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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.



LAU Historical Timeline

2004

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



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.



1948–1949

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



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

1950

New 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.

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.

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 a nursing school.



2002

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



2009–2010

The School of Engineering's undergraduate programs and the School of Arts & Sciences' B.S. in Computer Science receive accreditation by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET (www.abet.org).

2010

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



2011

The Frem Civic Center is inaugurated on the Byblos campus.



2012

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



2013

LAU New York is inaugurated in midtown Manhattan.



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



The LAU Executive Center@Solidere opens in downtown Beirut.



2014

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



2016

The newly named Adnan Kassar School of Business receives accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).



A Look at LAU



LAU at a Glance:

- 181 years of history
- 78 nationalities represented in the student body
- 8,300+ students
- 2 campuses
- 1 headquarters and academic center in New York
- 1 executive center
- 7 schools
- 1 hospital
- 40,000+ alumni; 40 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 **16 centers and institutes** on 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 teaching, research, and student life. The Beirut campus is located in the heart of the city and sits on **6.8 acres (2.8 hectares)** which house **13 buildings** and plenty of greenery.

Overlooking the old city, the Byblos campus sits on **78.2 acres (31.6 hectares)** that house wide open spaces and **16 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 engineering and pharmacy courses, are offered exclusively in Byblos.

LAU New York

LAU New York was inaugurated 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 **2,400-square-meter** facility, located at 211 East 46th Street in **Manhattan**, is spread across three floors housing 10 classrooms, business and admissions offices, and a library. It is also home to University Advancement 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.

The center presents a unique opportunity for American students to gain insight into Lebanon and the Middle East under a familiar educational system. It also serves as a hub for LAU students to visit New York City and gain first-hand exposure to businesses, industries, executives and thought leaders.

Since 2014, the center has been offering courses in Arabic, 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.



Executive Center@Solidere

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Located in **Beirut Central District** since 2013, the **LAU Executive Center at Solidere** serves as a knowledge hub featuring fully equipped classrooms, offices, a conference room, studio and lounge. The facility provides an optimum space for the university's **E.M.B.A.** and **M.B.A. programs**, Continuing Education Program, conferences, seminars, and a range of professional LAU institutes.

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 expanding and providing academic opportunities beyond the traditional campus model. It is a unique resource that adds a special dimension to the quality education offered by LAU.



A Look at Academics



Accreditation and Affiliations

In addition to its NEASC accreditation, LAU has sought accreditation for its academic programs to ensure students receive the highest level of education possible.

- The **Doctor of Pharmacy** (Pharm.D.) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education ACPE.. It was first accredited in 2002 and remains the only ACPE-accredited program outside the United States.
- The **Bachelor of Engineering** programs in Civil, Computer, Electrical, Industrial, and Mechanical Engineering are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET (<http://www.abet.org>).
- The **Bachelor of Science in Computer Science** was the first computer science program in Lebanon to earn accreditation by the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET.
- The **Bachelor of Science in Nursing** is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education CCNE.
- The **Adnan Kassar School of Business'** programs—B.S. in Business Studies, B.S. in Economics, B.S. in Hospitality and Tourism Management, Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) and Executive Master of Business Administration (E.M.B.A.)—are accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business AACSB.
- The **Bachelor of Architecture** degree is officially recognized by the French Ministry of Culture & Communication, thus allowing our graduates to practice in France and the European Union. The National Architectural Accrediting Board NAAB, which accredits architecture programs in the United States, formally granted continuation of candidacy for the School of Architecture and Design's Bachelor of Architecture effective January 1, 2013.

Academic Programs



Academics at a Glance:

- 56 majors
- 25 minors
- 918 full-time faculty and staff
- 58 full-time physicians
- 16 centers and institutes
- 16:1 student-to-faculty ratio
- 770 honor society students

LAU's undergraduate and graduate degree programs fall under:

- School of Architecture and Design
- School of Arts and Sciences
- 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
- Office of Graduate Studies and Research



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* (136 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)

* Pending completion of formalities with the New York State Education Department





LAU
School of Arts and Sciences



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

Degrees Offered:

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in: Arabic Language & Literature, Education (95 credits), English, History, Multimedia Journalism, Performing Arts (93 credits), Philosophy*, Political Science, Political Science/International Affairs, Psychology, Social Work and Community Development*, Television & Film, Translation* (92 credits per program, except where indicated otherwise).

