



American University of the Caribbean
School of Medicine

ORIENTATION GUIDE

September 2019

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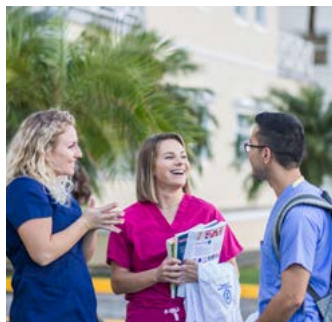
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WELCOME

It is our pleasure to welcome you to American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine (AUC) for the September 2019 semester. Your first week at AUC is all about exploring our campus and facilities, getting to know your peers, and preparing for your courses. This orientation guide will help you navigate that process and settle into life as an AUC student.

The medical sciences campus at AUC offers an intimate and unique learning environment that has long been cultivated and nurtured by our faculty, students and staff. Our tight-knit community works together to help all students find success both inside and outside of the classroom.

We are excited to welcome you to the AUC School of Medicine as you begin your journey towards a medical degree.





American University of the Caribbean
School of Medicine

September 2019 Incoming Class

ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

Orientation Week Itinerary

***Please note that all orientation activities are mandatory unless stated otherwise**

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

All Day	Airport Shuttle Transportation* After landing at St. Maarten's Princess Juliana Airport, look for a member of our AUC welcome team. They will show you to our free shuttle service which goes from the airport to campus. * AUC will shuttle new students from campus to off-campus housing locations	Princess Juliana Airport	Admissions Team & Orientation Advisors
9:00 AM – 6:00 PM	On-Campus Housing Check-In Students living on campus must check in with our housing team on the ground floor entrance of our University Apartments. Resident Advisors will be available to help situate you and answer any questions.	University Apartments Ground Floor	Melissa Harrison Housing Supervisor

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12:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Housewares and Grocery Shuttle (optional) Join our free shuttle to nearby ACE Hardware and Prime Cash and Carry where you can purchase home goods, tools, and groceries.	Rotunda Building 1	Orientation Advisors

Friday, August 30, 2019

9:00 AM – 6:00 PM	On-Campus Housing Support Housing Team and Resident Advisors will station on the first-floor check-in area to support student questions and housing concerns.	University Apartments Ground Floor	Melissa Harrison Housing Supervisor
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Information Technology (mandatory) Learn about the technology tools, applications, and resources used at AUC. IT Staff will be on hand to assist with any technology problems, and to ensure you have access to vital resources such as your AUC email, the My AUCMED portal, and Canvas.	Auditorium Building 2	Cathy Vollmer IT Services Manager
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Safety and Security	Auditorium Building 2	Gerard Lake Safety & Security Manager
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch on your own		
1:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Housewares and Grocery Shuttle Join our free shuttle to nearby ACE Hardware and Prime Cash and Carry where you can purchase home goods, tools, and groceries	Rotunda Building 1	Orientation Advisors
8:30 PM – 10:00 PM	Student Social (optional) New students & partners are invited to a casual meet and greet on the Cafeteria patio.	Cafeteria Patio	SGA Student Clubs

Saturday, August 31, 2019

8:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Island Tour (optional) Bus tour of the island. Lunch Provided in the Cafeteria. Snacks on the island.	Rotunda Beach	Orientation Advisors
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Housewares and Grocery Shuttle (optional) Join our free shuttle to nearby ACE Hardware and Prime Cash and Carry where you can purchase home goods, tools, and groceries.	Rotunda Building 1	Orientation Advisors
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Beach Hangout (optional) Students and their guests are invited to explore nearby Mullet Bay Beach and enjoy beach- related activities. The beach is a 10-minute walk from campus.	Mullet Bay Beach	Orientation Advisors

Sunday, September 1, 2019

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Registration Check-in with a member of our orientation team to receive your welcome packet, review policies and procedures, and verify your registration information. You will also receive your medical insurance card.	Auditorium Building 2	Rodney Bowen Registrar
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Nagico – Health Insurance Table Check-in with a member of Nagico Health after registering and ask any question you may have about coverage.	Auditorium Building 2	Nagico
9:00 AM or 10:00 AM or 1:00 PM or 2:00 PM	Campus Tour (Mandatory – pick one) Orientation Advisors provide a tour of campus and surrounding area. Guests and family are welcomed to join.	Rotunda Building 1	Orientation Advisors
3:00 PM – 3:15 PM	Welcome to AUC	Auditorium Building 2	Dr. Scott Rinker Assistant Dean of Student Affairs SGA Welcome
3:15 PM – 3:45 PM	Housing, and Residency Advisors	Auditorium Building 2	Melissa Harrison Housing Supervisor
4:15 PM – 4:30 PM	Financial Aid	Auditorium Building 2	Ren-Dwina Browne Financial Aid Advisor
4:35 PM – 5:30 PM	Sunday Sundae Sunday (Optional) New students & partners are invited to a casual meet and greet on the Cafeteria patio.	Cafeteria Patio Building 1	Orientation Advisors

Monday, September 2, 2019

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Breakfast	Auditorium Building 2	Student Affairs
8:30 AM - 8:35 AM	Welcome to AUC School of Medicine Medical Sciences + Clinical Sciences	Auditorium Building 2	Dr. Pedro Delgado Sr. Associate Dean of Sint Maarten Campus SGA Representatives
8:35 AM – 8:55 AM	Orientation Advisors Communication and Teamwork	Auditorium Building 2	Chase Doiron Lead OA
8:55 AM – 9:25 AM	Professionalism and Non-Academic Policies	Auditorium Building 2	Dr. Scott Rinker Assistant Dean of Student Affairs
9:25 AM – 9:30 AM	Community Engagement	Auditorium Building 2	Dr. Golden Jackson Assistant Dean for Community Engagement

