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WELCOME TO LAU

We are delighted that your child is considering joining 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 university and is 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 New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE). Individual schools and programs within LAU are also accredited in their fields. These accreditations increase students' chances of obtaining scholarships, landing better jobs, and gaining acceptance in local and international graduate schools.

LEARNING AT LAU

Your child will learn from faculty and instructors who are distinguished in their fields, both academically and professionally.

In addition, LAU's high standards of academic quality have been recognized by the NECHE, which means that your child will have better access to scholarship opportunities, improved employability, and greater ease in transferring credits to and from other institutions.

LAU has programs to fit any student's interests among its seven schools.

WHY LAU?

1. **A wide range of majors and minors** to meet your child's educational ambitions
2. **NECHE accreditation** as well as program-specific accreditation
3. **Financial aid, scholarship and university employment packages** that substantially decrease tuition expenses
4. Countless ways to get involved on campus, including **400+ clubs & sports activities**
5. **Regular leadership and civic engagement activities** that support your child's personal and professional growth
6. A range of **student services** to support your child's academic and personal success
7. **Career counseling and services** to help your child secure their dream job
8. **Two campuses** with state-of-the-art facilities
9. **Safe and welcoming residential halls** that make your child feel at home
10. A chance for your child to join the **growing international network of LAU alumni**



KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE AND WELL

LAU aims to promote and protect your child's safety, health and wellness throughout their time at the university with the following services:

- A safe and reliable shuttle bus between the Beirut and Byblos campuses, as well as Byblos and Tripoli
- Campus cafeterias offering healthy and reasonably priced meals
- Gym facilities and sports activities
- Personal and confidential counseling
- Well-equipped residential halls with 24-hour security
- Security personnel and a gated campus
- SMS Emergency Alert System to inform your child of any campus emergency
- A Medical insurance program that provides access to LAU Medical Center-Rizk Hospital in Achrafieh and LAU Medical Center-Saint John Hospital in Jounieh

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S ACADEMIC SUCCESS

LAU offers a number of services to help your child succeed both during university and after graduation. This includes everything from transitioning to university life and choosing a major, to finding employment:

- Orientation acquaints incoming scholars with the university, the faculty and their peers
- Academic advising helps students create an educational plan in line with their interests and abilities, as well as provide support in overcoming academic challenges
- Career guidance services help new students choose their major and, once enrolled, prepare them to achieve their career goals, including identifying potential employers and training for job interviews
- Student life activities such as extracurriculars, clubs, athletic events and academic groups encourage students' academic, intellectual and social growth

TUITION FEES

Undergraduate tuition is charged at a fixed rate based on 12 credits.

Any credits above 12 are free with a maximum of 18 credits allowed per semester. Students taking fewer than 12 credits, or those enrolled in summer courses, are charged on a per-credit basis.

Additional information on tuition and fees is available at lau.edu/fees

SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

Committed to helping students fund their education, LAU has allocated a generous budget, possibly the largest in the region, for financial aid and scholarships in the upcoming academic year.

Financial aid, grants and scholarships are given based on the financial needs and academic qualifications of applicants, regardless of their nationality, race, gender, religion or ethnicity. Your child can receive a combination of financial aid and scholarships covering up to 100 percent of tuition.

We encourage your child 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 lau.edu/apply/financial-aid

Below is a list of financial aid and scholarships that can be combined to cover all or part of your child's tuition.

SCHOLARSHIPS (lau.edu/scholarships)

National Council for Scientific Research Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Covers 100 percent of tuition > Awarded to the top five Lebanese students in each section of the official Lebanese Baccalaureate exam
Merit Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Covers 100 percent of tuition > Awarded to students with excellent grades in school and on their SAT exams
LAU Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Covers between 10 and 50 percent of tuition > Available to students with very high scores on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The official Baccalaureate exam - The SAT exam - School grades

COMPETITION-BASED & OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

Athletic Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Covers up to 15 percent of tuition > Awarded to students demonstrating athletic talent
LAU Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Covers between 10 and 50 percent of tuition > Granted to students who have won any of the LAU competitions: MUN, MAL, MEU, MAU, MGG, Arts & Sciences, Architecture, Engineering, etc.

FINANCIAL AID (lau.edu/aid)

LAU Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Funding that students are not required to pay back
Special Donors' Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Awarded by external donors > Available to students who fulfill eligibility criteria
US Federal Loans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Available to students who are US 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.