Specialized Support Services

Services for International Students

Antioch University Los Angeles is situated in one of the most diverse metropolitan areas of the United States. The cultural, social, and arts environment of Los Angeles provides a rich context for university study. International students are valued members of the AULA student body. The U.S. Department of Justice provides approval to Antioch University Los Angeles for attendance of nonimmigrant students.

The Primary Designated School Official (PDSO) or the Designated School Official (DSO) at AULA is authorized to issue and sign I-20’s for admission and for travel outside the United States. F-1 visa students are not eligible to apply for financial aid through state and federal government agencies. However F-1 visa students are able to research external grants and scholarships programs that may be available through privately funded sources outside of and independent of the University.

For purposes of admission into Antioch University Los Angeles, international students are defined solely on their citizenship/residency status. If a student does not hold citizenship or permanent residency in the United States, the student is considered an international student. The AULA Admissions Office, in consultation with the PDSO/DSO, advises and assists incoming international students regarding admission, campus orientation, academic advising and other legal issues, and other matters pertaining to their non-immigrant status in the United States.

Students from other countries who are studying at Antioch University Los Angeles on student visas are obligated to follow designated federal requirements in order to stay in compliance status with the U.S. (United States) Immigration Service.

The F-1 visa student must consult the PDSO/DSO in several important instances. These situations include reporting to the PDSO/DSO:

- after initial admission or readmission to the University
- before considering any registration status other than full-time
- when seeking assistance and information in cases of financial or medical emergency
- when contemplating travel outside the United States
- after the conclusion of the student’s program of study, and
- any questions about visas, extensions of stay, curricular or post-degree completion practical training, transfer of schools or academic programs, or change of immigration status.

Veterans Services

The VA accepts applications online at www.gibill.va.gov (http://www.gibill.va.gov). Veterans, military service personnel, and their qualified dependents intending to use VA Benefits at AULA should contact the School Certifying Official located in the Integrated Student Services (ISS) office.

For New GI Bill Recipients

If the student is the veteran, or is the dependent and/or survivor of a veteran, and has never used the VA educational benefits before, he or she can apply online at http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp.

For current GI Bill Recipients Changing Schools or Programs

If the returning student wishes to change his/her program or place of training and has used the VA educational benefit before, he or she must apply online at http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp. (Every time a veteran changes programs or schools he or she must fill out this application.)

VA Enrollment Certification

The AULA Designated School Certification Official processes enrollment status certification of VA students prior to the beginning of each term and subsequent updates or changes in statuses are done on a weekly basis, if needed. The enrollment certification is electronically transmitted to the Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Appropriate credit for previous education will be granted. Student will be notified in writing of their previous education credits that have been accepted in transfer. Records of all credits accepted will be saved in the student’s file maintained by the Office of the University Registrar through the ISS office.

It is the student’s responsibility to notify the School’s VA Certification Official immediately when increasing or decreasing unit load, withdrawing, or taking a leave of absence. Students who withdraw from the university may have their benefits terminated as of the beginning of the term of withdrawal. Students who withdraw from a course (or courses) in the middle of the term will have their benefits adjusted except in extenuating circumstances. In cases in which students do not return for the next term, benefits will be terminated on the ending date of the previous term. If a student is dismissed for academic reasons, benefits will be terminated as of the date of dismissal. Students who have their benefits terminated in this manner must be counseled by the Veterans Administration before the benefits will be restored.

All students using VA benefits must make satisfactory academic progress toward their educational objectives. At AULA, a student’s satisfactory academic progress is measured against three criteria: 1) completion rate for registered units; 2) rate of progress toward degree completion; 3) maximum
time allowed to complete the degree. Calculating satisfactory academic progress for a particular program is explained in detail under the Satisfactory
Academic Progress section of this catalog. Students must consult the policy on satisfactory academic progress specific to their respective program.