9:30 AM – 9:45 AM	THRIVE - Health and Wellness Counseling Student Wellness Committee	Auditorium Building 2	Geralda James Student Recreation Coordinator Miguel Rivera Director of Wellness Counseling
9:45 AM – 9:55 AM	Library Resources and Sint Maarten History	Auditorium Building 2	Morrisia Nicholas Supervisor of Library Services
9:55 AM – 10:25 AM	Academic Policies	Auditorium Building 2	Dr. Colin Michie Associate Dean of Academic Affairs
10:25 AM – 11:25 AM	Introduction for First Semester	Auditorium Building 2	Dr. Charlotte Rhodes Associate Professor of Anatomy First Semester Lead
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Lunch with Orientation Advisors	Auditorium Building 2	Orientation Advisors
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Academic Support Workshop	Auditorium Building 2	Academic Support
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	White Coat Ceremony	Auditorium Building 2	AUC Faculty
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	White Coat Reception Transportation will be provided.	Port de Plaisance	AUC Faculty

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

8:00 AM – 9:20 AM	First Class Molecular Cell Biology 1	Auditorium Building 2	Dr. Doug Burns Associate Professor Molecular Cell Biology
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM	MedTalks Specialty Lecture Series	Auditorium Building 2	Office of Student Professional Development

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Business Fair (optional) Meet local businesses and mobile and internet providers.	Courtyard Building 1	Bindiya Chugani Finance Manager
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Canadian Medical Student Association Welcome (Optional) Fellow Canadians are invited to meet with members of the Canadian Medical Student Association.	Multi-Purpose Room Building 1	Canadian Medical Student Association

Monday, September 9, 2019

5:45 PM	Professionalism and Ethics workshop Honor Code Signing Professional dress, ICM attire, and White Coats. A continuation of your commitment to professional, integrity, and honesty.	Auditorium Building 2	Student Affairs & Student Judiciary Council
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Tuesday, September 10, 2019

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Academic Advisor Meeting 1	Meditation Space	Faculty Advisors
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Student Organization Fair	Courtyard, Building 1	Student Affairs and SGA

SHOPPING GUIDE

Shopping Tour

Stock up on groceries, household items and other essentials by joining our shopping tour. Free shuttles will be available to take you to local grocery and hardware stores, so you can pick up the essentials before classes start.

Thursday, August 29, 2019

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Housewares Shuttle (optional) Join our free shuttle to nearby ACE Hardware where you can purchase home goods, and tools.	Rotunda Building 1	Orientation Advisors
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Saturday, August 31, 2019

12:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Housewares and Grocery Shuttle (optional) Join our free shuttle to nearby ACE Hardware and Prime Cash and Carry where you can purchase home goods, tools, and groceries.	Rotunda Building 1	Orientation Advisors
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Local Grocery Stores

Tung Yuen Supermarket (Asian Market)

- 1-minute walk away from AUC Welcome Center
- This is a corner store market with a lot more than you'd expect. Anything from dry to wet goods. Eggs, milk, juices, spices, dry food, canned food, bread, sauces/spreads, and a few microwavable items. If you don't feel like cooking or forgot an item from one of the larger grocery stores, a stop to the Asian market is perfect. It also has a few household items.

Carrefour (Jordan Village location)

- New location, 3-minute walk from campus.
- This is a small supermarket with a lot of American food and products. You can buy most of the necessary cooking items here. Fresh produce, fruits, meats, fish, snacks, breads, cheeses, etc. They give a 5% discount to AUC students.

Prime

- 15 minute drive from campus
- This is the most similar store to Sam's Club/Costco, though probably half the size. Everything here is sold in bulk so this is a very good location to buy cereal, canned goods, snacks, and anything else you would buy from a wholesale store.



SHOPPING TIP

As you settle into Sint Maarten, we hope you do your part to preserve and conserve the beauty and safety of the island. Please consider bringing or purchasing reusable bags that can hold your groceries and home goods!

Carrefour (Porto Cupecoy or Colebay locations)

- 10-minute walk from campus or a 2-minute drive via AUC shuttle or Carrefour shuttle

Carrefour (Phillipsburg location)

- 25-minute drive from campus
- This is the largest Carrefour on the island and is brand new. With a large stock and wide variety, you can find almost everything you need here, including spices, American brand goods, frozen food products, and household items. Students recommend buying meat and produce here. They also give a 5% discount to AUC students.

Super-U (Marigot)

- 30-35 minute drive to the French side of the island
- This is another very large supermarket where you can find most of the groceries that you need. Be aware that everything written on products is in French but item locations and pictures make it navigable. This store is cost-friendly option that also provides a 5% AUC student discount.

AUC Bookstore

The campus Bookstore offers a variety of school supplies, medical instruments, and university apparel for purchase. We encourage you to stop by and browse our inventory.

SHOW YOUR PRIDE!

VISIT THE AUC BOOKSTORE!

SOME OF THE TOP ITEMS INCLUDE:

- **MEDICAL GLOVES**
- **AUC LAB COATS**
- **DISSECTION KIT & BLADES**
- **PENS & PENCILS**
- **NOTEBOOKS**
- **INDEX CARDS**
- **FILLER PAPER**
- **HIGHLIGHTERS**



CAMPUS TOURS

Explore the AUC campus and our surrounding Cupecoy community by joining a student-led tour.

