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LEBANESE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Exchange Student Guide



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LIU's Historical Background

The Lebanese International University (LIU) was first founded as the Bekaa University under Presidential Decree No. 5294 in April 2001, with its first two campuses in Al-Khyara, in the western Bekaa valley and the capital Beirut. The name was later changed to the Lebanese International University (LIU), for the founders had a vision of making the university a true national university with a presence in all six administrative district which so comprise Lebanon. As career-oriented institution with the mission of creating access to higher education for first generation students who otherwise would not have the opportunity to join the professional workforce. With a commitment to democratize higher education and empowerment, the university since 2003 and until 2013 established seven additional campuses in: Saida, Nabatieh, Tripoli, Mount Lebanon, Tyre, Rayak, and Halba-Akkar.

As it has since its beginning LIU is also elevating the university's regional and international prominence as extensive development and significant academic achievements took place under the leadership of Mr. Abdul Rahim Mourad, founder President since 2001 to present. Undergirded by its own institutional mission of taking the university to where the needs are. As a mark of this success, LIU went beyond Lebanon and since 2006 has further established four campuses in Yemen; one in Mauritania and Senegal.

Today, the academic staff counts more than 900 professors and researchers. 30,000 students, from both Lebanon and overseas, studies at the Lebanese International University. The Lebanese International University participates in more than 50 international agreements with universities all over the world, and especially it collaborates in research projects with the most advanced international laboratories and organizes Masters and PhD research programs.



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The University is an active promoter of research in collaboration with the world's most prestigious academic institutions; it has created a new Quality Assurance Institutional Effectiveness & Accreditation (QAIEA) based in Beirut Campus that carry out ongoing and interdisciplinary basic and applied research. LIU established in 2014 the Lebanese International University Regional Education Center (LIUREC <https://sites.google.com/site/liurec/home>) that aims at continuous development workshops for instructors at the university. LIU actively sponsors student exchanges and placement stages nationally and internationally, and supports and supported dual degree programmes with Worms in Germany student and faculty exchanges with EU, Research Training Network/ With MENA REGION LIU cooperates from a long- time in TEMPUS, ERASMUS MUNDUS, and EUROPEAID PROGRAMME. Currently, LIU is working with European Union UNIMED, British council, UNRWA incapacity building for Syrian and Palestinian students who migrated from Syria with special accommodate curricula.

In continuity with its tradition and history the university will continue to be a pioneering institution notable for its innovative and creative response to the changes in educational needs be it in Lebanon, in Saudi Arabia and other countries in the Arab World, Africa and beyond.



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General Information

Name of Institution	Lebanese International University
Students Exchange Unit	Office of International Relations
E-mail Address	Oirdirector@liu.edu.lb
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LIU Campus

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Halba – Akkar Campus	Address: Halba, Akkar - Route Tal Abbas Telephone: +961-6-695488 Fax: +961-6-695584
Mount Lebanon Campus	Address: Saloumi Street Telephone: +961-01-490543
Nabatieh Campus	Address: Facing Lebanese University Telephone: +961-7-767603,4 Fax: +961-7-767601
Rayak Campus	Address: Rayak Telephone: +961-8-901666 or +961-76-889924
Saida Campus	Address: Behind Saray Telephone: +961-7-750550 or +961-7-751550 Fax: +961-7-752550
Tripoli Campus	Address: Dahr el Ain Road, Al Haykalieh Telephone: +961-6-416333 Fax: +961-6-417333
Tyre Campus	Address: Abbasiyeh Diversion - Behind Mojamma' Al Kaa'm Telephone: +961-7-351410
General Website	http://www.liu.edu.lb/International/whereAreWe.php



Admissions Calendar

Nomination Period (by universities)	1 st Semester (Fall): April 2nd Semester (Spring): November
Application Deadlines (by students)	1 st Semester (Fall): April 2nd Semester (Spring): November

Academic Calendar

General Academic Calendar <i>The definitive start date will be informed to each student once admitted.</i>	1 st Semester (Fall)	From 04th October 2021 to 13th January 2022 (Final Exams: 17th January 2022 to 29th January 2022)
	2 nd Semester (Spring)	From 14th February 2022 to 1st June 2022 (Final Exams: 6th June 2022 to 16th June 2022)
	3 rd Semester (Summer)	From 27 th June 2022 to 7 th September 2022 (Final Exams: 12 th September 2022 to 16 th September 2022)
Holidays	Prophet's Holiday	October 19
	Independence Day	November 22
	Christmas and New Year Vacation	From December 24 th to January 1 st
	Armenian Christmas	January 06
	St. Maron's Holiday	February 09
	Annunciation Holiday	March 25
	Easter Holiday	From April 15 th to April 18 th
	Easter Holiday	From April 22 nd to April 25 th
	Labor Day	May 01
	Eid Al-Fitr Holiday	From May 02 nd to May 4 th
	Liberation Day	May 25
	Eid Al Adha	July 10 and 11
	Hijra New Year	July 30
	Ashoura Holiday	August 08
Assumption Day	August 15	

Application

If you are aspiring to apply to a student exchange period at LIU, you should firstly contact your university's office of international relations. To be considered as potential exchange student, there should be an established student exchange agreement between your university and LIU. Your university selects the candidates for this program. When and if selected, you can then apply as an exchange student at LIU.

