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UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCES AND ARTS IN LEBANON

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I. University Overview



Official University Name: University of Sciences and Arts in Lebanon –USAL

Year of Establishment: 2009 (licensed) – Academic operations began in 2013.

Type of Institution: Private, independent higher education institution

Campus Location(s): Beirut – Ghobeiry (Old Airport Road), Lebanon

Legal Status / Recognition: Licensed by the Lebanese Ministry of Education and Higher Education under Decree No. 1738 (2009), with recognized academic degrees validated by the Ministry in 2015.

President / Rector / Chancellor: Dr. Nasri Harb (President)

Official Language(s): Arabic, English, and French (depending on programs and academic context).

II. Institutional Profile



University Profile:

The University of Sciences and Arts in Lebanon (USAL) is committed to academic excellence, innovation, scientific research, and community service, providing a supportive environment that prepares students for future challenges.

Vision:

To be the student's preferred choice for excellence in higher education, quality, innovation, and scientific research.

Mission:

To provide quality education, promote scientific research, and prepare responsible, innovative graduates who contribute to sustainable community development.

Core Values:

Excellence - Innovation - Social Responsibility - Dialogue - Citizenship & Acceptance of Diversity - Effective Communication

III. Academic Structure

Faculty of Education



Faculty of Arts & Sciences

Faculty of Management,
Finance and Economics



Undergraduate Programs



Faculty of Arts & Sciences
Computer Science Department:
Data Science
Computing
Computer & Network Security



Faculty of Arts & Sciences
Media and Communication Department;
Public Relations
Digital Media
Radio & T.V



Faculty of Arts & Sciences

Health Sciences Department:

Nursing Sciences



Faculty of Management, Finance and Economics

Business Administration

Marketing / Digital Marketing

Management Information Systems

Human Resources Management

Accounting & Finance

Hospitality Management



Faculty of Education

Special Education

Physical Education

STEM Education

Early Childhood Education

English Language & Childrens Literature

Arabic Language & Childrens Literature

Diploma / Certificates

- Teaching Diploma (Educational Qualification Diploma).
 - Professional and Continuing Education Programs.
 - Short specialized training certificates.
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Language of Instruction

The university adopts a multilingual academic approach that aligns with the nature of its programs and the diversity of its disciplines, in order to ensure the quality of education and facilitate academic interaction.

These Languages are: **Arabic & English.**



Academic Calendar



IV. Academic System

Credit System (semester/trimester)

The University of Sciences and Arts in Lebanon adopts the Credit Hour System within a semester-based academic framework, where courses are distributed over two main semesters: Fall and Spring, with an optional summer semester offered when needed and according to available programs.

Student progress within the academic program is calculated based on the number of completed credit hours, in accordance with the approved study plan for each major. This ensures a structured academic progression that aligns with graduation requirements and quality education standards.

General Distribution

- University requirements (general education courses).
- Faculty requirements (core disciplinary courses).
- Major requirements (specialized courses).
- Elective courses.

Grading Scale

The University of Sciences and Arts in Lebanon -USAL evaluates student performance using a **4.0 GPA scale**, where grades are converted into grade points to determine the cumulative GPA.

GPA Distribution

4.00 – 3.70	Excellent (A)
3.69 – 3.30	Very Good (B+)
3.29 – 3.00	Good (B)
2.99 – 2.50	Satisfactory (C+)
2.49 – 2.00	Pass (C)
Below 2.00	Fail (F)

Student Body

1650



Total number of students & Undergrautes

Admission Requirements

To be admitted to the Bachelor's degree programs across the various faculties and institutes of the university, applicants must meet the following requirements:

Hold the Lebanese Baccaulaeate or an equivalent qualification.

Pass placement tests in Arabic and either English or French, as well as in additional subjects specified by the faculties according to their admission requirements.

Complete remedial courses if they do not pass the required placement test.

Meet the admission criteria set by the respective faculties for enrollment in their programs.

Enroll in supplementary courses required by the Ministry in case they hold a Technical Baccaulaeate.

Register in the specific specializations designated by the Ministry for holders of a Technical Baccaulaeate.