Sunday, September 1, 2019

9:00 AM 10:00 AM 1:00 PM 2:00 PM	Campus Tour (Mandatory – pick one) Orientation Advisors provide a tour of campus and surrounding area. Guests and family are welcomed to join.	Rotunda Building 1	Orientation Advisors
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BUSINESS FAIR

One of your first orders of business when arriving to Sint Maarten is setting up your internet and phone service. To help get you started, we have organized a Business Fair with local representatives from internet, telecommunications, car rental, grocery, and leisure/sport stores.

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Business Fair (optional) Meet local businesses and mobile and internet providers.	Courtyard Building 1	Bindiya Chugani Finance Manager
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WHITE COAT CEREMONY

The White Coat Ceremony is a time-honored event that marks the official entrance of matriculating AUC students into medical school and the medical profession. In the presence of family and friends, students receive their first white coat—a symbol of bestowed trust to carry on the tradition of doctoring.

Your White Coat Ceremony will take place on [Monday, September 2, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.](#) in the Main Auditorium (Building 2). Family members and friends can stream the event on AUC's Vimeo and Facebook pages.

Monday, September 2, 2019

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	White Coat Ceremony Reception to follow.	Auditorium Building 2	Dr. Scott Rinker Assistant Dean of Student Affairs
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CAMPUS SECURITY

AUC is committed to providing a secure and crime-free campus environment. Security awareness is an important part of our culture at AUC we and encourage all students, faculty, and staff to accept responsibility for their own safety as well as the safety of others. The AUC Office of Safety and Security renders a 24/7 service and maintains ongoing communication with the police department of Sint Maarten. We closely monitor the campus as well as nearby residencies and neighborhoods using surveillance monitoring, bike patrols, k-9 service, and a shuttle service. They are also responsible for emergency response, campus vehicle registration, university ID badges, lost and found, and wellness checks. Please refer to the annual safety and student disclosures brochure for updated campus crime statistics as well as information on reporting procedures, appropriate conduct, the disaster/emergency response plan, etc.



Campus Access & ID Badges

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

Safety and security personnel will issue students an identification badge during registration.

Complimentary Shuttle Service

During evening hours, AUC offers a courtesy shuttle service from campus to surrounding neighborhoods (Maho, Beacon Hill, Point Pirouette, and Cupecoy). The shuttle operates between **6:15 p.m. and 3:00 a.m. 7 days a week**. To request the shuttle from campus, visit the Welcome Center or call 721-588-4018 (calls can be received through WhatsApp).

STUDYING ABROAD

Planning to study abroad, but don't know how to start preparing for your trip? Access this guide from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to help you get ready for safe and healthy travel.

Link to Guide: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/studying-abroad>



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Master Academic Calendar, Sint Maarten Campus September 2019 Semester

Week 0	Monday, August 26	Makeup final exams
	Friday, August 30	Remediation comprehensive exams ("RemComp")
	Friday-Monday, August 30-September 2	Registration / Orientation to medical school – Semester 1
Week 1	Monday, September 2	White Coat Ceremony – Semester 1
	Tuesday, September 3	First day of classes; Last day for on-time Registration and check-in on campus
	Friday, September 6	Last day for late Registration and check-in on campus
Week 2	Monday, September 9	Quiz 1
Week 3	Monday, September 16	Quiz 2
Week 4	Monday, September 23	Quiz 3
Week 5	Monday, September 30	Exam 1A
	Wednesday, October 2	Exam 1B (optional)
Week 6	Monday, October 7	Quiz 4
	Tuesday, October 8	Orientation to residency – Semesters 1 and 2
	Wednesday, October 9	Orientation to residency – Semesters 3 and 4
	Thursday, October 10	Orientation to clinical sciences – Semester 5 (mandatory)
	Thursday-Friday, October 10-11	Student Services office hours – Semester 5 (optional)
Week 7	Monday, October 14	Constitution Day (no classes)
	Tuesday, October 15th	Quiz 5
	Friday, October 18	Student Showcase and Celebration of Academic Excellence
	Saturday, October 19	Community Action Day
Week 8	Monday, October 21	Quiz 6
	Friday, October 25	Last day to drop courses
Week 9	Monday, October 28	Quiz 7
Week 10	Monday, November 4	Exam 2A
	Wednesday, November 6	Exam 2B (optional)
Week 11	Monday, November 11	Sint Maarten's Day (no classes)
	Tuesday, November 12	Quiz 8
Week 12	Monday, November 18	Quiz 9
Week 13	Monday, November 25	Quiz 10
Week 14	Monday, December 2	Quiz 11
Week 15	Monday, December 9	Quiz 12
	Friday, December 12	Last Day of Classes; Makeup exams for Exams 1+2
Week 16	Tuesday-Thursday, December 17-19	Final exams
	Friday, December 20	Last day of the semester
Week 0	Thursday, January 2, 2020	Makeup final exams
	Friday, January 3	Remediation comprehensive exams ("RemComp")
	Friday-Monday, January 3-6	Registration / Orientation to medical school – Semester 1
Week 1	Monday, January 6	White Coat Ceremony – Semester 1
	Tuesday, January 7	First day of classes; Last day for on-time Registration and check-in on campus

IMPORTANT: End-of-Semester Travel: Students planning to leave the campus should travel no earlier than Friday, December 20th.
Canvas: Course schedules and syllabi are posted to AUC's learning management system (Canvas).
Student Handbook and Course Catalogue: Please refer to [this document](#) for policies regarding academic obligations and examinations.



