

## CHARTER, ACCREDITATION AND AFFILIATIONS

### Charter

LAU is chartered by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York. The University of the State of New York is the sole entity authorized by the State of New York to incorporate higher education institutions and authorize them to confer degrees.

Beirut College for Women (which was to become LAU) was granted a provisional charter by the Board of Regents in 1950, and an absolute charter five years later. Since then, the charter has been amended several times in response to the institution's growth.

The University of the State of New York is a large system of educational services, including thousands of schools, colleges, universities, museums, libraries and other institutions. Its Board of Regents sets overall education policy for the State of New York and chooses a Commissioner of Education, who serves as president of the University of the State of New York and heads the New York State Education Department.

### Accreditation

Degrees awarded by the Lebanese American University are officially registered with the Ministry of Higher Education in Lebanon and with the Board of Education in the State of New York.

### Institutional Accreditation

LAU was granted accreditation by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (CIHE-NEASC) for a five-year period as of November 2009.

### Program Accreditation

The **Doctor of Pharmacy program** is fully accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). This status allows LAU Pharm.D. graduates to sit for the North American Pharmacy Licensure Examination (NAPLEX), and practice in most U.S. states. ACPE first accredited the program in 2002. LAU's Pharm.D. is the only ACPE-accredited program outside the United States.

The **architecture degree** is officially equivalent to the French DEA, which allows our graduates to practice in France and the European Union.

On October 1, 2011 the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) granted accreditation to all **five undergraduate degree programs in the School of Engineering** - Civil, Computer, Electrical, Industrial, and Mechanical. This accreditation action extends retroactively from October 1, 2009.

On October 1, 2011 **the Bachelor of Science degree program in computer science** was formally accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). This accreditation action extends retroactively from October 1, 2010.

LAU has the only ABET-accredited computer science and industrial engineering programs in the country, and the highest number of ABET-accredited programs of any Lebanese university.



## Affiliations

The Lebanese American University maintains affiliations with various local, regional and international associations and organizations. These include:

<b>Title of Agreement</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>External Institution</b>	<b>Country</b>
<b>International Institution of Higher Education</b>			
Convention de Cooperation	July 2000	Instituto Universitario Di Architettura Di Venezia	Italy
Agreement on Academic Exchange	-	Ecole Spéciale D'Architecture	France
Cooperation Agreement - Project	March 2006	American University of Beirut; American University of Cairo; University of California, Davis; and Birzeit University	USA-Lebanon-Egypt
Memorandum of Understanding	July 2009	University of Massachusetts, Amherst – College of Education	USA
General Agreement for Academic Cooperation	September 2007	Michigan State University – MEPI	USA
Memorandum of Understanding	April 2010	Sciences Po, France	France
Agreement for Educational Cooperation	Fall 2010	University of Michigan, College of Pharmacy	USA
Agreement for Educational Cooperation	Fall 2010	University of Toledo	USA
Memorandum of Understanding	February 2010	WAYNE State University – for SINARC students	USA
Memorandum of Understanding	January 2011	Università di Camerino	Italy
Memorandum of Understanding	February 2011	Richmond, The American International University in London	United Kingdom
Memorandum of Understanding	February 2007	American University of Beirut	Lebanon
Letter of Intent	March 2003	Ruprecht-Karls-Universitaet, Heidelberg, Germany	Germany
Cooperation Agreement	June 2004	University of Kuwait	Kuwait
Cooperation Agreement	January 2005	Ecole Polytechnique de Montréal	Canada
Memorandum of Understanding	January 2005	Universitat Erfurt	Germany
Letter of Intent	January 2005	Technishche Universitat Hamburg-Harburg, Germany	Germany
International Agreement of Cooperation	March 2005	Clemson University	USA

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<b>International Institution &amp; Foundation</b>			
Memorandum of Understanding	October 2005	United Nations Association of the United States of America	USA
Institutional Membership	-	European Network of Laboratories for Sequence Based Typing of Microbial Pathogens	EU
Institutional Membership	October 2010	Institute of International Education	USA
Institutional Membership	November 2010	Council of International Educational Exchange	USA
Institutional Membership	-	Association of American International Colleges and Universities	USA
Memorandum of Understanding	December 2006	Harvard Medical Center	USA
Gift Agreement	January 2009	Saudi Binladin Group (the Saudi Binladin Group Scholarship Grants Program)	Saudi Arabia
Gift Agreement	July 2009	Abdallah Yabroudi (Yabroudi Civil Engineering Award)	United Arab Emirates
Gift Agreement	August 2009	Abdallah Yabroudi (Abdallah Yabroudi Endowed Scholarship Fund)	United Arab Emirates
Gift Agreement	March 2007	SDC – Swiss Agency for Development & Cooperation	SDC in Lebanon
Memorandum of Understanding	September 2008	MEPI	USA
Memorandum of Understanding	December 2009	Bahrain Women's Union	Bahrain
Memorandum of Understanding	December 2009	Dr. Aisha Natto, KSA	Saudi Arabia
Memorandum of Understanding	December 2009	Family Association, Yemen	Yemen
Service Agreement – EMBA to UAB	April 2007	Union Of Arab Banks	Jordan – Cairo
Service Agreement	July 2007	Lockheed Martin	Saudi Arabia
Service Agreement	July 2010	ITD - Integral Training and Development	Qatar
Service Agreement	March 2010	Methodist Hospital of Brooklyn	USA
Service Agreement	July 2009	Dubai Contracting Company (Abdallah Yabroudi)	United Arab Emirates
Service Agreement	October 2008	United Nations Industrial Development Organization UNIDO-MACLE	Austria



<b>Title of Agreement</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>External Institution</b>	<b>Country</b>
<b>Local Institution and Foundation</b>			
Service Agreement	December 2006	Clemenceau Medical Center	Lebanon
Service Agreement	June 2008	RHUH (Rafic Hariri University Hospital)	Lebanon
Service Agreement	June 2009	Dar Al Handasah	Middle East
Gift Agreement	January 2009	Averda Holding (Sukkar Family Endowed Scholarship Fund)	Lebanon
Service Agreement	-	Hôpital Psychiatrique de la Croix	Lebanon

