

LEBANESE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

ENGLISH ENTRANCE EXAM

2026–2027 CYCLE

Thank you for choosing the English Entrance Exam (EEE) at the Lebanese American University. This is a standardized test that will assess your proficiency in the English language in three areas: Reading, Textual Analysis and Writing.

This booklet contains important information that will help you prepare for the test. Please read it carefully.

The Website for the EEE can be accessed on this link: <https://www.lau.edu.lb/apply/exams/>

We wish you all the best with your application to university.

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Preparation resources

On the EEE webpage, go to Schedule and Preparation, then Test Description, to access the Preparation Guide and sample questions.

LAU does not currently offer preparatory English courses, training sessions, or additional EEE practice materials beyond the guide and sample available on the webpage.

Before exam day

Bring your registration and payment confirmation email and an original, valid physical photo ID: Lebanese identity card, Personal Civil Status Record, or passport. Photocopies, photographs, and digital IDs are not accepted as substitutes. Know your LAU username and password.

If your ID photo is more than 10 years old, bring your original ID and an original Personal Civil Status Record bearing a clear photo that reflects your current appearance.

For special seating due to a health condition, notify testing.services@lau.edu.lb and submit supporting medical documentation at least five days before your examination.

Location

The EEE is administered electronically in LAU computer laboratories on the Beirut and Byblos campuses. Its three computer-based sections assess English language proficiency. Remote testing is not available.

On the Beirut Campus, testing takes place in assigned computer laboratories. Refer to your confirmation email for the building and room. Appendix A provides a campus map. On the Byblos Campus, testing takes place in assigned computer laboratories. Refer to your confirmation email for the building and room. Appendix B provides a campus map.

Schedule

For academic year 2026–2027, consult the EEE webpage for announced examination dates and registration deadlines: <https://www.lau.edu.lb/apply/exams/>

Setup of EEE

The EEE is taken on computers. Pens, pencils, and scratch paper will be provided. Leave all provided materials on your desk before leaving; scratch notes must remain in the testing room.

Do not bring books or stationery. Switch off electronic devices and store them with your belongings in the designated area. Do not keep them on your person or use them during the examination. These include:

- Smartphones
- Smartwatches
- Bluetooth-enabled earphones
- Any other device that is considered “Smart” and can be connected to the internet or make calls.

Follow the proctor’s instructions for storing coats, jackets, handbags, backpacks, and electronic devices. Food, chewing gum, and smoking are prohibited. Do not bring:

- Food
- Drinks other than water

Only water in a clear bottle is permitted.

Testing lasts 1 hour and 45 minutes, plus approximately 20 minutes for administration. Arrive at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start. Late arrivals will not be admitted. Do not leave during the first hour without the proctor’s approval. If you feel unwell or need to leave, notify the proctor and obtain permission.

Structure of the EEE

The EEE at the Lebanese American University consists of **3 sections**:

- Section A is a Reading Test. It includes one passage followed by 10 multiple-choice questions. Complete this section in 25 minutes.
- Section B is a Textual Analysis Test. It includes two passages followed by 20 multiple-choice questions. Complete this section in 40 minutes.
- Section C is a Writing Test. It includes one essay prompt on a general topic in business, history, literature, science, or the social sciences.

Write at least 250 words. There is no required essay format; organize your response in a way that effectively addresses the topic. Support your ideas with relevant examples. You have 40 minutes in total, including about five minutes for planning. Review the English Essay Rubrics in this guide.

User Interface

Your progress is saved automatically. Each timed section saves and submits when its allotted time expires. You may review saved answers while time remains in the current section, before final submission. Once submitted, you cannot return to that section.

In Section C, type your essay into the response box on Blackboard, as illustrated below.

The screenshot shows the Blackboard user interface for the EEE writing section. A red rectangular box highlights the top header area, which contains a progress bar and the text "Remaining Time: 37 minutes, 07 seconds." and "Question Completion Status:". Below this, a blue rectangular box highlights a small toolbar with icons for text formatting (bold, italic, underline, strikethrough, link, unlink, list, indent, outdent, decrease indent, increase indent, undo, redo) and a "Save" button. The main area is a large text input box with a "Path: p" label and a "Words:0" counter. At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Save All Answers" and "Save and Submit". A note at the bottom left reads: "Click Save and Submit to save and submit. Click Save All Answers to save all answers."

The blue outline highlights the writing-box controls, including the option to expand the editor. The red outline highlights the remaining-time display. This screenshot illustrates the interface; follow your session's on-screen instructions. Raise your hand if you experience a technical problem.

Rubrics of Each Section

Description	Section A – Reading Test 25 minutes – 10 questions
Instructions	The passage is followed by a number of questions. After reading each passage, choose the best answer to each question based on what is stated or implied in the passage.
Timed Test	This test has a time limit of 25 minutes. This test will save and submit automatically when the time expires. The time remaining to complete this test appears at the top of the screen.
Multiple Attempts	Not allowed. This test can only be taken once. Once you click Save and Submit and then OK you cannot return to the test. To review the test click Save Answers and then Cancel
Force Completion	This test can be saved and resumed at any point until the allotted time has expired. The timer will continue to run if you leave the test. Your answers are saved automatically.

