. Security considerations are used in the maintenance of campus facilities.

This safety guide/ annual security report with crime statistics is prepared annually through the office of the Director of the Physical Plant and Housing based on criminal offenses reported to AUC, and/ or the local police authorities as having occurred on campus, as well as referrals for disciplinary action relevant to illegal weapons possession, drug law violations and liquor law violations. The report is provided to all students, faculty, staff and administration and is available to prospective students and others on the school's web-site: www.aucmed.edu. The exact address (URL) is: <http://www.aucmed.edu/pdf/student-orientation-guide/Safety-Brochure.pdf>.

The report is published in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics.

Drug and Alcohol Abuse

The University is actively committed to the prevention of the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol and to the principle of the drug-free workplace and campus.

The institution strictly prohibits the possession, use and sale of illegal drugs and strictly enforces applicable drug laws. The institution has a drug abuse prevention program in effect, as required under section 1213 of the Higher Education Act. For additional information on the institution's drug and alcohol abuse program please see the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs at AUC.

Note: Public Law, 34 CFR Sec.668, Student Assistance General Provision, Campus.

Definitions of Crimes

The following definitions are based on the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting System.

Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter – The willful (nonnegligent) killing of one human being by another.

Manslaughter by Negligence – The killing of another person through gross negligence.

Arson – Any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc.

Robbery – The taking of or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

Aggravated Assault – An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault usually is accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm. (It is not necessary that injury result from an aggravated assault with the use of a gun, knife, or other weapon that could and probably would result in serious personal injury if the crime were successfully completed.)

Burglary – The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft. For reporting purposes this definition includes unlawful entry with intent to commit a larceny or felony, breaking and entering with intent to commit a larceny, housebreaking, safecracking, and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned.

Motor Vehicle Theft - The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. (Classify as motor vehicle theft all cases where automobiles are taken by persons not having lawful access even though the vehicles are later abandoned – including joyriding.)

Weapon Law Violations – The violation of laws or ordinances dealing with weapon offenses, regulatory in nature, such as manufacture, sale or possession of deadly weapons; carrying deadly weapons, concealed or openly; furnishing deadly weapons to minors; aliens possessing deadly weapons; and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned.

Drug Abuse Violations – Violations of state and local laws about the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing, and making of narcotic drugs. The relevant substances include opium or cocaine and their derivatives (morphine, heroin, codeine), marijuana, synthetic narcotics (Demerol, methadone), and dangerous nonnarcotic drugs (barbiturates, Benzedrine).

Liquor Law Violations – The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, transporting, furnishing, or possessing of intoxicating liquor; maintaining unlawful drinking places; bootlegging; operating a still; furnishing liquor to a minor or intemperate person; using a vehicle for illegal transportation of liquor; drinking on a train or public conveyance; and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned. (Drunkenness and driving under the influence are not included in this definition.)

Sex Offenses

Forcible Sex Offenses – Any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will, or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/ her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity (or because of his/ her youth).

Non-forcible Sex Offenses – Incidents of unlawful non-forcible sexual intercourse including the following two types. Incest is between two persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law. Statutory rape is sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.

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