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 & Dietetics Coordinated Program* (121 credits).

Master of Arts (M.A.) in: Education (30 credits), International Affairs (30 credits), Migration 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), Intermediate & Secondary Education (21 credits per program).
Diploma in: Learning Disabilities & Giftedness (21 credits).

* Pending completion of formalities with the New York State Education Department





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Adnan Kassar
School of Business



As one of the oldest autonomous American business schools in the Middle East, the Adnan Kassab School of Business is committed to excellent teaching, scholarly work, and professional service. With a diverse and student-centered environment, the innovative and continuously improving school trains students for real-life challenges. Graduates emerge well-rounded, fluent in contemporary business issues, and equipped with the skills and experience 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 & 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 & Tourism Management (92 credits).

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

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

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

Master of Science (M.Sc.) in: Economics of the Middle East* (120 ECTS credits**).

Master of Laws (LL.M.)* (30 credits***).

* Pending completion of formalities with the New York State Education Department

** European Credit Transfer System

*** For students with Law background





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 & Environmental Engineering*, Computer Engineering*, Industrial Engineering & Engineering Management*.

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

* Pending completion of formalities with the New York State Education Department





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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 curriculum that provides students with a vibrant, intellectually stimulating setting. It fosters critical and analytical thinking through problem-based learning and small group teaching, promotes lifelong learning, and employs new pedagogical evaluation and assessment tools.

The school prepares students for the challenges of real-world situations through its many resources, including the school's cutting-edge Clinical Simulation Center and its clinical and basic sciences research lab.

Furthermore, students can gain training and earn scholarships through the school's local and international affiliations in research and clinical medicine.

Degree Offered:

Doctor of Medicine (M.D.)*

* Pending completion of formalities with the New York State Education Department





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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, over 95 percent of our graduates since 2013 were hired immediately upon graduation, going on to top hospitals and NGOs across Lebanon. Some have already enrolled in graduate studies in high-ranking universities in Lebanon and abroad.

Degree 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.

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 five years, demonstrate the school's high academic standards.

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.) (201 credits)



Graduate Studies & Research



The Graduate Studies and Research office was created to support and sustain interdisciplinary graduate education and research at LAU, in order to prepare innovative and inspired graduates. It aims to provide graduate students and faculty with the necessary resources and physical infrastructure to pursue a diverse range of research programs.

The GSR office's main objective is to create uniquely transforming graduate programs in focused areas that establish LAU as a regionally and internationally recognized institution for graduate education. Such programs provide support for graduate students, including assistantships, fellowships, tuition waivers and other benefits.

Degrees Offered:

Executive Master of Arts (M.A.) in: Actuarial Science* (36 credits)

Master of Arts (M.A.) in: Interdisciplinary Gender Studies* (30 credits)

* Pending completion of formalities with the New York State Education Department



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:

- 522,500 print volumes
- 337,615 electronic books
- 604 print/microform serial subscriptions
- 82,981 full-text electronic journals
- 160 online databases
- 12,783 total media materials

(Collections 2015–2016)

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 **522,550 books** in total. In addition, the libraries offer **161,753 e-books**, **83,585 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 on-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 203 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.



Students



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

A growing number of **international** applicants attests to LAU's rising reputation for academic excellence. In fall 2015, 19 percent of the student population hailed from outside Lebanon.

In the fall semester of the 2015–2016 academic year **8,348** students enrolled at LAU.