For further information and assistance, the Department of Veterans Affairs is available 24 hours a day/7 days a week. Call their toll-free number at
1(888)-GI-BILL 1 (1-888-442-4551) or visit them on the WEB at www.gibill.va.gov (http://www.gibill.va.gov).

For efficient handling of student’s VA records, inquiries, and other related problems, contact:

School Certification Official
Integrated Student Services, Suite 2060
400 Corporate Pointe, Suite 2060
Culver City, CA 90230-7615
(310) 578-1080 x 216

The Antioch University Counseling Center

The Antioch University Counseling Center (AUCC), a sliding-fee scale mental health center, has provided distinguished service to the community
since 1974. The AUCC offers psychotherapy and counseling at affordable prices to AULA students as well as members of the community. Services
are provided under a broad spectrum of therapy models. Current services include individual, family, and group psychotherapy, career counseling,
psychological testing, the International Counseling Center, and specialized counseling services for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender clients.

Students experiencing difficulties are encouraged to seek help from the Counseling Center. MAP students can fulfill their requirement for personal
psychotherapy by working with licensed professionals at the AUCC.

Campus Services Center

The Campus Services Center (CSC) is open during all hours of university operation. The CSC handles all issues of facilities, audio-visual equipment,
supplies, and security to support the AULA learning environment. Students may have materials photocopied for a fee. Mailboxes for faculty are located
in the Campus Services Center.

CSC hours are as follows:
8:00 A.M. - 10:00 P.M., Monday through Friday
8:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M., Saturday and Sunday

Student Mailboxes

The Student Mailbox System is used traditionally at AULA as one of the primary mechanisms for faculty and administration to communicate to
students. The use of student mailboxes must adhere to FERPA regulations, state, local, and institutional policies that protect the privacy, security, and
confidentiality of student information.

Students’ mailboxes are located in the Campus Services Center (CSC). All registered students are assigned mailboxes by CSC during the first term
of enrollment. AULA will keep students’ mailboxes until the student is no longer registered at the school (e.g., have graduated, are dismissed, or
withdrawn). All faculty and staff acting in their official capacity are authorized to distribute mail using the students’ mailboxes.

Students may retrieve, with their valid student or State-issued identification card, contents of their mailboxes during CSC’s business hours.

Parking and Parking Permits

All students who are registered for academic work at AULA are automatically assessed a parking fee that entitles the students access to parking in
designated areas during the campus’ regular hours of operation. Students using the AULA parking lot must fill out a Parking Access Card Form in order
to receive a parking access card through the Campus Services Center. Parking access card forms are available during New Student Orientation, and
are available at the Campus Services Center at all times thereafter.

Parking Fee Exemptions are granted on a quarterly, case-by-case basis. Exemption forms are available in the Campus Services Center. Parking Fee
Exemption Forms must be submitted to the Campus Services Center by the end of the term’s Add/Drop deadline. Exemption forms are not accepted for
past quarters.

Antioch University Los Angeles is not responsible for any costs associated with misplaced, lost, or stolen parking access cards. There is a replacement
fee for parking access cards, payable at the Campus Services Center.

All questions and concerns regarding parking services should be directed to the Campus Services Center.
Student Identification Cards

Student photo identification cards are available to all current students through the Campus Services Center. Validation stickers are available through the Campus Services Center at the beginning of each term. There is a $10.00 charge for replacement student photo identification cards.

Campus Security Act of 1990

In accordance with Federal Law, AULA publishes an annual report of campus crimes. This report is distributed annually through email in the Fall quarter, and is available on AULA's website here: https://www.antioch.edu/los-angeles/resources/students/campus-security-report/. The United States Department of Education's Office of Postsecondary Education provides a rapid customized report for public inquires relating to all campus crime data, called the Campus Safety and Security Data Analysis Cutting Tool. All Antioch University campus crime data can be found on the Campus Safety and Security Data Analysis Cutting tool website at http://ope.ed.gov/security/.