MEET THE CAMPUS LEADERSHIP TEAM



Pedro L. Delgado, MD

Senior Associate Dean, Sint Maarten Campus

Pedro L. Delgado, MD, is the Senior Associate Dean of AUC's Sint Maarten campus, where he is responsible for faculty affairs and government and community relations. As Senior Associate Dean, Dr. Delgado contributes to the culture of AUC's medical sciences campus and leads efforts to foster community engagement and academic excellence.

Dr. Delgado joined AUC in April 2019 from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) where he served as the Marie Wilson Howells Professor and Chair of the Department of Psychiatry in the College of Medicine and Director of the UAMS Psychiatric Research Institute (PRI) from 2014 – 2018.

Dr. Delgado earned a BS in biology summa cum laude from the University of Houston and his MD (AOA) and MA (Pharmacology) from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas. After completing his internship and residency training in psychiatry at Yale University School of Medicine, Dr. Delgado served on their faculty from 1987 – 1992 and led research programs investigating the neurobiological basis of depression and the mechanisms of antidepressant drug action. He subsequently served on the faculty of the University of Arizona College of Medicine, Case Western Reserve School of Medicine, and the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. Over the past 20 years, Dr. Delgado has served in a variety of leadership positions, including Vice Chair for Research in Arizona, Douglas Danford Bond Professor and Chairman of Psychiatry at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine (2000-2005), and Dielmann Distinguished Chair and Chairman of Psychiatry at the UT Health Science Center in San Antonio (2005-2014).

Dr. Delgado's academic interests include multidisciplinary, team-based approaches to health care; mentoring of medical students, postdoctoral fellows and faculty; clinical research training; compensation and evaluation procedures in academic medical centers; and faculty wellness, development and professionalism. He is most known for his groundbreaking work using neurotransmitter depletion to study antidepressant mechanisms. For his work investigating the biology of depression, he shared the international Anna Monika Prize in 1995.

Dr. Delgado has published over 100 scientific articles and book chapters concerning these and related topics, is a member of many organizations and societies, serves on the editorial boards of prominent psychiatric journals, is a grant reviewer for the National Institutes of Health, and is a frequent lecturer on biological aspects of depression and clinical use of antidepressant drugs.



Colin Michie, FRCPCH

Associate Dean of Academic Affairs
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Dr. Colin Michie joined AUC's campus in St. Maarten in September of 2017 as Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. Dr. Michie oversees students' learning outcomes and works with the Senior Associate Dean of Academic and Student Affairs to develop programs and initiatives that enhance students' academic experiences both inside and outside of the classroom. His office advises students on academic practices and scheduling, and supports the direction of AUC's orientation and dean's list programs.

Dr. Michie has an extensive career in clinical and academic work. As a senior pediatrician in the United Kingdom (UK) and the former Pediatric Clerkship Director at Ealing Hospital, he developed interdisciplinary bedside training opportunities for junior doctors, midwives, and medical and nursing students at several leading UK teaching hospitals.

Dr. Michie earned his BM, BCh from the University of Oxford, his MA from the University of Cambridge, and his FRCPCH from the Royal College of Pediatrics and Child Health.



L. Scott Rinker, PhD

Assistant Dean of Student Affairs
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Dr. Scott Rinker is Campus Dean of Student Affairs, providing leadership over resources for students from first foot on campus until transition into clinicals. He is responsible for numerous campus and student experience programs and committees, including MSAS (medical sciences academic support board), recreational sports, student government, student judicial council, student conduct and professionalism, CARE, new student orientation, White Coat ceremony, and various student clubs and organizations.

Prior to working at AUC, Dr. Rinker worked at Houston Community College, a comprehensive community college that serves over 70,000 students across 23 campuses with a service area of 631.3 square miles. He worked as the system-wide student affairs officer, leading and managing disability support services, student conduct reporting and compliance, Title IX processes, and international student advising.

Dr. Rinker is interested in the academic and personal success of students at AUC as well as promoting organizational change that makes those aspirations a reality. He is the father of two beautiful children and husband to a lovely mother, researcher, and public health educator. He holds a BS from Texas A&M University, an MA from the University of Houston – Clear Lake, and a PhD from Texas A&M University.



Golden Jackson, PhD

Assistant Dean for Community Engagement | Associate Professor, Social Sciences
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Dr. Golden Jackson is Assistant Dean for Community Engagement at the American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine. In that role, she works with St. Maarten government, community groups, students and faculty to support design and implementation of projects that contribute to community priorities and to student learning. She provides leadership for two all-AUC events each semester, Community Action Day and Project H.E.L.P. Community Action Day is a day set aside for AUC students, faculty, staff, and family to engage with community partners in projects related to health and well-being, education, and child development. Project H.E.L.P. (Health, Education, Literacy, Prevention) is a health screening and educational program offered in community settings throughout St. Maarten.

Before joining AUC in 2012, she held faculty and administrative appointments at The Ohio State University. She taught courses in housing policy, ecological effects of consumption patterns, women's workplace issues, and community development and directed the Service-Learning Initiative, providing support for development of service-learning courses in the 17 colleges of the university.

Dr. Jackson earned degrees from Mississippi University for Women (BS), University of North Carolina at Greensboro (MS), and The Ohio State University (PhD).



Hazarie Ramoutar

Senior Administrator of Campus Operations
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As AUC's Senior Administrator for Campus Operations, Mr. Ramoutar works closely with local operational departments to build on AUC's tradition of delivering an outstanding academic experience.

