



LAU 2016

AT A GLANCE

Embark, explore, discover





1835

American Presbyterian missionary Sara L. Smith establishes the first school for girls in the Ottoman empire.

1904

Sarah L. Smith's pioneering efforts pave the way toward instituting the American School for Girls.



1924

The American Junior College for Women (AJCW) is founded with a class of eight students.



1933

The cornerstone of LAU's oldest building, Sage Hall, is laid.



1948-1949

The name of the college is changed to Beirut College for Women (BCW).



LAU Historical Timeline: 1835 – 2015



2005

LAU embarks on a five-year strategic plan based on five pillars: excellence in academic and other facets of university life, student centeredness, increased role of alumni, promotion of LAU as a major learning center in the region, and effective use of financial resources.



2009

LAU acquires majority holdings of Hôpital Rizk, and begins developing the Lebanese American University Medical Center–Rizk Hospital (LAUMC–RH).

LAU is granted full accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).



The Gilbert and Rose-Marie Chagoury School of Medicine welcomes its first class of students.



The Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York grants BCW a provisional charter.

1950

Successive buildings are completed and named in honor of early leaders: Frances Irwin, Winifred Shannon and James Nicol.



1955

BCW is granted an absolute charter.



1965

The dormitory building is named in honor of BCW presidents Rhoda Orme and Frances Gray.

1970

The Lebanese government recognizes BCW's bachelor's degrees as equivalent to the French bachelor's degree or License.



1973

The college becomes co-educational and changes its name to Beirut University College (BUC).



1985

The board of Regents in New York amends the charter to transform the college into a multi-campus institution.



2009-2010

The School of Engineering's undergraduate programs are granted accreditation from the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). The School of Arts & Sciences' B.S. degree program in Computer Science receives ABET accreditation.

2010

The Alice Ramez Chagoury School of Nursing welcomes its first class.



2011

The Frem Civic Center is inaugurated on the Byblos campus.



LAU embarks on Strategic Plan 2011–2016, focused on taking the university to the next level of academic excellence.

2012

LAU acquires Gezairi Transport's former headquarters to host the School of Architecture and Design.



1991

Classes begin at the Byblos campus.



1994

The Board of Regents approves the university's new name of Lebanese American University.



The charter is amended to include master's degrees.

LAU has four schools: Arts & Sciences, Business, Engineering & Architecture, and the School of Pharmacy, which is inaugurated this year.

1999

The Lebanese government grants LAU a license to operate a medical school and nursing school.



2002

The Doctor of Pharmacy program becomes the only one outside the United States to earn accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE).



2004

After extensive renovations funded by the Safadi Foundation, the Safadi Fine Arts Building in Beirut campus is re-dedicated.



2013

LAU inaugurates LAU New York in midtown Manhattan.



The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) is accredited by the Collegiate Commission on Nursing Education (CCNE).



LAU launches a B.A. in Fashion Design in collaboration with ELIE SAAB and the London College of Fashion.

The university launches the LAU Executive Center @Solidere in downtown Beirut.



2014

The Gilbert and Rose-Marie Chagoury Health Sciences Center is inaugurated to host the Schools of Medicine, Pharmacy and Nursing.



2015

The School of Business is renamed the Adnan Kassar School of Business.





A Look at LAU



LAU at a Glance:

- 181 years of history
- 80+ nationalities represented among the student body
- 8,200+ students
- 2 campuses
- 1 headquarters and academic center in New York
- 7 schools
- 1 hospital
- 38,000+ alumni worldwide
- 39 alumni chapters

The Lebanese American University (**LAU**), a leading private higher education institution in Lebanon, operates under a charter from the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York. LAU is accredited by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (**CIHE-NEASC**).

With roots extending back more than **180 years**, the institution has a long history in serving the needs of Lebanon and the Middle East. It began as a girls' school in **1835**, then became a women's college in **1924**, and eventually a co-ed university in **1973**. Today, LAU comprises seven schools along with **19 centers and institutes** among its campuses in Beirut and Byblos.