GENDER	NUMBER OF STUDENTS*		
	Beirut Campus	Byblos Campus	Total
Male	2,081	2,026	4,107
Female	2,463	1,778	4,241
Total	4,544	3,804	8,348

*Census date figures for fall 2015

SCHOOL	NUMBER OF STUDENTS*		
	Beirut	Byblos	Total
Architecture and Design	569	453	1,022
Arts and Sciences	1,677	747	2,424
Adnan Kassar School of Business	1,892	600	2,492
Engineering	190	1,271	1,461
Gilbert and Rose-Marie Chagoury School of Medicine	0	198	198
Alice Ramez Chagoury School of Nursing	20	77	97
Pharmacy	44	416	460
Graduate Studies & Research	5	0	5
No College Designated	147	42	189
Total	4,544	3,804	8,348

*Census date figures for fall 2015

Campus Life



- 306 extracurricular activities
- 39 community service events and activities
- 1 international community service trip
- 50 athletic activities
- 30 varsity teams
- 80+ international sports matches
- 7 international athletic trips
- 81 clubs
- 21 awareness campaigns
- 49 annual student theater productions
- 8 major theater and music productions
- 1 international university theater festival
- 2 internship fairs
- 1 career fair per campus

Through the university's vibrant student life, students develop leadership skills and community awareness while growing academically, intellectually, and socially. Student life includes various training opportunities, extra-curricular 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, interact with their community and develop entrepreneurial, 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.



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.
- Coverage ranges from 15% to 100% of tuition.
- 80 students benefit from merit scholarships (100% of tuition).
- Nearly 40% of students benefit from one or more forms of financial aid.
- Scholarships are offered to students with high Lebanese or French Baccalaureate averages (50%–100% of tuition).
- Scholarships are offered to students with high SAT scores (50% of tuition).
- 75 students benefit from athletic scholarships.
- 800 students receive entrance and honor scholarships (10%–50% of tuition).
- 250+ students receive full scholarships from USAID.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

In an effort to promote universal access to academic excellence, LAU provides various merit- and need-based financial assistance options. 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.

In the 2015–2016 academic year, LAU increased its financial aid budget by 10 percent, to **\$27,463,860**, helping **3,496** students. **Sixty-nine** students received merit scholarships while **53** received a Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) grant in fall 2015. Additionally, **228** incoming LAU students were awarded entrance scholarships in fall 2015.

Tuition

In 2016–2017 the average annual tuition is **\$16,220** for undergraduate programs and **\$13,742** for graduate programs. Annual tuition for doctoral/professional practice programs amounts to **\$30,430** for M.D. students and **\$23,800** for Pharm.D. students.

Budget

LAU's operating budget for 2015–16 was **\$167,951,851**, a 5 percent increase on the previous year's budget of \$160,221,916, reflecting the university's dynamic growth and expansion.

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



Faculty



LAU's strategic plan significantly raised the bar of faculty qualifications. Out of **308 full-time faculty members**, **76 percent** hold doctorates or the highest degree in their field. Approximately **45 percent** of those degrees are from the United States; **32 percent** from Europe; **13 percent** from Canada, Australia, Singapore and South Africa; and **10 percent** from Lebanon and other Arab countries.

The university's faculty is remarkably diverse: **49 percent** of instructors are Lebanese, **37 percent** are dual nationals, and **14 percent** are non-Lebanese. **Forty-two percent** of full-time faculty members are women.

The approximate student-faculty ratio on both campuses is **16:1** (full-time equivalents for fall 2015).

Staff

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With **610 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	46	123	122	291
Female	31	244	44	319
Total	77	367	166	610

Centers and Institutes

LAU is home to 16 centers and institutes that carry out conferences, workshops, seminars and training programs throughout the year. Through these entities, students have a unique opportunity to gain specialized knowledge and to collaborate and network with renowned researchers, faculty, and professionals from LAU and around the world.

LAU hosts 16 centers and institutes:

- Center for Lebanese Heritage
- CISCO Institute
- Institute for Banking and Finance
- Institute for Human Genetics
- Institute of Human Resources
- Institute for Migration Studies
- Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World
- Institute of Family and Entrepreneurial Business
- Institute of Hospitality and Tourism Management Studies
- Institute of Islamic Art and Architecture
- Institute for Social Justice and Conflict Resolution



- Software Institute
- Summer Institute for Intensive Arabic Language and Culture
- Teacher Training Institute
- University Assessment Resource Cluster
- Urban Planning Institute

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

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

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

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The Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World was established in **1973** building upon LAU's rich history as a school for women. It blends academia and activism, seeking to advance women's empowerment and gender equality through education, research, development programs and outreach at the national, regional, and international levels.

