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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.



1948–1949

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



LAU Historical Timeline



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.



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).



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 on 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).



2004

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



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).

2017

A groundbreaking ceremony kicks off the construction of the Antoun Nabil Sehnaoui - SGBL Athletics Center.



The B.A. in Fashion Design in collaboration with ELIE SAAB celebrates its first graduating class with an acclaimed fashion show.



A Look at LAU



LAU at a Glance

- 182 years of history
- 77 nationalities represented in the student body
- 8,400+ students
- 2 campuses
- 1 headquarters and academic center in New York
- 1 executive center
- 7 schools
- 1 hospital
- 42 chapters; 43,000+ alumni

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 is comprised of **seven schools** along with **18 centers and institutes** between 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



LAU's campuses provide an attractive, safe and sustainable environment; its physical facilities include the following amenities and features:

- Academic spaces such as smart and lecture capture classrooms, laboratories, computer labs, workshops and research labs
- Academic support spaces housing institutes, centers, and seminar rooms
- State-of-the art library spaces
- Recreational and athletics spaces accommodating cafeterias, cyber cafes, student lounges, music rooms, recreational rooms, swimming pool, indoor and outdoor basketball and tennis Courts, gymnasiums, dancing rooms, multipurpose activities rooms, and fitness centers
- Common spaces such as video-conferencing rooms, multi-purpose rooms, exhibition halls, theaters, etc.
- Parking spaces for vehicles, disabled access and bike racks
- Students' housing spaces providing a safe student life environment
- Campus accessibility features such as dedicated ramps, pathways, and elevators

The Beirut campus is located in Quraytem, Ras Beirut, in the vicinity of Hamra. Its **27,500 square meters** land footprint encompasses **15 buildings** with a total built-up area of **76,370 square meters**. It is a vibrant and friendly place for an active learning environment.

The Byblos campus is situated in the hillside Blat district, overlooking the ancient city of Byblos and the Mediterranean Sea. The site has developed steadily since its inception in 1987 to a land lot area of **317,643 square meters** which includes **17 buildings** with a built-up area of **86,100 square meters**, hosting LAU's seven schools.

As they are situated approximately **43 kilometers** apart from each other, LAU provides its community with transportation services between both campuses. LAU's campuses 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 meters** 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 involving 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 class rooms, 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 out further accreditation and affiliation through industry-specific organizations 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 (www.acpe-accredit.org).
- The **Bachelor of Engineering** programs in Civil, Computer, Electrical, Industrial and Mechanical Engineering are accredited by Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) (www.abet.org).
- The **Bachelor of Science** degree program in Computer Science at LAU is accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET (www.abet.org).
- The **Bachelor of Science in Nursing** is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) (www.ccnecommunity.org).
- 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) (www.aacsb.edu).
- The **Bachelor of Architecture** degree is officially recognized by the French Government, which allows our graduates to practice in France and the European Union. The National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), which accredits all architecture programs in the United States, has recently approved the eligibility for candidacy of the Bachelor of Architecture (www.naab.org).

Academic Programs



Academics at a Glance

- 56 majors
- 28 minors
- 928 full-time faculty and staff
- 57 full-time clinical physicians
- 18 centers and institutes
- 14:1 student to faculty ratio

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

- 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





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.

Programs Offered:

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

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

M.A. in: Visual Narrative (30 credits)

* Pending completion of registration 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.

Programs Offered:

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

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in: Bioinformatics (104 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, International Affairs, Migration Studies, Interdisciplinary Gender Studies (30 credits per program)

Master of Science (M.S.) in: Applied and Computational Mathematics, Computer Science, Molecular Biology (30 credits per program)

Teaching Diploma (T.D.) in: Elementary Education, Intermediate and Secondary Education (many fields: 21 credits per program)

Diploma in: Learning Disabilities and Giftedness (21 credits)
Dietetic Internship

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

** This program does not prepare students for the practice of Social Work in New York State. If a graduate of this program seeks to enter a master's level social work program, all decisions regarding advanced standing are made at the discretion of the institution offering the MSW program.



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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.

Programs Offered:

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

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

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)

LL.M. in Business Law * (30 credits**)

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

** For students with a Law background





LAU

School of Engineering



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.

Programs Offered:

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

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

Pro-Green Diploma (a minimum of 18 credits offered in partnership with universities in Lebanon and Egypt)

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





LAU

**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-model 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.

Programs Offered:

Doctor of Medicine (M.D.)*

* Pending completion of registration 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 93.15 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.

Programs Offered:

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





LAU
School of Pharmacy



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 society.

Its graduates, who have maintained an average of 92 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 graduate studies or post-graduate training, or work in diverse fields such as community and hospital pharmacies, clinical settings, pharmaceutical sales and industry, and academia.