LAU is governed by a Board of Trustees that oversees the primary functions of leadership, stewardship and auditing. A Board of International Advisors provides counsel on university policies and other matters to the Board of Trustees, president, and senior management.



A Look at the Campuses



Campuses' Physical Facilities at a Glance:

- Adaptable smart classrooms
- Labs to support academic programs
- Distance learning video-conference rooms and equipment
- Numerous lecture halls
- State-of-the art libraries, theaters, and multipurpose rooms
- Well-equipped student services areas
- Cafeterias and cyber cafes, gymnasiums, and physical fitness facilities
- Parking spaces and bike racks
- Safe and welcoming residence halls
- Accessibility for the physically disabled
- Wireless technology available throughout the campuses

LAU's campuses are well maintained and constantly expanding to promote academics, research, and student life. The Beirut campus is located in the heart of the city and sits on **27,500 square meters of land**, which encompasses **12 buildings** and plenty of greenery.

Overlooking the old city, the Byblos campus sits on **173,000+ square meters of land** that encompasses green spaces and **14 buildings**.

Situated around **35 kilometers** apart from each other, LAU's campuses are accessible to most students in Lebanon and offer similarly structured programs in the arts, sciences and business. The nursing and medicine programs, as well as junior and senior year engineering and pharmacy courses, are offered exclusively in Byblos.

LAU New York



The university inaugurated **LAU New York** in September **2013** in a historic move reflecting the university's growing global stature as a bridge between the United States and the Middle East.

The **2,700-square-meter** facility, located at 211 E. 46th Street in **Manhattan**, is spread across three floors, and includes ten classrooms, business and admissions offices, and a library. It is also home to LAU's New York staff.

As the first of its kind for any Middle East-based university, the center is making progress on its mission to facilitate cross-cultural exchange by regularly hosting public lectures, book discussions, performances, workshops, and conferences from leading scholars and artists.

In addition, it presents a unique educational opportunity for students in the United States to gain insight into Lebanon and the Middle East while benefitting from an American-style education. It also serves as a hub for LAU students from Lebanon to visit New York City and gain first-hand exposure to a variety of businesses, industries, executives and thought leaders.

Since January **2014**, the center has been offering courses in Arabic language, architecture and urban design, finance, marketing, and management. LAU is in the process of expanding its academic offerings and initiating partnerships with U.S. universities.



LAU Executive Center@Solidere



Located in **downtown Beirut** since **2013**, the **LAU Executive Center@Solidere** serves as a unique knowledge hub that features fully-equipped classrooms and offices as well as a conference room, studio and lounge for the university's **E.M.B.A.** and **M.B.A. programs**, Continuing Education program, conferences and seminars.

Spread across **600 square meters** at 1301 Marfaa, Beyhum Street, the center offers students a chance to gain first-hand knowledge of the workings of Lebanon's financial, political and commercial center. It also demonstrates LAU's commitment to expand and provide academic opportunities beyond the traditional campus model.



A Look at Academics



Accreditation and Affiliations

In addition to its NEASC accreditation, LAU has sought out further accreditation and affiliation through industry-specific organizations to ensure students receive the highest level of education possible.

- The Bachelor of Architecture is officially recognized by the French government, which allows LAU graduates to practice in France and the European Union. Additionally, the degree is currently in the process of being accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), an organization that accredits all architecture programs in the United States.
- The Bachelor of Arts in Fashion Design is supported by the strategic partnership between ELIE SAAB and the London College of Fashion.
- The Adnan Kassar School of Business is a member the European Foundation for Management Development (EFMD).
- The B.E. in Civil, Computer, Electrical, Industrial and Mechanical Engineering are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation

Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET).

- The B.S. in Computer Science the first Computer Science program in Lebanon to earn accreditation by ABET.
- The B.S. in Nursing is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).
- The School of Pharmacy is a full member of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP). In addition, the school's Doctor of Pharmacy program is the only one outside the United States that is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). This accreditation gives LAU's Pharm.D. graduates the opportunity to become licensed pharmacists in most U.S. states.