Internship / Practical Training



USAL emphasizes internship and practical training as an essential part of its academic programs, integrating theoretical learning with real-world experience. Students are placed in relevant partner institutions across education, media, business, and healthcare sectors to develop their professional skills and gain practical exposure. Faculty members closely supervise and assess students to ensure the achievement of learning outcomes and enhance their readiness for the job market.

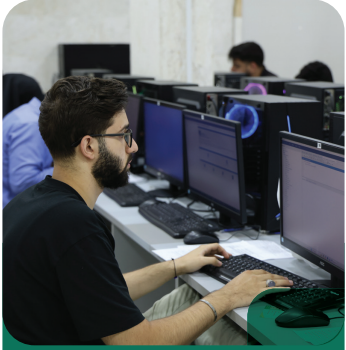
Graduation Project Requirements

At USAL, the graduation project is a key requirement that integrates theoretical learning with practical or research work. Students complete a supervised project evaluated by an academic committee based on quality, methodology, and presentation, reflecting their skills and readiness for the job market.

V. Campus Facilities



Cafeteria



Computer Labs



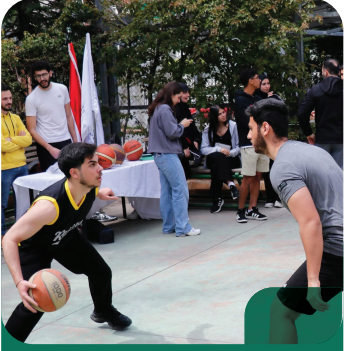
USAL Library



Laboratories



Auditorium



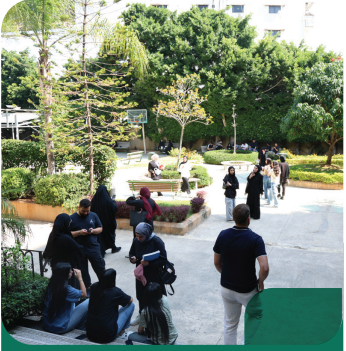
Student Clubs



Smart Classrooms



USAL Media Studio



USAL Campus Feild



VI. Research and Community Engagement

Research Centers

The university has supported scientific research by allocating dedicated budgets, organizing research days, and encouraging publication in peer-reviewed journals, while linking research activities to the needs of society. In the next phase, it will strengthen its research partnerships at both national and international levels, promote applied and action-oriented research, and seek to increase external funding while supporting researchers and students.

- 01 Faculty Research
- 02 Conferences
- 03 Publications

- 04 Civic Engagement Projects
- 05 Volunteer Programs

NGO Partnership

The university implements civic engagement projects in collaboration with civil society organizations, aiming to enhance students' skills and provide opportunities for applied learning and field experience, in addition to offering academic support aligned with the needs of these projects and contributing to their community impact. The university also participates in exhibitions and events organized by these organizations, and involves its students in competitions and projects launched by civil society associations in partnership with the university, thereby strengthening their engagement in community initiatives and developing their practical skills.

School Outreach

The university carries out school outreach activities in various fields, including cybersecurity and psychological support during crises, in addition to implementing diverse awareness campaigns, including drug prevention awareness. These initiatives reflect the university's role in serving the community and promoting awareness among young people.

VII. Internationalism

International Partnerships, Bilateral Agreements, and Erasmus+ Cooperation

The University has established a strong and expanding network of international partnerships and bilateral agreements that support academic cooperation, research collaboration, mobility programs, and intercultural learning. Erasmus+ inter-institutional agreements with international partner universities further strengthen the University's internationalization efforts and pave the way for future mobility and academic exchange opportunities. Key partner institutions include:

These collaborations provide a foundation for joint academic initiatives, student and staff exchanges, research cooperation, and the sharing of expertise across diverse disciplines.



