

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 **Bachelor of Engineering** degree programs listed below are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET):

- **Bachelor of Engineering** degree program in **Civil Engineering**.
- **Bachelor of Engineering** degree program in **Computer Engineering**.
- **Bachelor of Engineering** degree program in **Electrical Engineering**.
- **Bachelor of Engineering** degree program in **Industrial Engineering**.
- **Bachelor of Engineering** degree program in **Mechanical Engineering**.

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.

The **baccalaureate program** at the Alice Ramez Chagoury School of Nursing, Lebanese American University, is accredited by the Collegiate Commission on Nursing Education (CCNE).

The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) approved the **School of Business'** eligibility to begin the Pre-Accreditation Process, an important milestone on the road to success in AACSB accreditation.

The **Bachelor of Architecture** degree is officially recognized by the French Government, which allows our graduates to practice in France and the European Union. The National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) which accredits all architecture programs in the United States has recently approved the eligibility for candidacy of the **Bachelor of Architecture**.

AFFILIATIONS

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

Title of Agreement	Date	External Institution	Country
Memorandum of Understanding	July 2009	University of Massachusetts Amherst	USA
Memorandum of Agreement	February 2010	WAYNE State University – SINARC Institute	USA
Memorandum of Understanding	April 2010	Sciences Po, France	France
Memorandum of Understanding	January 2011	Università di Camerino	Italy
Consulting Services Agreement	May 2011	The University of New Mexico, Health Science Center	New Mexico
Agreement for Academic exchange	June 2011	University of Massachusetts Amherst	USA
Memorandum of Understanding	July 2011	Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz	Germany
Memorandum of Understanding	March 2012	University of Massachusetts Lowell UMASS	USA
Agreement (Study Abroad)	May 2012	University of St. Andrews	Scotland
Memorandum of Understanding	October 2012	ISC Paris (School of Business)	Paris
Memorandum of Understanding & Research Cooperation	October 2012	Heilbronn University	Germany
Memorandum of Agreement	October 2012	University of Illinois	USA
Memorandum of Understanding	October 2012	ISC Paris School of Management	Paris

Title of Agreement	Date	External Institution	Country
Cooperation Agreement	January 2013	King Abdulla Institute for Research & Consulting Studies	UAE
Cooperation Protocol b/w Istanbul Aydin University & LAU	April 2013	Istanbul Aydin University	Turkey
Memorandum of Understanding	September 2013	University of Iowa Health Care	USA
Memorandum of Understanding	December 2013	Cornell University	USA
Cooperation Agreement	2012	Hamburg University of Technology (TUHHH)	Germany
Cooperation Agreement	2005	University of Heidelberg	Germany
Cooperation Mobility Agreement	2011	University of Turin	Italy
Cooperation Mobility Agreement	2011	University of Oviedo	Spain
Cooperation Mobility Agreement	2012	University of Pavia	Italy
Cooperation Agreement	2012	University of Seville	Spain
Cooperation Agreement	2014	UC Davis, AUB, AUC and Bir Zeit University	USA, Lebanon, Egypt and Palestine