Academic Programs



Academics at a Glance:

- 51 majors
- 24 minors
- 899 full-time faculty and staff
- 61 full-time clinical physicians
- 19 centers and institutes
- 17:1 student to faculty ratio
- 640 honor society students
- 60% of Lebanon's 2014 Fulbright Scholarship recipients were from LAU

LAU's undergraduate and graduate degree programs are grouped into seven schools:

- School of Arts and Sciences
- School of Architecture and Design
- Adnan Kassar School of Business
- School of Engineering
- Gilbert and Rose-Marie Chagoury School of Medicine
- Alice Ramez Chagoury School of Nursing
- School of Pharmacy



LAU
School of Arts and Sciences



The School of Arts and Sciences, LAU's oldest school, embodies the university's liberal arts tradition. Renowned for its broad range of well-established academic programs, the school takes pride in having diverse, high-qualified faculty, dedicated to cultivating students' critical thinking and communication skills.

Degrees offered:

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in: Arabic Language & Literature (92 credits), Education (95 credits), English Studies (92 credits), History (92 credits), Journalism (92 credits), Performing Arts (92 credits), Philosophy (92 credits), Political Science (92 credits), Political Science/International Affairs (92 credits), Psychology (92 credits), Social Work and Community Development (92 credits), Television and Film (92 credits), Translation (92 credits)

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in: Bioinformatics (103 credits), Biology (96 credits), Chemistry (92 credits), Computer Science (92 credits), Mathematics (92 credits), Nutrition (94 credits), Nutrition and Dietetics Coordinated Program (121 credits)

Master of Arts (M.A.) in: Education (30 credits), International Affairs (30 credits), Migration Studies (30 credits), Women and Gender Studies (30 credits)

Master of Science (M.S.) in: Computer Science (30 credits), Molecular Biology (30 credits)

Teaching Diploma (T.D.) in: Elementary Education (21 credits), Early Childhood Education (21 credits), various subjects in Intermediate & Secondary Education (21 credits)

Diploma in: Learning Disabilities and Giftedness (21 credits)





LAU
School of Architecture and Design



The School of Architecture and Design has emerged as a major center for design education in Lebanon and the region, bringing together a diversity of students and educators, and participating in the growth of a local artistic and design culture that is creative, experimental, and critical. With a number of design and fine arts programs under one roof, there is a culture of exchange and collaboration among the different programs. Committed to LAU's aim to expand learning opportunities, the school has initiated plans to offer additional master's programs in various fields.

Degrees offered:

Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch.) (176 credits)

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in: Fashion Design (130 credits), Fine Arts (92 credits), Interior Architecture (139 credits)

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in: Graphic Design (118 credits), Interior Design (110 credits)

Mu'taz and Rada Sawwaf Master of Arts (M.A.) in: Islamic Art and Architecture (30 credits)





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Adnan Kassar
School of Business



As one of the oldest independent business schools in the Middle East, the Adnan Kassab School of Business has consistently led the way in business education and research in the region. Today, it remains an innovative and continuously improving school that trains students for real-life challenges. Graduates emerge well-rounded, fluent in contemporary business issues, and equipped with the skills and experiences they need to compete in the world's economies.

Degrees offered:

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in: Business (92 credits) with seven specializations: Accounting, Banking and Finance, Family and Entrepreneurial Business Management, Information Technology Management, International Business, Management, and Marketing

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in: Economics (92 credits)

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in: Hospitality and Tourism Management (92 credits)

Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) (39 credits)

Executive Master of Business Administration (E.M.B.A.) (36 credits)

Blended E.M.B.A. (36 credits)

Master of Arts in Applied Economics (M.A.) (30 credits)

Master of Science in Economics of the Middle East (EMEA) (48 credits)

Master of Laws (LL.M.) (39 credits)





The School of Engineering combines rigorous academics with a dynamic professional foundation that equips talented engineers for success in their professional and civic lives. The school offers a range of courses that are at the forefront of thinking and reflect the latest developments in the field. The integrated style of learning and teaching through laboratory classes, project work and industry-sponsored fieldwork enables students to become more independent and to think critically.