Description	Section B – Textual Analysis 40 minutes – 20 questions
Instructions	Each passage is accompanied by a number of questions. For some questions, you will consider how the passage might be revised to improve the expression of ideas. For other questions, you will consider how the passage might be edited to correct errors in sentence structure, usage or punctuation. Some questions will direct you to an underlined portion of a passage. Other questions will direct you to a location in a passage or ask you to think about the passage as a whole. After reading each passage, choose the answer to each question that most effectively improves the quality of writing in the passage or that makes the passage conform to the conventions of standard written English.
Timed Test	Time limit: 40 minutes. Automatic submission at expiry. Remaining time is shown on screen.

Multiple Attempts	Not allowed. This test can only be taken once. Once you click Save and Submit and then OK you cannot return to the test. To review the test click Save Answers and then Cancel
Force completion	This test can be saved and resumed at any point until time has expired. The timer will continue to run if you leave the test.

Description	Section C – Writing Test 40 minutes in total, including planning
Instructions	Write an essay of at least 250 words responding to the prompt. There is no required essay format. Organize your ideas clearly, address the topic, and support your response with relevant examples from your reading or personal experience.
Multiple Attempts	Not allowed. This test can only be taken once. Once you click Save and Submit and then OK you cannot return to the test. To review the test click Save Answers and then Cancel
Force Completion	This test can be saved and resumed at any point until time has expired. The timer will continue to run if you leave the test.

English Essay Rubrics

Content

Very Poor	Poor to Fair	Average to Good	Very Good to Excellent
Lacking knowledge of subject, non- substantive, completely off-topic , or not enough to evaluate	Limited knowledge of subject, little substance, partially off-topic , or limited development of topic	Some knowledge of subject, adequate range, average development of thesis, mostly relevant to topic, but lacks substance & support	Knowledgeable, substantive, thorough development of thesis, relevant to assigned topic
Score (13-16)	Score (17-21)	Score (22-26)	Score (27-30)

Organization

Very Poor	Poor to Fair	Average to Good	Very Good to Excellent
Lacking communication, no organization (paragraphing & use of connectors), OR not enough to evaluate	Non- fluent, ideas confused or disconnected, lacks proper paragraphing , logical sequencing and transitioning	Somewhat choppy, loosely organized but main ideas stand out, clear paragraphing, partial logic and sequencing	Fluent expression, ideas clearly stated & linked , succinct, well organized, logical sequencing & cohesion
Score (7-9)	Score (10-13)	Score (14-17)	Score (18-20)

Vocabulary

Very Poor	Poor to Fair	Average to Good	Very Good to Excellent
Essentially translation, little knowledge of English vocabulary, idioms, word form OR not enough to evaluate	Limited & basic range, frequent errors of word/ idiom form, choice, usage, meaning confused or obscured	Adequate range, occasional errors of word/ idiom form, choice, usage but meaning not obscured	Sophisticated range, effective word/ idiom choice and usage, word form mastery, appropriate register
Score (7-9)	Score (10-13)	Score (14-17)	Score (18-20)

Language Use

Very Poor	Poor to Fair	Average to Good	Very Good to Excellent
No mastery of sentence construction rules, dominated by errors, does not communicate, OR not enough to evaluate	Major problems in simple/ complex constructions, frequent errors of negation, agreement tense, number, word order/ function, articles, pronouns prepositions and / or fragments, run-ons, meaning confused or obscured	Effective but simple construction, minor problems in complex constructions, several errors of agreement, tense, number, word order/ function, articles, pronouns, prepositions but meaning seldom obscured	Effective complex constructions, few errors of agreement, tense, number, word order/ function, articles, pronouns prepositions
Score (5-10)	Score (11-17)	Score (18-21)	Score (22-25)

Mechanics (overlook typos)

Very Poor	Poor to Fair	Average to Good	Very Good to Excellent
No mastery of conventions, dominated by errors of spelling, punctuation, & capitalization, OR not enough to evaluate	Frequent errors of spelling, punctuation, & capitalization, meaning confused or obscured	Occasional errors of spelling, punctuation, & capitalization, but meaning not obscured	Demonstrates mastery of conventions, few errors of spelling, punctuation, & capitalization
Score (2-2)	Score (3-3)	Score (4-4)	Score (5-5)

Upon completing the test, please observe the following steps

- Remain seated until the proctoring team instructs you to leave your seat
- Do not initiate a conversation with anyone in the room
- Raise your hand if you need assistance from a proctor
- Do not disturb other candidates. Leave all provided materials on your desk before leaving.

Results

Results are normally available two to three weeks after the examination. Log in to the LAU Portal, select My Application Information, then Your EEE Scores. Only the overall score is released.
<https://myportal.lau.edu.lb/>

Results are not provided by telephone or email, except through an official score attestation request. Section scores and copies of examination answers are not provided.

Official Score Attestation Letter

Complete the Score Attestation Request Form available through the EEE webpage and email it to testing.services@lau.edu.lb. Select office collection or PDF delivery by email. The service is free of charge; allow at least four working days for processing.

For PDF delivery, attach a clear scan or photograph of your original physical ID. For office collection, present your original physical ID.

Registration and examination requests

The examination fee is USD 65, payable by credit or debit card during registration or in cash at the LAU Business Office within two days of registration. OMT payments and Whish transfers are not accepted. Allow at least 30 days between examination attempts.

Submit postponement requests before the examination date with your reason and supporting documents. Include your full name, LAU ID or application number, exam date, and campus. Requests require approval; campus changes also depend on seat availability. If you miss the exam without arranging postponement, register and pay again.

For assistance or cancellation and refund inquiries: testing.services@lau.edu.lb. Telephone: +961 1 786456, extensions 2399 / 3930. Read the full Examination Rules and Policies on the EEE webpage before attending.

Appendix A



Appendix B