A native of Trinidad, Mr. Ramoutar has spent the past 15 years in operations and organizational management across the Caribbean, including as Director of the Student Experience at Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine (RUSVM) in St. Kitts.



Teri Boese, DNP, RN

Associate Professor & Simulation Operations Manager

Dr. Teri Boese graduated from the University of Iowa with a BSN, from the University of Minnesota with an MSN, and from Rush University with a DNP. Most of her academic career has been spent at the University of Iowa College of Nursing where she became the co-director of the Nursing Clinical Education Center in The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. She is an internationally recognized expert in healthcare simulation, establishing the International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning in the late 1990s. Dr. Boese continues to be an active member of the team developing the Simulation Standards of Best Practice.

A LETTER FROM YOUR 1ST SEMSTER LEAD



Charlotte Rhodes, PhD

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Welcome to the first semester of your medical training. This is going to be an exciting educational experience where your foundational basic science knowledge will be forged in preparation to build upon in upper semesters.

I joined AUC four years ago from the University of Manitoba where I developed and analysed medical course programs, curricular, and conducted medical education research. I completed a PhD in developmental genetics at the University of Nottingham, UK after gaining my Bachelor of Science in anatomy and developmental biology at University College London. I have postdoctoral training in developmental biology from University of Sheffield and University of Ottawa. Currently, I am an Associate Professor and course director for the anatomy course, and Semester One Lead with responsibilities for the delivery and management of the first semester academic program.

As semester lead, it is my role to ensure you navigate first semester without any hurdles. I am here to guide you and provide advice, not just on your academic performance, but for any issues arising related to your experience here at AUC.

We want to ensure your first semester is filled with success and upward progress.

— Charlotte Rhodes,
First Semester Lead & Associate Professor of Anatomy

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

AUC is proud to enroll a diverse student body. With a wide variety of interests and backgrounds, our students foster a vibrant campus community that is both active and inclusive. Our more than 25 clubs and organizations allow students to connect with one another and develop unique learning opportunities while progressing through medical school. Clubs are organized around a broad array of interests related to health and the practice of medicine, and include organizations focused on religion, ethnicity and culture, professional focus, and commitment to philanthropy. Many student organizations provide opportunities for service leadership in cooperation with local, national, and international foundations such as the Sint Maarten Ministry of Health, the Positive Foundation, the American Red Cross, #HappyPeriod, as well as shelters, foster homes, and island schools. Students also play an important role in leadership at AUC by participating in Curriculum Committees, teaching assistant and tutoring positions, and by serving as representatives on the Admissions Committee and Judiciary Board.

Student Clubs

- American Medical Students Association (AMSA): amsa@students.aucmed.edu
- American Medical Womens Association (AMWA): amwa@students.aucmed.edu
- Asian Student Medical Association (ASMA): asma@students.aucmed.edu
- Black Medical Student Association (BMSA): bmsa@students.aucmed.edu
- Christian Medical & Dental Association (CMDA): cmda@students.aucmed.edu
- Canadian Medical Student Association (CMSA): cmsa@students.aucmed.edu
- Jewish Medical Student Association (JMSA): jmsa@students.aucmed.edu
- Muslim Student Association (MSA): msa@students.aucmed.edu
- Medical Multicultural Club: aucmmc@students.aucmed.edu
- Phi Chi: phichi@students.aucmed.edu
- South Asian Medical Student Association (SAMSA): samsa@students.aucmed.edu
- Sports Medicine: aucsportsmed@gmail.com
- Student Experience Ambassadors (SEA): sea@students.aucmed.edu
- Student Judiciary Committee (SJC): sjc@students.aucmed.edu
- Student Volunteer Committee (SVC): svc@students.aucmed.edu
- Student Government Association (SGA): sga@students.aucmed.edu



One of the biggest decisions a medical student will have to make is what kind of physician they want to be. Our specialty interest groups or “SIGs” help students explore various medical specialties and career paths early in their education and training. Driven by students and with mentorship from an AUC faculty advisor, SIGs meet regularly to discuss topics and issues related to a particular medical specialty—everything from the training required for that specialty to current and trending issues, clinically relevant topics, lifestyle and practice opportunities, and how to succeed in the residency match. Students can also participate in a host of events and workshops with clinical students, clinical faculty, alumni, and other physician leaders who have established careers in a specialty of interest.

Specialty Interest Groups

- Emergency Medicine Student Interest Group (EMSIG): emsig@students.aucmed.edu
- Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG): fmig@students.aucmed.edu
- Obstetrics & Gynecology Interest Group (OBGIG): obgig@students.aucmed.edu
- Pathology Interest Group (PATHIG): pathig@students.aucmed.edu
- Pediatric Interest Group (PIG): peditrics@students.aucmed.edu
- Radiology Interest Group (RIG): rig@students.aucmed.edu
- Surgery Interest Group (SIG): sig@students.aucmed.edu
- Student Interest Group in Neurology (SIGN): sign@students.aucmed.edu

Student Interest Groups

- Disaster Medicine Interest Group (DMIG): dmig@students.aucmed.edu
- Gender & Sexuality Interest Group (GSIG): gsig@students.aucmed.edu
- Global Health Interest Group (GHIH): globalhealth@students.aucmed.edu



CAMPUS DIRECTORY

Academic Affairs

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Academic Support

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Community Engagement

Dr. Golden Jackson, Assistant Dean for Community Engagement, Email: gjackson@aucmed.edu, 721-545-2298 ext. 4041272

