



Parents' Guide

Everything You Need to Know About LAU



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WELCOME TO LAU!

We are delighted that you are considering the Lebanese American University (LAU). We know that choosing a university is an important and challenging process for your family. With that in mind, we have created this guide to help you discover what LAU has to offer.

LAU is a leading private institution, and one of the oldest educational institutions in Lebanon. LAU operates under a charter from the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York and is accredited by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (CIHE-NEASC) which enhances the students' chances at obtaining scholarships, better jobs and acceptance in local and international graduate schools.



<h2>LAU AT A GLANCE</h2>	 80+ nationalities <small>among students</small>	 2 campuses
 1 hospital	 7 schools	 39 majors and 33 minors
\$30 million allocated for scholarships and financial aid opportunities in the upcoming academic year	Financial aid that benefits nearly 50% of students	Financial aid and scholarships that can cover up to 100% of tuition
 8,500 students	 2 information offices	 522,500 books across 3 libraries
 40,000 alumni worldwide	 300+ extracurricular activities, sports and clubs	 5 athletic courts
 80+ clubs	 4 residence halls	 4 career and internship fairs per year

WHY LAU?

- 39 majors and 33 minors** to meet your son's or daughter's most ambitious educational dreams.
- NEASC accreditation** as well as program-specific accreditation.
- Financial aid, scholarships, university employment,** and combination packages that substantially decrease your son's or daughter's tuition expenses.
- Hundreds of ways for your son or daughter to get involved on campus including **300+ activities, clubs, and sports.**
- Leadership and civic engagement activities** that support your son's or daughter's personal and professional growth.
- A range of **student services** to support your son's or daughter's academic success.
- Career services,** simulation programs, exchange and travel opportunities, club activities and hands-on education among a variety of other activities and programs will strongly prepare your son or daughter for the job market.
- Two campuses** with state-of-the-art technology.
- Well-equipped and **safe residential halls** where your son or daughter feels at home.
- A **40,000-strong, growing, global community** of LAU alumni.



SUPPORTING YOUR SON'S OR DAUGHTER'S ACADEMIC SUCCESS

LAU offers several services to help your son or daughter succeed both during university and after graduation. This includes everything from transitioning to university life and choosing a major to finding employment:

- ▲ **New student orientation** to acquaint students with the university, faculty, and peers
- ▲ **Academic advising** to assist students with creating an educational plan in line with their interests and abilities as well as providing support in overcoming academic challenges
- ▲ **Career guidance services** to help new students choose their major and, once enrolled, prepare them to achieve their career goals including identifying potential employers and preparing for job interviews
- ▲ **Student life** activities such as extracurriculars, clubs, athletic and sporting events, and academic groups, which encourage students' growth academically, intellectually, and socially

KEEPING YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER SAFE AND WELL

LAU aims to promote and protect the safety, health, and wellness of your son/daughter so s/he is well-positioned to achieve his or her educational and personal goals. This is carried out through:

- ▲ **A reliable bus shuttle** between the Beirut and Byblos campuses, as well as Byblos and Tripoli
- ▲ **Campus cafeterias** offering students healthy and reasonably priced meals including Lebanese food and international cuisine
- ▲ **Gym facilities and sports activities** to keep students fit
- ▲ **Confidential counseling** to help students resolve any existing problems and prevent future ones
- ▲ **Well-equipped residential halls** with 24-hour security and CCTV in public areas
- ▲ **Security personnel and a gated campus** to ensure students' safety at all times
- ▲ **SMS Emergency Alert System** to inform students of any campus emergency
- ▲ **A medical insurance program** that students can subscribe to so they can access the Lebanese American University Medical Center-Rizk Hospital for their health needs

TUITION FEES

Undergraduate tuition is charged at a fixed rate based on 12 credits. Credits above 12 are for free.

Students taking less than 12 credits or those enrolled in summer courses, pay on a per-credit basis.

N.B. The maximum number of credits allowed per semester is 18

For more information on tuition and fees, please visit our website lau.edu.lb/fees

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

We know that paying for your son's or daughter's education can be challenging. That is why we have set aside \$30 million for financial aid and scholarships in the upcoming academic year to help students fund their education if they demonstrate financial need and meet academic qualifications.

We encourage your son or daughter to apply for financial aid and scholarships as early as possible.

All aid and scholarships are renewable as long as certain grades and credit load conditions are met. For more information, please visit <https://admissions.lau.edu.lb/aid>

Below is a list of financial aid and scholarships that can be combined in order to cover a part of your son or daughter's tuition.