Degrees offered:

Bachelor of Engineering (B.E.) (150 credits) **in:** Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Mechatronics Engineering, and Petroleum Engineering

Master of Science (M.S.) (30 credits) **in:** Civil and Environmental Engineering, Computer Engineering, Industrial Engineering and Engineering Management

Pro Green Diploma (18 credits offered in collaboration with the American University of Beirut and the American University of Cairo)





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Gilbert and Rose-Marie Chagoury
School of **Medicine**



Conceived and designed in collaboration with Harvard Medical International, the Gilbert and Rose-Marie Chagoury School of Medicine offers a multidisciplinary, American-style curriculum that provides students with a vibrant, intellectually stimulating setting.

The schools prepares students for the challenges of real world situations through its many resources including the school's Clinical Skills and Simulation Center, which is equipped with cutting-edge integrated computers and multimedia technologies. In addition, students can gain further training and earn scholarships through the school's local and international affiliations in research and clinical medicine.

Degrees offered:

Doctor of Medicine (M.D.)





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Alice Ramez Chagoury
School of Nursing



The Alice Ramez Chagoury School of Nursing boasts a comprehensive and intellectually challenging curriculum that emphasizes professional nursing standards, patient-centered care and ethical practice. Built on a liberal arts foundation, the curriculum complements nursing science with knowledge from the biomedical and social sciences, which allows graduates to pursue licensure as registered nurses in Lebanon and around the world.

Demonstrating the school's excellence in educating its students, nearly all graduates from the class of 2013 and 2014 were hired immediately upon graduation, going on to top hospitals and NGOs across Lebanon. Graduates from the class of 2015 have enjoyed similar success and are all on their way to becoming hired or enrolled in graduate studies.

Degrees offered:

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in: Nursing (103 credits)





The School of Pharmacy offers educational programs that emphasize biomedical, pharmaceutical, social, behavioral, administrative and clinical sciences, as well as the professional values that are required to improve patient care and ethically serve the society.

Demonstrating the school's high academic standards are its Pharm.D. graduates who have maintained an average of 95 percent pass rate on the North American Pharmacy licensing exam (NAPLEX) over the past 5 years .

Graduates of the School of Pharmacy are well-positioned to pursue post-graduate training or studies, or work in such diverse fields as community and hospital pharmacies, clinical settings, pharmaceutical sales and industry, and academia.

Degrees offered:

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in: Pharmacy (174 credits)

Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) (27 credits)



LAUMC



The university's expansion into the field of medical education was buttressed by the acquisition of the **Lebanese American University Medical Center–Rizk Hospital**. LAU is in the process of transforming this medical campus in the heart of Beirut from a city hospital into a modern university hospital, clinical teaching venue, and research institution. These major renovations are part of a master plan, expected to be completed in the near future.

LAUMC–RH is designed to support LAU's Schools of Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy by providing clinical facilities and services for teaching and training. The hospital also serves as a place of learning for students enrolled in the nutrition program, run by the School of Arts and Sciences.



Libraries



Libraries at a Glance:

- 517,000 print volumes
- 161,753 electronic books
- 663 print/microform serial subscriptions
- 64,335 full-text electronic journals
- 160 online databases
- 15,409 total media materials

*Collections 2014–2015

LAU's Beirut, Byblos and Health Sciences libraries are well-equipped to meet students' needs with spacious facilities that include conference rooms, computer centers, group study areas, and open stacks of **517,000 books** in total. In addition, the libraries offer **161,753 e-books, 64,998 print and e-journals**, and **160 databases**, ensuring that students, faculty and staff have an ample amount of scholarly resources at their fingertips. The libraries are also able to secure in-demand materials otherwise unavailable in Lebanon through agreements with institutions abroad.

The libraries offer individual instruction, orientation, training sessions, and research assistance to help users find the resources they need. Computer facilities include **iPads, laptops, e-readers, scanners, printers and 197 public computers**, in addition to a comprehensive audiovisual collection and practical teaching resources for education students.

The Riyadh Nassar Library in Beirut houses a number of special collections relevant to women's studies, education, Islamic art, and architecture, as well as the oldest collection of children's books in Lebanon.