Facilities

The Facilities Office is located in the Rotunda of Building 1. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. To report a maintenance issue, email AUCworkorders@aucmed.edu. Denis Thomas, Senior Facilities Manager, dthomas@aucmed.edu, 721-587-6602

Financial Aid

The Financial Aid Office is located in the Business Office on the ground floor of Building 1. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To reach this office, email finaid@aucmed.edu or call 732-509-4798. Ren-Dwina Browne, Financial Aid Advisor, RBrowne@aucmed.edu

Housing

The Housing Office the Business Office on the ground floor of Building 1. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For questions related to university apartments (e.g., housing request, room change request, regulation violations, guest visitation request), email housing@aucmed.edu. Melissa Harrison-Grinuva, Housing Supervisor, MHarrison-Grinuva@aucmed.edu, 721-545-2298 ext. 4041250
On-Call Residential Advisor (University Apartments) 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. 721-587-0642

Information Technology Services

Cathy Vollmer, Manager of Information Technology Services, cvollmer@aucmed.edu, 721-545-2298 ext. 4041373. The Help Desk is located in the Information Technology Services annex between Building 1 and the University Apartments. Office Hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Helpdesk@aucmed.edu, 721-545-2298 ext. 4041259

Library

The Library is located on the second floor of Building 1. It is open daily (Monday – Sunday) from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and now includes a 24/7 study space. To reach the general library, email: library@aucmed.edu or call 721-545-2298 ext. 1394. The Library portal can be accessed at <http://aucmed.libguides.com/library>. Bette Bissonnette, Director of Library Services, bbissonnette@aucmed.edu, 978-701-1314

Office of the Registrar

Campus Registrar, aucregistrar@aucmed.edu, 721-545-2298 ext. 4041264
Rodney C. Bowen Jr., University Registrar, rbowen@aucmed.edu, 305-569-8859

Office of Safety and Security

To reach an on-duty security supervisor, dial 721-588-4018. To reach the general department, call 721-545-0619 or email security@aucmed.edu. Gerard Lake, Manager of Safety and Security, glake@aucmed.edu, 721-545-2298 ext. 4041285

Student Affairs

Dr. Scott Rinker, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, srinker@aucmed.edu, 721-545-2998 ext. 4041271

The Office of Student Affairs is your central source for information about University policies, and procedures, disability and co-curricular services and programs. We welcome questions and suggestions from all our students and look forward to connecting with you soon.

Wellness Counseling Services

2nd floor of Building #1, Behind Chertok Hall. To schedule an appointment, you may stop by our office if we are available, or you can e-mail Wellness Counseling at email: sxmwellness@aucmed.edu. We will respond to you during regular business hours. Since e-mail is not a secure medium, neither the privacy nor the confidentiality of e-mail can be guaranteed. Thus, please do not use e-mail for any purpose other than making appointments. Since e-mail accounts are not monitored on a constant basis, please do NOT use them for crisis situations. If you have an urgent mental health crisis after-hours, please call 721-587-6661. If you need more immediate assistance, please call 721-588-4018 for the On-Duty Security Supervisor.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Emergency Services (Dutch Side)

- Police Department: 911 or 721-542-2222
- Ambulance: 912 or 721-542-6001
- Fire Emergency: 919
- Hospital Medical Center: 721-543-1111

Emergency Services (French Side)

- General Emergencies: 17 or 00-590-52-25-52
- Police: 17 or 00-590-87-88-35
- Ambulance or Fire Emergencies: 18 or 00-590-87-95-01

Campus Security

- On-call Safety and Security Supervisor: 721-588-4018
- Security Shuttle: 721-588-4018 (calls can be received on WhatsApp)

Professional Support

- 24/7 Mental Health Crisis Hotline: 721-587-6661
- Dr. Hidde Deketh (physician): 721-545-4280

EXPLORING THE NEIGHBORHOOD



STUDENT RESOURCES

Andar International

Medical Products for the Caribbean

w: andarint.com

Nagico-People's Insurance

Health Insurance

w: nagico.com/index.php/home-stmaarten

home-stmaarten

e: peoplesins@caribserve.net

Mullet Bay Clinic

Dr. Deketh -General Practitioner

w: mulletbayclinic.com

Mental Health Foundation-St. Maarten

Dr. Sachin Gandotra -Psychiatrist

w: mhf-sxm.com

Pharmacy-Pharmacist:

Mr. Joris de Groot

e: mahopharmacy@caribserve.net

RECREATION

Aqua Mania Adventures - Dive Adventures

Water Recreation

w: stmaarten-activities.com

e: info@stmaarten-activities.com

Octopus Diving

Water Recreation

w: octopusdiving.com

e: info@octopusdiving.com

Powerboat Excursions & Robinsons Tours

Boat Tours/Excursions & Charters

w: boat-charter-stmartin.com

e: robinsonboats@icloud.com

Tri Sport

Tours-Biking, Hiking, Kyaking

w: trisportsxm.com

e: trisportsxm@caribserve.net

RESTAURANTS

Fat Tony's

Italian, Pizza, Sandwiches

w: facebook.com/FatTonysStMaarten

Le Pavillon

French Pan Caribbean

w: lepavillonbythesea.com

e: lepavillonbythesea@gmail.com

Rendezvous Lounge

Mediterranean

w: rendezvousloungesxm.com

e: rendezvousloungesxm@hotmail.com

Zee Best

French Bakery/Restaurant

w: zeebestrestaurant.com

BB's Corner Grill Restaurant

BBQ Grill

w: lifestyle-caribbean.com/bbs.html

INTERNET & PHONE

Caribserve

Wireless internet (only)