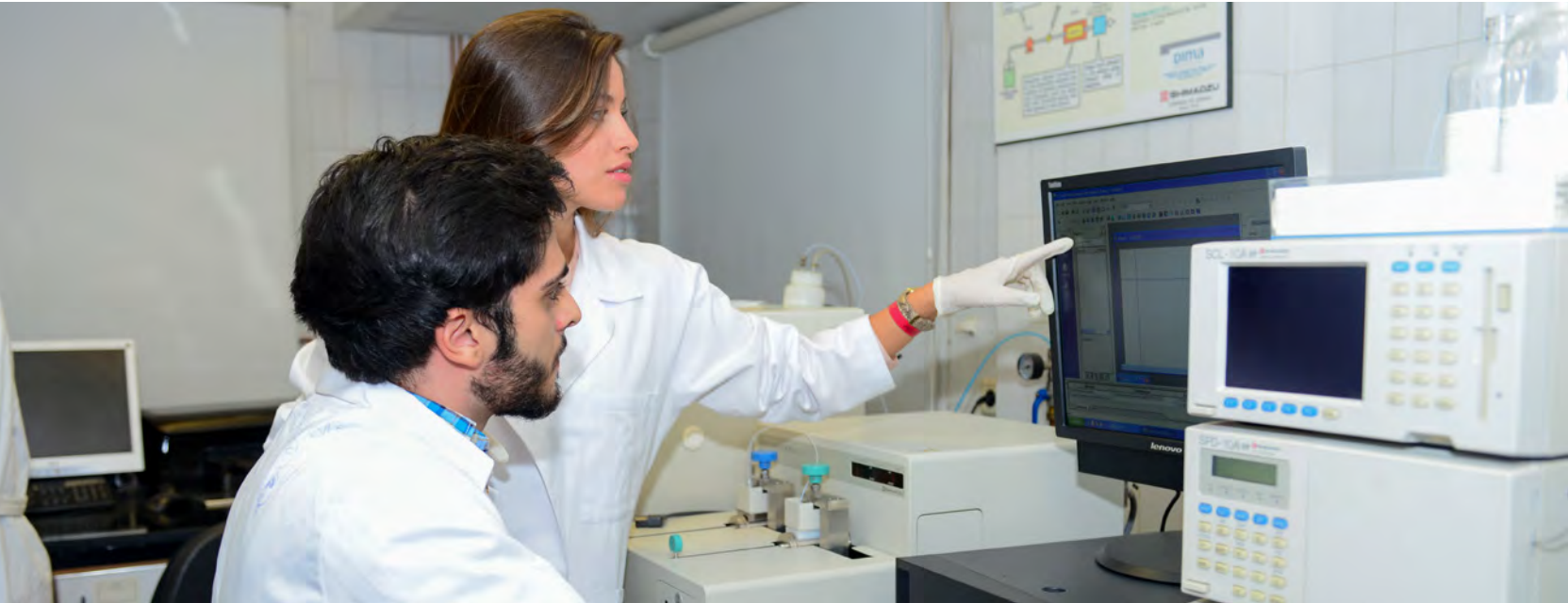
Programs Offered:

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.

Programs Offered:

Executive M.A. in Actuarial Science* (36 credits), offered jointly by the School of Arts and Sciences and the Adnan Kassar School of Business*

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



Libraries



Libraries at a Glance

- **548,816** print volumes
- **337,615** electronic books
- **647** print/microform serial subscriptions
- **112,561** full-text electronic journals
- **160** online databases
- **14,740** total media materials

(Collections 2016-2017)

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 **548,816 books** in total. In addition, the libraries offer **337,615 e-books, 113,208 print and e-journals, and 160 databases**, ensuring that students, faculty and staff have an ample 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 190 public computers**, in addition to a comprehensive audiovisual collection and practical teaching resources for education students.

The Riyad 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.





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.



Students



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.

International Students

The growing number of international applicants attests to LAU's rising reputation for academic excellence. In fall 2015, 18 percent of the student population hailed from outside Lebanon.