A Look at Students



Students

Exemplifying diversity and community spirit, LAU's student body is one of the university's major assets. Eighty-three nationalities, as well as students from all of Lebanon's diverse cultural backgrounds are represented on both campuses.

International Students

The growing number of international applicants attests to LAU's rising reputation for academic excellence. In fall 2014, 19 percent of the student population hailed from outside Lebanon.

Enrollment

In the fall term of the 2014–2015 academic year, 8,221 students enrolled at LAU.

GENDER	NUMBER OF STUDENTS*		
	Beirut Campus	Byblos Campus	Total
Male	2,118	1,970	4,088
Female	2,449	1,684	4,133
Total	4,567	3,654	8,221

*Census date figures for fall 2014

SCHOOL	NUMBER OF STUDENTS*		
	Beirut Campus	Byblos Campus	Total
Architecture and Design	603	519	1,122
Arts and Sciences	1,655	698	2,353
Business	1,972	575	2,547
Engineering	156	1,163	1,319
Medicine	-	185	185
Nursing	23	72	95
Pharmacy	50	404	454
Graduate Studies & Research	3	-	3
No College Designated	105	38	143
Total	4,567	3,654	8,221

A Look at Financial Aid and Cost



Financial Aid and Cost at a Glance:

- \$25 million allocated for scholarships and financial aid opportunities in the upcoming academic year
- Financial aid ranges from 15% to 100% of students' tuition
- 80 students benefit from Merit Scholarships covering 100% of tuition
- Nearly 40% of students benefit from one or more forms of financial aid
- Scholarships covering 50% to 100% of tuition are available to students with high Lebanese or French Baccalaureate averages
- Scholarships covering 50% of tuition are available to students with high SAT scores
- 75 students benefit from Athletic Scholarships
- 800 students receive Entrance and Honor Scholarships covering between 10% and 50% of tuition
- 250+ students receive full scholarships from USAID

Financial Aid and Scholarships

In an effort to promote universal academic excellence, LAU provides a comprehensive merit- and need-based financial aid program. Eligible students receive packages commensurate with a combined assessment of their academic and financial status. Financial aid is granted in the form of merit scholarships, work-aid, loans, and grants.

For the 2014–2015 academic year, LAU increased its financial aid budget by 8 percent. Over **\$22.5 million** funded around **2,948 students**. **Seventy-six** students received merit scholarships while 40 received a Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) grant in fall 2014. Additionally, **299 incoming LAU students were awarded entrance scholarships** in fall 2014.

Tuition

For the academic year 2015–2016, the average undergraduate tuition amount is **\$15,200** per year and the average graduate tuition is **\$12,773** per year. Annual tuition fees for doctoral/professional practice programs amounted to **\$28,704** for students in the School of Medicine, and **\$22,470** for Pharm.D. students.

Budget

LAU's operating budget for 2014–2015 is **\$157,721,916**, a 5 percent increase on the 2013–2014 operating budget of **\$149,790,802**, reflecting the university's dynamic growth and expansion.

LAU sources funding from tuition and student fees, private gifts, government grants, fundraising, and endowments.



A Look at Student Life



Student Life at a Glance:

- 300+ extracurricular activities
- 50+ athletic activities
- 90+ clubs
- 30 varsity teams
- 70 intramural games annually across 6 different sports
- 80+ international sports matches annually
- 7+ international athletic trips each year
- 1 international student program representing 83 nations
- 1 honor society per campus
- 2 annual festivals
- 50+ annual student productions
- 5+ major theater and music productions each year

Through the university's vibrant student life, students develop leadership skills and community awareness as well as grow academically, intellectually, and socially. Student life includes various extracurricular activities, clubs, athletic and sporting events, and academic groups.

Activities

Coordinated by the Office of the Dean of Students, a diverse range of activities and clubs are offered and include everything from culture and sports to human rights and the arts. These events provide students with outlets to enjoy their hobbies, and interact with their community and help develop entrepreneur, civic and leadership skills.