w: caribserve.net

e: info@caribserve.net

Telem

Mobile, Voice, Internet

w: telemgroup.an

e: info@caribserve.net

The Mailbox

Internet Service, Telephone & Fax, Mail & Photocopies

w: best-stmartin.com/detail.asp?storeId=3740&catID=39

e: themailbox@caribserve.net

UTS

Mobile, Telecommunications

w: uts.cw/about-uts/uts-group

e: infosxm@uts.an

SHIPPING & MAIL

DHL Express

Shipping

w: dhl.com.an/en.html

The Mailbox

Mail Services

w: best-stmartin.com/detail.asp?storeID=3740&catID=39

e: themailbox@caribserve.net

Safe Cargo

Shipping

w: safe.an

e: info@safe.sx

SHOPPING

Decleor Boutique

Salon & Spa

La Vida Bella Day Spa

Salon & Spa

Cost U Less

Grocery & Department Store

w: costuless.com/store030

e: CULecom030@northwest.ca

Le Grand Marche

Grocery Store

w: legrandmarche.net

e: email@legrandmarche.net

Maneks Imports

Duty Free/ Souvenirs

w: maneks-sxm.pagesperso-orange.fr

e: maneksimports@gmail.com

ACE Hardware

Hardware & Appliances

w: best-stmartin.com/detail.asp?storeID=3685&catID=30

Midok

Caribbean Road Maps

w: midok.com

e: midok@midok.com

The Scuba Shop

Scuba/Diving/Snorkeling Gear

w: thescubashop.net

e: info@thescubashop.net

SXM Thrift Shop

Thrift Shop

w: facebook.com/sxmthriftshop

e: sxmthriftshop@gmail.com

Tijon Parfumerie & Boutique

Perfume/Cologne Creation

w: tijon.com/pages/st-martin-tijon-custom-perfume-location

PET SERVICES

Dee's Dog Care Services

Dog Grooming/Boarding

w: facebook.com/pages/Dees-Dog-Care-Services/132258540146696

e: deehors21@hotmail.com

Sandi's Pet Paradise

Pet Grooming/Boarding

w: facebook.com/pages/Sandis-Pet-Paradise/189911714374402

e: CULecom030@northwest.ca

TRANSPORTATION

Empress Rent-A-Car

Car rentals

w: empressrentacar.com

e: info@empressrentacar.com

Flying Fish Water Taxi Services

Water Taxis

w: facebook.com/flyingfish.watertaxi

Hertz Car Rental

Car rentals

w: hertz.sxmrentacar.com

e: hertz@sintmaarten.net

Leisure Car Rental

Car rentals

w: leisurecarrentalsxm.com

e: info@leisurecarrentalsxm.com

Princess Juliana Airport

Airport

w: sxmairport.com

e: info@SXMairport.com

BANKING

RBC

(Royal Bank of Canada)

Banking

w: rbcroyalbank.com/caribbean/sxm/index.html?cc=sxm_11

Scotia Bank

(Same as Bank of America)

Banking

w: scotiabank.com/ansma/en/0,,4786,00.html

CIBC

(First Caribbean Bank)

Banking

w: cibcfib.com/index.php?page=St-Maarten

St-Maarten

WIB

(Windward Island Bank)

Banking

w: wib-bank.net

LOCAL EATS

With a mix of cultures and cuisines, Sint Maarten has an abundance of restaurants to satisfy your taste buds. Students suggest the following favorites to begin your culinary experience.

\$ = under \$15 \$\$ = \$15-25 \$\$\$ = \$26+

American

Rendez Vous Lounge \$\$
Porto Cupecoy (good breakfast!)

Greenhouse \$\$
Simpson Bay (discount for AUC)

Sunset Beach Bar \$\$
Maho

Dinghy Dock Bar \$\$
Simpson Bay

Topper's \$\$
Simpson Bay

Zee Best \$\$ (good breakfast!)
Simpson Bay

Bar Code \$\$
Cupceoy

BBs \$ (bar food!)
Cupceoy

Sint Maarten Yacht Club Bar and Restaurant \$\$\$
Simpson Bay

Karakter \$\$
Simpson Bay

El Zafiro \$
Beacon Hill

Jule's Bakery \$
Cupceoy

Mediterranean

Crave \$\$\$
Simpson Bay

Beirut \$\$
Simpson Bay

Little Jerusalem \$
Simpson Bay

Little Beirut \$\$
Cupceoy

Al-Pasha \$\$
Simpson Bay



Italian

Izi \$\$\$
Simpson Bay

Spaghetti House \$
Cupceoy

Mario's \$\$
Porto Cupecoy

Rialto Pizza and Pasta \$
Maho

Asian/Sushi

Wasabi Charlie \$\$\$
Simpson Bay

Avantika \$\$\$
Simpson Bay

Little Bamboo \$\$
Simpson Bay

Gong Fu Tea \$\$
Porto Cupecoy



Tex-Mex

3 Amigos \$\$
Maho

Jimbo's \$\$
Simpson Bay

French

Le Bateau Ivre \$\$\$
Porto Cupecoy

Vesna Taverna \$\$\$
Simpson Bay

Chicken

Pollos Hermanos \$\$
Simpson Bay

KFC \$
Cole Bay

Buffalo Wings \$\$
Simpson Bay

Sweets/Ice Cream

Ice Cream + Dessert:
Carousel \$
Simpson Bay

Ice Cream: + Dessert:
Rendez Vous Lounge \$
Porto Cupecoy

Dessert: Jule's Bakery \$
Cupceoy

ISLAND ACTIVITIES

Your studies will take priority during medical school but everyone deserves some off time to explore Sint Maarten. Take advantage of your beautiful environment and check out some of our favorite local sites and activities.