Website for Application & Exchange Information	www.liu.edu.lb
Language Requirements	The Lebanese International University (LIU) takes on TOEFL Scale as a benchmark to place applicants in various English levels.
Academic Requirements	Students will have to choose, at least, 50% of the credits from the field of study under which they have been nominated and, therefore, agreed upon in the bilateral agreement.
COVID19 Restrictions	A COVID19 Passport is recommended, as it should be presented when entering some shops in Lebanon.
Registration Procedure	Once the student has been selected to do a mobility period at LIU, exchange students must complete an online application and attach the required documents. At their arrival, the students must contact the academic advisors to the school they belong to and enroll the subjects of their learning agreement at the secretariat of their Faculty/Technical School. https://apply.liu.edu.lb/
Mandatory Admission Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-line Application • Learning Agreement / Training Agreement • Academic Transcript of Records or Invitation Letter for internship trainees and PhD students • Passport size photo of yourself (max. 500-pixel x 500-pixel) • A certificate of competence in English • Identity card/Passport • European Health Insurance Card / International Health Insurance

Studies

The university comprises 5 schools; Arts and sciences, Business, Engineering, Education and Pharmacy, which covers all 41 majors at undergraduate and 17 Majors at Graduate - a total of 58 majors offering study programmes at all levels, from Bachelor's degrees to Masters to Pharm D.

Website Link	www.liu.edu.lb/acadmeic/school&degree.php
Credit Load	12 to 15 credits per semester (with a GPA above 2.0)
Student Classification	Sophomores (0 – 33 credits) Juniors (34 – 66 credits) Seniors (Above 67 credits)
Study Guidance and Academic Advising	<p>Upon acceptance every student at LIU is assigned an advisor for the duration of freshman and sophomore years. This advisor should be a full-time faculty member appointed by the Dean/Chair according to student's program. The period of the academic orientation is fixed during each semester. This period is during the two weeks prior to pre-registration as spelled out in the academic calendar. However, Junior and Senior students are always encouraged to visit the school for any advising at any time.</p> <p>The Academic Advisor shall: 1. Assist students noticing the basis of admissions, as stipulated in their Letters of Acceptances. 2. Be available throughout the academic year during office hours, and when necessary, by appointment. 3. Support students to effectively fulfill all the requirements of their degree program. 4. Familiarize students with the University academic rules, regulations, and policies. 5. Explain to student</p>



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<p>Attendance</p>	<p>Students are held responsible for all material presented in the classroom even during their absence. Make-up work and exams, if any, will be according to the rules spelled out in the course syllabus. In any regular semester or summer term, students may miss no more than the equivalent of five weeks (15 class hours) of instructions in any registered course and still receive credit for that course. However, instructors have the right to impose specific attendance regulations in their courses provided that the above stated limit of absences is not exceeded for any reason and the minimum number of absences allowed is no fewer than the equivalent of two weeks (6 class hours) of classroom instruction. Such specific attendance regulation should be clearly stated in the syllabus. Students who exceed the maximum allowed absences stated on the syllabus in any registered course before the withdrawal deadline will receive a grade of "AW" in that course. Instructors are required to inform their Departments/Divisions and the Student Affairs Office of any prolonged unexplained absences. The number of absences in summer modules is prorated. Any Student intentionally absenting himself/herself after the withdrawal deadline to exceed the allowed absence limit will receive a grade "F" in the course at the end of the semester.</p>																																																																																																												



Campus Life & Student Experience

LIU promotes a number of elements concerning campus life and its students. The extracurricular activities of its students are enhanced by any student applying for clubs or athletics or suggesting any kind of club or sport that can be accomplished to meet the student's and university's needs. Some activities or events are organized by the university and advertised for the students. The campus life at LIU is truly a safe and friendly community. Each block or building at the university has a security guard to ensure the protection of the students, faculty, and staff. LIU's safe and beautiful campuses provide attractive environments for learning. You will find yourself immersed in more than just your classes. By joining clubs and student organizations, attending plays and concerts, doing community service, and just hanging out with friends, your LIU experience will expand to every aspect of your life for your university years. You can also request a campus tour to get to know your university better and get extensive help in learning more about academic matters and procedures.

<http://www.liu.edu.lb/campuslife/overview.php>

Legal Paperwork

Residence Permit	
Visa	http://liu.edu.lb/soed/Accomodation/Visas.php
Insurance	Students are requested to have a private, comprehensive insurance (Travel and Health) that covers the duration of their visa / residence permit. They have to bring the valid insurance policy to Lebanon.



Accommodation

Where to Stay	https://erasmusu.com/en/erasmus-beirut/student-housing Contact Person: wael.ayoubsalloum@liu.edu.lb
Where to Eat	Students can rely on the "Zomato" App, which provides them with a list of all the nearby restaurants, reviews, delivery options, and more,

Emergency Hotlines

Name	Hotline / Number
Police	112
Red Cross	140
Civil Defense	125
Airport Information Desk	150 // +961 (0) 1 628000

Embassy

<https://www.embassypages.com/lebanon>