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The [American University of Armenia](#) will start offering bachelor's degree courses starting from 2013. AUA – considered to be the best educational institution in Armenia, has only been offering post-graduate degrees over the 20 years of its existence.

“Soon we will publish our development strategy for 2011-2017 that will focus on unprecedented development of the university, including the introduction of Undergraduate System. This will allow the university to enrol four times as many students,” AUA president Bruce Poghosian [said](#) at a Tuesday news conference.

The AUA is celebrating the 20th anniversary of its establishment with a variety of events that will run from September 26 to October 1 under the motto “20 years of progress.”

The idea to establish the American University of Armenia was prompted by the [Spitak earthquake](#) in 1988. In order to alleviate the disaster many experts in earthquake resistance engineering visited Armenia, including a delegation from the United States that included a well-known American professor Mihran Agbalyan, and Armen Ter-Kyureghian, a professor of University of California, Berkeley, who together with Professor Stephan Karamartyan developed the blueprint for the future of the university.

The bulk of the funding was provided by the [Armenian General Benevolent Union](#) (AGBU). The project was supported by the governments of Armenia and the United States, University of California, the Ministry of Education and Science.

**PS: This is great news for those parents, who are concerned with educational prospects for their children. AUA provides quality education and its graduates are**

**recognized specialists in their fields. I'll do everything to make sure my sons get their degrees here!**