- The scuba diving shop Ocean Explorers offers great rates for student certifications and dives: stmaartendiving.com/dive_st_maarten
- Loterie Farm is a nature reserve and sanctuary on top of a beautiful mountain: loteriefarm.com
- Rainforest Adventure offers top of the mountain ziplining and tubesleding: rainforestadventure.com/pages/stmaarten
- Head to TriSports to buy or rent a bike and for biking equipment/repairs/trails: trisportsxm.com
- Want to visit a neighboring island? Take a ferry over for the day: stmartinbookings.com/edge-ferry-saba
- Fort Louis is a short drive from school and offers great views of the west side of the island: tripadvisor.co.uk/Attraction_Review-g147348-d2490074-Reviews-Fort_Louis-Marigot_Saint_Martin_St_Martin_St_Maarten.html
- Fancy a wine and cheese trip to Phillipsburg? The Amsterdam Cheese and Liquor Store has monthly wine tastings and some of the best cheese on the island: visitstmaarten.com/amsterdam_cheese_and_liquor_store
- Over the next two years, you can try to check out all 36 of the island's beaches. Find a description of them here: stmartinisland.org/st-martin-st-maarten-activities/st-martin-st-maarten-beaches.html
- Eagle Tours offers catamaran sail tours, powerboat excursions, and charters in St. Maarten and neighboring Anguilla and St. Barth's: sailingsxm.com/



SINT MAARTEN ISLAND



TRANSPORTATION

1. SXM Airport
2. Grand Case Airport
3. Port of Sint Maarten



FOOD & GROCERY

4. Ace Hardware
5. Cost-U-Less
6. Daily Extra
7. Market Garden
8. Le Gourmet Marche
9. Carrefour
10. Kooyman
11. Kwik Bargain
12. Maho Market
13. US Imports



FUN & LEISURE

14. The Butterfly Farm
15. Fort Amsterdam
16. Fort Louis
17. Orient Beach
18. St. Maarten Zoo



PARKS & RECREATION

19. Dive Safaris
20. Octopus Diving
21. Loterie Farm
22. Seaside Nature Park
23. Tri-Sport
24. Aqua Mania Adventure

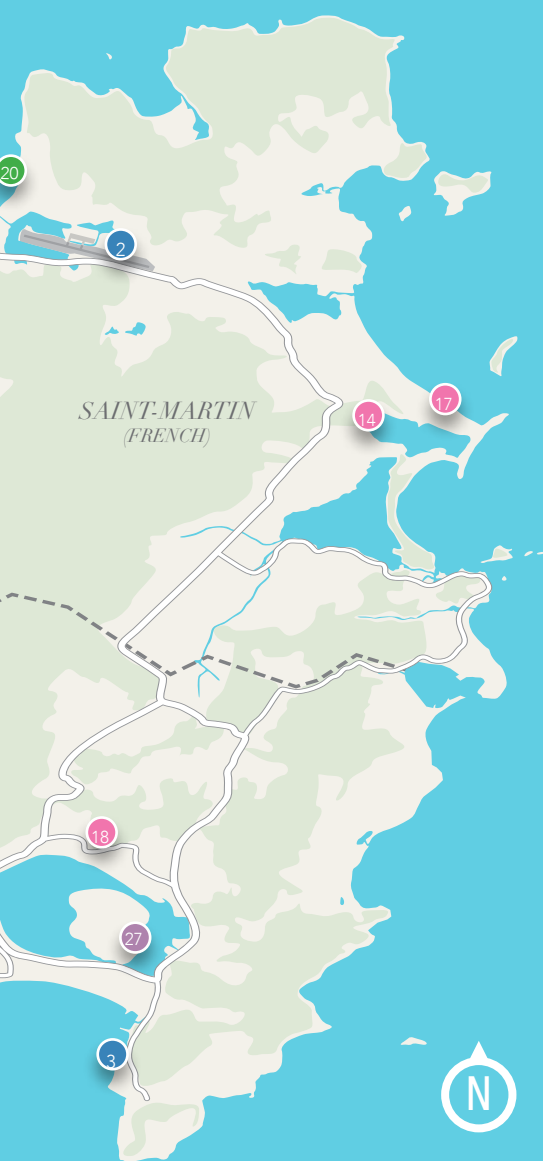


Sint Maarten island



ENTERTAINMENT

- 25. Megaplex 7
- 26. KidsWorld
- 27. Carnival Village



Traveling off campus

AUC's faculty and staff understand that our students will make St. Maarten their temporary home while pursuing their dreams of becoming a physician.

Our main campus is located close to a wide variety of essential accommodations, as well as areas to relax and explore the island's vibrant community.



TRANSPORTATION

AUC's campus is conveniently located only ten minutes from the SXM Airport!



FOOD & GROCERY

Over ten different grocery stores are within a short drive.



FUN & LEISURE

Beaches, the zoo, and historical sites are just some of the fun ways to spend your downtime.



PARKS & RECREATION

Our students stay active by hiking, swimming, diving and exploring the beautiful island.



ENTERTAINMENT

From movies to Carnival Village, there's entertainment for all ages!



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