IWSAW oversees an **M.A. in Interdisciplinary Gender Studies**—the first of its kind in Lebanon—as well as a minor in gender studies and a certificate program for mid-career professionals offered with LAU's Continuing Education Program and the Human Rights Education Associates.

The bi-annual journal **Al-Raida** (The Pioneer) serves as a space for researchers, policy makers, practitioners, and students to address gender and women's issues in the Arab world. IWSAW also hosts visiting researchers and scholars who wish to pursue their own gender-focused research.

The institute collaborates with national and international organizations on development programs. Notably, its long-standing **Basic Living Skills Program** bolsters Arab women's capacities in all aspects of their lives.

IWSAW organizes conferences and routinely engages the LAU community through events such as “Food 4 Thought,” an informal monthly discussion on gender issues for LAU students in Beirut and Byblos.

For more information on IWSAW or to access its journal, visit iwsaw.lau.edu.lb.



Summer Institute for Intensive Arabic Language and Culture (SINARC)

SINARC provides a language and cultural immersion program that attracts students from around the globe. It is a top choice for 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 **20 hours** of intensive classroom instruction per week, including five hours of Lebanese dialect. Weekly lectures are given on Arab politics, history, society and culture. In addition, students partake in a series of excursions to historical, cultural and tourist sites throughout Lebanon.

SINARC offers summer, fall and spring courses at the Beirut campus as well as specialized one-on-one packages for the diplomatic corps. It also offers courses at LAU New York.

For more information, visit sinarc.lau.edu.lb.



University Enterprise Office (UEO)

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The University Enterprise Office plays advisory, entrepreneurial development and coordination roles on projects that link LAU with institutions in the **Middle East, North Africa** and **Europe**. In addition, it oversees the Middle East Partnership Initiative's **(MEPI)** Tomorrow's Leaders scholarship program.

The office provides guidance to universities, colleges, and corporations on a wide spectrum of institutional needs—strategic planning, board structuring, corporate governance, academic coverage, accreditation, program development, design and management, enrollment management, academic operations and facilities management, strategic implementation plans and performance-monitoring services.

UEO is expanding its engagements to encompass architecture, design, fine arts, fashion design, hospitality management, public health, nursing, social work, and many more disciplines in both academic and corporate realms. It will soon provide consultancies in health care project management, management and accreditation of nursing services, patient education, social marketing and health care communication.



Continuing Education Program (CEP)

Designed for the 21st-century workplace, Continuing Education Program 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 who seek professional advancement.

Its innovative programs enhance performance and encourage achievement by means of a vibrant learning environment that fosters both personal and professional growth.

In 2015–2016, the program received 933 students.

Certificate 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 2015 it began offering programs 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 cep.lau.edu.lb.



Outreach and Civic Engagement (OCE)

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OCE broadens students' horizons through a rich variety of leadership training, skills development and volunteering opportunities.

Through its LAU Model UN and LAU Model Arab League programs, **1,820 LAU student leaders** have taught peace building and diplomacy to **19,709** teenagers from **174** schools in Lebanon over the past 11 years.

LAU was entrusted with ownership of the 2016 **Global Classrooms** International Model UN conferences in New York City, which engaged 164 university students and 3,594 highschool and middle school students from 200 schools worldwide.

OCE's Sidon-based **Outreach & Leadership Academy** has benefitted more than 3,630 trainees, namely educational leaders, high school students, public and private employees, university students, women leaders, and underprivileged communities primarily from South Lebanon.

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
- USP
- Washington, DC, USA

Through **40** chapters worldwide, LAU's **40,149** 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 Alumni Association enjoy access to many LAU facilities and participate in alumni elections.



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