Athletics

The LAU Athletics Office organizes intercollegiate, intramural, high school, and international tournaments, in addition to arranging students' participation in local, regional, and international events. Athletic and varsity sports include basketball, soccer, futsal, volleyball, swimming, Taekwondo, and tennis among many others.



Faculty



LAU's strategic plan significantly raised the bar of faculty qualifications. Out of **304 full-time faculty members**, **76 percent** hold doctorates or the highest degree in their field. Approximately **47 percent** of those degrees are from the United States; **30 percent** from Europe; **13 percent** from Canada, Australia, Japan and South Africa; and **10 percent** from Lebanon and other Arab countries.

The university's faculty is remarkably diverse: **50 percent** of instructors are Lebanese, **36 percent** are dual-nationals, and **14 percent** are non-Lebanese. Forty-one percent of full-time faculty members are women. The approximate student-faculty ratio on both campuses is 17:1 (full-time equivalents for fall 2014).

Staff

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With **595 full-time** staff members, **LAU** is among the largest private employers in Lebanon and one of the fastest-growing universities in the region.

The staff has grown steadily over the years, with new talent increasingly attracted to LAU's positive work environment and excellent employee benefits package. Key service areas include student development and enrollment management, information technology, advancement, administration, human resources, and marketing and communications.

	Management	Professional	Non-Professional	Total
Male	45	119	119	283
Female	25	242	45	312
Total	70	361	164	595

Centers and Institutes

LAU is home to 19 centers and institutes that provide students, professionals and scholars with conferences, workshops, seminars and training programs throughout the year. Students have a unique opportunity to gain specialized knowledge through these centers and institutes and to collaborate and network with renowned researchers, faculty, and professionals from LAU and around the world.

LAU hosts 19 centers and institutes:

- Center for Lebanese Heritage
- Center for Program and Learning Assessment
- Cisco Institute
- Institute for Banking and Finance
- Institute for Human Genetics
- Institute for Human Resources
- Institute for Media Training and Research
- Institute for Migration Studies
- Institute for Peace and Justice Education
- Institute for Water Resources and Environmental Technologies
- Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World
- Institute of Diplomacy and Conflict Transformation
- Institute of Family and Entrepreneurial Business
- Institute of Hospitality and Tourism Management Studies
- Institute of Islamic Art and Architecture
- Software Institute
- Summer Institute for Intensive Arabic Language and Culture
- Teacher Training Institute
- Urban Planning Institute



To learn more about LAU's centers and institutes, visit

www.lau.edu.lb/centers-institutes.

Summer Institute for Intensive Arabic Language and Culture (SINARC)

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LAU's Summer Institute for Intensive Arabic Language and Culture provides a multi-faceted language and cultural immersion program that attracts students from around the globe. **SINARC** is a top choice for the scholars of the region looking to gain an in-depth understanding of cultural and social dynamics while improving their language skills. **SINARC** credits can be transferred to institutions of higher education worldwide.

Courses are tailored to various levels of proficiency. Each level packs in **20 hours** of intensive classroom instruction per week, including five hours of Lebanese dialect.

Cultural activities include weekly lectures on topics related to Arab and Lebanese politics, history, society and culture. In addition, students partake in a series of excursions to historical, cultural and tourist sites throughout Lebanon.

SINARC offers courses during summer, fall and spring terms at the Beirut campus, along with specialized one-on-one packages for the diplomatic core. Since 2013, **SINARC** courses have also been offered at LAU New York.

For more information, visit www.lau.edu.lb/centers-institutes/sinarc.



Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World (IWSAW)

The Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World at LAU was established in **1973**, building upon LAU's rich history as a school for women. The institute focuses on advancing **women's empowerment** and **gender equality** through research, education, development programs, and outreach at the national, regional, and international levels. The institute also works toward the passage of comprehensive reforms in gender inequality, cultural practices, and discriminatory constitutional laws.

The institute undertakes development programs in collaboration with national and international organizations. The Basic Living Skills Program (**BLSP**) is one such example, which is designed to strengthen the capacities of Arab women and empower them in all aspects of their lives.