SCHOLARSHIPS

National Council for Scientific Research Scholarship > Covers **100% of tuition** and provides students with a **\$500 monthly stipend**
> Awarded to the top 5 Lebanese students in each section of the official Lebanese Baccalaureate exam

Merit Scholarship > Covers **100% of tuition**
> Awarded to students with **excellent grades** in school and in SAT exams

LAU scholarships > Covers between **10% to 50% of tuition**
> Available to students with **very high scores** on:
- The official **Baccalaureate exam**
- The **SAT exam**
- The school **grades**

TALENT AND COMPETITION SCHOLARSHIPS

Athletic Scholarship > Covers **15% of tuition**
> Awarded to students demonstrating **athletic talent**

LAU Award > Covers between **10% to 50% of tuition**
> Granted to students who have won an **LAU competition such as MUN, MAL, MEU, Engineering, Computer Science, Arts & Sciences Fair, etc.**

FINANCIAL AID

Work Aid > Enables students to work on campus and have it count towards their tuition

LAU Grants > Funding which students are not required to pay back

Special Donors' Grants > Awarded by external donors
> Available to students who fulfill eligibility criteria and specifically apply for them

Bank Loans > Loans that can be borrowed from the bank and repaid over 10 years
> LAU will pay the life insurance and interest fees as long as the student is eligible

U.S. Federal Loans > Available to students who are U.S. citizens or green card holders

Students can also **earn extra pocket money** while gaining work experience by applying for **Student Employment** after their first semester.

LEARNING AT LAU

Your son or daughter will learn from faculty and instructors who are distinguished in their fields both academically and professionally. In addition, LAU offers high standards of academic quality that have been recognized and accredited by NEASC—which means that your son or daughter will have better access to scholarship opportunities, improved employability, and greater ease in transferring credits to other institutions.

LAU has programs to fit most students' interests among its seven schools.

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

كلية العمارة والتصميم

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

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

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in:

- Fashion Design* (In collaboration with ELIE SAAB and London College of Fashion) (130 credits)
- Fine Arts (92 credits)

Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) in:

- Graphic Design* (110 credits)
- Interior Architecture (120 credits)

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Master of Arts in Visual Narrative (M.A.; 30 credits)

Mutaz and Rada Sawwaf Master of Arts in Islamic Art and Architecture (M.A.; 30 credits)

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

كلية الآداب والعلوم

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in:

- Arabic Language and Literature (92 credits)
- Communication (92 credits)
- Early Childhood Education (95 credits)
- Elementary Education (95 credits)
- English (92 credits)
- History (92 credits)
- Multimedia Journalism (92 credits)
- Performing Arts (93 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) with emphasis in:
 - > Business
 - > French

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* (CP) (121 credits)

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Master of Arts (M.A.; 30 credits) in:

- Education
- Interdisciplinary Gender Studies
- International Affairs
- Migration Studies

Master of Science (M.S.; 30 credits) in:

- Applied and Computational Mathematics
- Computer Science
- Molecular Biology

GRADUATE STUDIES & RESEARCH

مكتب الدراسات العليا و الأبحاث

Executive Master of Arts in Actuarial Science (E.M.A.; 36 credits)

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*Pending completion of registration formalities with the New York State Education Department (NYSED).

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

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

- Business Studies with emphasis in:
 - > Accounting
 - > Banking and Finance
 - > Family and Entrepreneurial Business Management
 - > Information Technology Management
 - > International Business
 - > Management
 - > Marketing
- Economics
- Hospitality and Tourism Management

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

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

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

Master of Laws* (L.L.M. in Business Law; 30 credits)

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

Master of Arts in Legal Studies* (M.L.S.; 30 credits)

Master of Science in Human Resources Management* (M.S.H.R.M.; 30 credits)

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

كلية الهندسة

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Bachelor of Engineering (B.E.; 150 credits) in:

- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Industrial Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Mechatronics Engineering*
- Petroleum Engineering*

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Master of Science (M.S.; 30 credits) in:

- Civil and Environmental Engineering* with emphasis in:
 - > Engineering Mechanics
 - > Environmental Science, Engineering and Management
 - > Infrastructure and Construction Management
- Computer Engineering* with emphasis in:
 - > Computer and Communication Engineering
 - > Computer Engineering
- Industrial Engineering and Engineering Management

GILBERT AND ROSE-MARIE CHAGOURY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE كلية جيلبار وروزماري شاغوري للطب

Doctor of Medicine* (M.D.)

ALICE RAMEZ CHAGOURY SCHOOL OF NURSING

كلية أليس رامز شاغوري للتمريض

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

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

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

كلية الصيدلة

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

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

GRADUATE PROGRAM

Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Development and Management (M.S.; 36 credits)

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY

Pharm.D. (201 credits including the B.S. in Pharmacy)

DIPLOMAS

Dietetic Internship (12 credits)

Diploma in Learning Disabilities and Giftedness (21 credits)

Professional Green Diploma (ProGreen; 18 credits)

Teaching Diploma (T.D.; 21 credits)

View the updated list of programs on lau.edu.lb/academics/programs