Enrollment

GENDER	NUMBER OF STUDENTS*		
	BEIRUT CAMPUS	BYBLOS CAMPUS	TOTAL
Male	2,047	2,149	4,196
Female	2,504	1,793	4,297
Total	4,551	3,942	8,493

*Census date figures for fall 2016

SCHOOL	NUMBER OF STUDENTS*		
	BEIRUT	BYBLOS	TOTAL
Architecture and Design	577	407	984
Arts and Sciences	1,704	825	2,529
Adnan Kassar School of Business	1,961	651	2,612
Engineering	131	1,348	1,479
Gilbert and Rose-Marie Chagoury School of Medicine	-	200	200
Alice Ramez Chagoury School of Nursing	12	77	89
Pharmacy	57	402	459
Graduate Studies & Research	8	-	8
No College Designated	101	32	133
Total	4,551	3,942	8,493

*Census date figures for fall 2016

Financial Aid and Cost

Financial Aid and Cost at a Glance

- **\$28 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 **48%** of students benefit from one or more forms of financial aid and scholarships
- 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)
- **100** students benefit from athletic scholarships
- **950** students receive entrance and honor scholarships (**10%–50%** of tuition)
- **300+** students receive full scholarships from USAID/MEPI

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 2016-2017 academic year, LAU increased its financial aid budget by 13 percent. Over **\$30,957,180** funded approximately **3,500** students. **77** students received merit scholarships while **67** received a Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) grant in fall 2016. Additionally, **250** incoming LAU students were awarded entrance scholarships in fall 2016.

Tuition

For the academic year 2017-2018, the average undergraduate tuition amount is **\$16,977** per year and the average graduate tuition is **\$14,306** per year. Annual tuition fees for doctoral/professional practice programs amount to **\$31,650** for students in the School of Medicine, and **\$24,635** for Pharm.D. students.

Budget

LAU's operating budget for 2016-2017 is **\$179,185,659**, a 7 percent increase on the previous year's budget of \$167,951,851, 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 Campus Life



Campus Life at a Glance

- **367** extracurricular activities
- **33** community service events and activities
- **1** international community service trip
- **50** athletic activities
- **33** varsity teams
- **80** international sports matches annually
- **7** international athletic trips each year
- **90** clubs
- **11** Awareness Campaigns
- **35** annual student productions
- **15** major theatre, music and dance productions each year
- **2** student film Screenings and **1** faculty film screenings
- **1** international university theater festival, **1** international Dance Festival, **1** international Media Literacy Convention
- **2** internship fairs
- **1** career fair per campus

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 to 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 **310 full-time faculty members**, **75** percent hold doctorates or the highest degree in their field. Approximately **48** percent of those degrees are from the United States; **31** percent from Europe; **12** percent from Canada, Australia, Singapore and South Africa; and **9** percent from Lebanon and other Middle East countries.

The university's faculty is remarkably diverse: **48** percent of instructors are Lebanese, **40** percent are dual-nationals, and **12** percent are non-Lebanese. **Forty-five** percent of full-time faculty members are women.

The approximate student-faculty ratio on both campuses is **14:1** (full-time equivalents for fall 2016).

Staff



With **618 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	128	118	292
Female	35	251	40	326
Total	81	379	158	618

Centers and Institutes

LAU is home to **18 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 18 centers and institutes:

- Center for Lebanese Heritage
- University Assessment Cluster
- 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
- Software Institute



- Summer Institute for Intensive Arabic Language and Culture
- Teacher Training Institute
- Urban Planning Institute
- Institute for Social Justice and Conflict Resolution
- Center for Lebanese Studies
- Center for Teaching and Learning

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 on the Beirut campus, along with specialized one-on-one packages for the diplomatic corps. 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 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 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.



University Enterprise Office (UEO)

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The University Enterprise Office (UEO) is the strategic consultancy, entrepreneurial development, and programs management arm of LAU, both locally and internationally. Through its current activities, projects, and programs, UEO is structurally aligned with Pillar III of the latest LAU Strategic Plan (SPIII).

In 2017, UEO launched LAU Consult as the consulting arm of the Lebanese American University. LAU Consult thrives on helping its clients in the MENA region gain a local and regional strategic competitive edge in their respective industries, geographic markets, and social environments.

Drawing on the wealth of academic and professional know-how of more than 700 LAU full-time faculty and staff, and that of a diverse pool of external experts, LAU Consult offers its services to institutions of higher education, K-12 schools, hospitals, academic medical centers, corporations, family businesses, non-governmental and/or international organizations, and governments.

Moreover, LAU Consult has mobilized partnerships from across a wide range of disciplines to develop a series of best practices and strategic interventions in the MENA region.

Lastly, UEO has structured and managed several key interventions to date. These include, but are not limited to: academic coverage and consulting services to the Scientific College of Design in the Sultanate of Oman, the structuring and planning of graduate programs in partnership with reputable academic institutions in the GCC, and the launch of a special education partnership with the Lebanese General Security Directorate (LGSD), wherein LAU provides LGSD's officers and members, and their spouses and children, with the opportunity to pursue higher education with a special discount off their graduate education fees at LAU.

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 2016–2017, the program welcomed 736 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, LAU Model Arab League programs and LAU Model European Union, 2,150 LAU student leaders have taught peace building and diplomacy to 26,100 teenagers from 174 schools in Lebanon over the past 12 years.

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