IWSAW publishes a journal, **Al Raida**, which means “the pioneer”, and serves as a space for researchers, policy-makers, practitioners, and students to address gender equality and women's issues in the Arab world.

A **master's program** in Women and Gender Studies was launched in

2014 and is the first of its kind in Lebanon. The program aims to bolster scholarly research and social activism in the field and act as a platform to address women's challenges in the contemporary Arab world.

For more information on IWSAW or to access its journal, visit <http://iwsaw.lau.edu.lb/>.



University Enterprise Office (UEO)

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The University Enterprise Office plays strategic advisory, entrepreneurial development, and coordination roles in the university's projects throughout the **Middle East** and **North Africa**. Its main responsibilities include supplying academic advisory, coverage, and management services to universities and colleges in Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Oman, along with overseeing the management of the Middle East Partnership Initiative's **(MEPI)** Tomorrow's Leaders **(TL)**, and Leaders for Democracy Fellows **(LDF)** programs.

Specifically, **UEO** provides universities and colleges with academic coverage; consultancy on strategic planning, accreditation, university development, academic programs design and management, enrollment management, operations and facilities; implementation; and performance-monitoring services.



Continuing Education Program (CEP)

Designed for the 21st-century workplace, Continuing Education Program courses courses, workshops and programs impart relevant and up-to-date knowledge and skills in an array of fields, serving a wide variety of adult learners seeking professional advancement.

CEP's innovative programs enhance performance and encourage achievement by creating a vibrant learning environment that fosters both personal and professional growth.

Certificate-based programs are offered on campus or at the client's location. In 2011, **CEP** opened a satellite office at the Safadi Foundation in Tripoli and in 2013 it inaugurated a branch at the Chamber of Commerce, Industry, and Agriculture in Zahle and the Bekaa region. In addition, **CEP** began offering programs in 2015 at the General Union of Chambers of Commerce Industry & Agriculture for Arab Countries and at the LAU Executive Center@Solidere.

For more information about CEP, visit www.lau.edu.lb/cep.



Outreach and Civic Engagement (OCE)

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The Outreach and Civic Engagement Office integrates civic engagement with the extracurricular activities of LAU students on both campuses, in Beirut and Byblos; encourages students to broaden their horizons both within and outside Lebanon; and provides students with leadership training, skills development and volunteering opportunities.

For the past **10** years, more than **1,000,000 hours** of teaching peace building and diplomacy were offered by **1,500 LAU student leaders** to a total of **16,000** middle school and high school students from around **174** schools in **OCE's** programs such LAU Model UN and LAU Model Arab League.

In 2015, the United Nations Foundation entrusted LAU with the ownership of the Global Classrooms International Model UN conferences in New York City beginning spring 2016.

For more information about OCE, visit
www.students.lau.edu.lb/student-engagement.



Alumni



Alumni Chapters:

- Abu Dhabi, UAE
- Aleppo, Syria
- Athens, Greece
- Bahrain
- Beirut, Lebanon
- Beirut College for Women
- Byblos, Lebanon
- Chicago, USA
- Damascus, Syria
- Detroit, USA
- Dubai & Northern Emirates, UAE
- Eastern Province, Saudi Arabia
- Ghana
- Houston, USA
- Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
- Jordan
- Kuwait
- London, UK
- Montreal, Canada
- New England, USA
- New York/New Jersey, USA
- Nigeria
- North Florida, USA
- North Lebanon, Lebanon
- Northern California, USA
- Oman
- Ottawa, Canada
- Paris, France
- Qatar
- Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- School of Engineering
- School of Pharmacy
- Seattle, USA
- South Florida, USA
- South Lebanon, Lebanon
- Southern California, USA
- Switzerland
- Toronto, Canada
- Washington, DC, USA

Through 39 alumni chapters worldwide, the university's 38,669 graduates reconnect with old classmates, meet new alumni, and participate in events such as reunions, homecomings, conferences, lectures, dinners, and gatherings that promote opportunities for career and social networking. Active members of the university's alumni association enjoy access to many LAU facilities and participate in alumni elections.



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