- Armenian State University of Economics (Armenia)
- Catholic University of Paris (France)
- University of Murcia (Spain)
- Üsküdar University (Türkiye)
- Ostim Technical University (Türkiye)
- Istanbul Medipol University (Türkiye)
- Social Sciences University of Ankara (Türkiye)
- İbn Haldun University (Türkiye)
- Istanbul Gedik University (Türkiye)
- IGENSIA Groupe – ICD Business School (France)
- Euro-Mediterranean University (Slovenia)

Student and Staff Exchange Opportunities

The University promotes international mobility by offering students, faculty members, and administrative staff opportunities to participate in exchange programs, study visits, internships, training activities, and short-term academic experiences abroad. These initiatives enhance global competencies, intercultural understanding, and professional development.



Visiting Professors and International Experts

Through its international partnerships, the University welcomes visiting professors, researchers, and industry experts from around the world. These engagements enrich the academic environment through guest lectures, workshops, collaborative research projects, curriculum development, and mentorship opportunities.

International Conferences and Academic Networking

The University actively participates in and hosts national and international conferences, seminars, workshops, and scholarly events. These activities facilitate knowledge exchange, showcase research achievements, strengthen international academic networks, and contribute to addressing regional and global challenges through interdisciplinary collaboration.

Strategic Internationalization Goals

Expanding Mobility Programs

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Building Sustainable Global Partnerships

Develop long-term strategic relationships with leading universities, research institutions, international organizations, and industry partners to support academic excellence, innovation, and mutual growth.

Strengthening International Visibility and Impact

Enhance the University's global reputation through increased participation in international projects, research collaborations, academic publications, conferences, and global higher education networks, positioning the University as a recognized regional and international academic partner.



VII. Recommendation

● **Student Housing & Accommodation**

A variety of student housing options are available in areas close to the university. The Student Affairs Office provides guidance and support to students in finding suitable accommodation and coordinates with relevant parties to facilitate housing arrangements.

● **Campus Facilities, Laboratories and Learning Resources**

The university provides a variety of facilities and resources that meet students' academic, research, and recreational needs, enhancing their learning experience and campus life.

● **Student Employability, Career Services, Internship Opportunities, and Community Engagement Initiatives.**

Through its Career Development and Training Office, the university offers a wide range of internship opportunities for students, as well as employment opportunities in collaboration with local and international companies and institutions. The office also organizes training workshops and professional development programs that enhance students' skills and prepare them for successful entry into the job market.

● **Distance and travel time from the nearest international airport**

The university is located less than 5 minutes from Rafic Hariri International Airport, with easy access and convenient transportation options to and from the campus.

● **Food Services on Campus and Nearby Cafés**

The university offers both indoor and outdoor cafeterias serving a variety of meals inspired by different cuisines, along with a wide selection of hot and cold beverages. In addition, the campus is surrounded by numerous cafés and restaurants catering to diverse tastes and budgets, providing students—especially international students—with a vibrant and enjoyable dining and social experience.

● **Interesting places and attractions around the university (historical sites, cultural landmarks, shopping areas, recreational spaces, tourist destinations, etc.).**

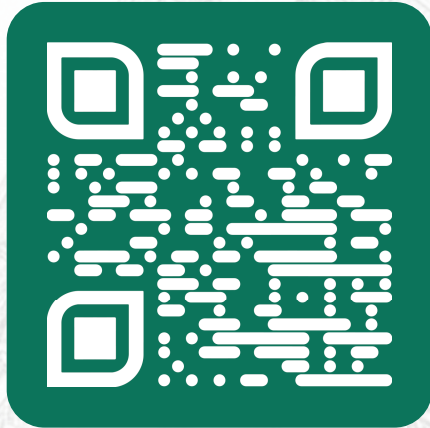
The university enjoys a strategic location close to Beirut and is easily accessible from various Lebanese regions, allowing students to explore the country's rich historical, cultural, and archaeological landmarks. It is also situated near major shopping centers offering a wide range of services and amenities, as well as numerous cafés, restaurants, and recreational spaces, providing students with a well-rounded university experience that combines academic life with social and cultural engagement.

● **Transportation options and accessibility to and from the campus**

The university enjoys a highly accessible location near major transportation routes. Shared and public transportation options are available in the surrounding areas, enabling students to travel easily to and from the campus.



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