

○ CHARTER AND ACCREDITATION

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 LAU 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 is accredited by the **New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE)**, formerly the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc.

Program Accreditation

1. School of Architecture and Design

Bachelor of Architecture

The Bachelor of Architecture program has been granted initial accreditation as of 2019, by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), which accredits architecture programs in the United States. The program is the first in Lebanon and the third outside the United States to receive NAAB accreditation:

<https://www.naab.org/>.

In addition to being recognized by the Ministry of Education in Lebanon, the Bachelor of Architecture is officially recognized by the Ministry of Culture in France.

Bachelor of Design Programs

The School of Architecture and Design at LAU earned the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD) Accreditation in 2020. The NASAD accreditation covers the BA in Fine Arts, the BFA in Interior Design, the BFA in Graphic Design and the BFA in Fashion Design and the Master in Islamic Art.

For more information on NASAD:

<https://nasad.arts-accredit.org/>.



2. School of Arts and Sciences

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

LAU's BS in Computer Science program is accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET: <https://www.abet.org>.

Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics Coordinated Program (CP)

The BS in Nutrition and Dietetics Coordinated Program (CP) at the School of Arts and Sciences has been granted candidacy for accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND), the accrediting agency for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND) in the US. As the first step in a four-year accrediting process, the candidacy by ACEND grants current and future students the same rights of a fully accredited program.

Out of only seven international programs with ACEND accreditation, the CP in the Department of Natural Sciences is the second dietetics education program to offer students the opportunity to sit for the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) examination and become Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) upon program completion.

3. Adnan Kassar School of Business

The Adnan Kassar School of Business (AKSOB) at the Lebanese American University (LAU) is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International. In addition, AKSOB's Hospitality and Tourism Program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Programs in Hospitality Administration (ACPHA).

AKSOB's portfolio includes three undergraduate degree programs: Bachelor of Science in Business, Bachelor of Science in Economics and BS in Business Emphasis Hospitality and Tourism Management; and four minor programs: Minor in Business, Minor in Data Analytics, Minor in Economics, and Minor in Hospitality and Tourism Management. In addition, there are seven graduate programs: Master of Business Administration (MBA), MBA in Business Analytics (online), Executive MBA, Online MBA in Global Business Administration, Master of Arts in Applied Economics, Master of Laws and Master of Science in Human Resources Management.

4. School of Engineering

Bachelor of Engineering Programs

- The BE in Civil Engineering is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, <http://www.abet.org>
- The BE in Computer Engineering is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, <http://www.abet.org>

- The BE in Electrical Engineering is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, <http://www.abet.org>
- The BE in Industrial Engineering is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, <http://www.abet.org>
- The BE in Mechanical Engineering is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, <http://www.abet.org>

In addition, the following programs are accredited by the Federation of Arab Engineers: the BE in Civil Engineering, BE in Computer Engineering, BE in Electrical Engineering, BE in Industrial Engineering and BE in Mechanical Engineering.

5. Gilbert and Rose-Marie Chagoury School of Medicine

Doctor of Medicine

The MD program received a two-year provisional accreditation on September 1, 2021 from the Turkish Association for Evaluation and Accreditation of Medical Education Programs (TEPDAD), a World Federation for Medical Education (WFME)-recognized accreditation agency. The provisional accreditation allows LAU MD students and graduates to apply for an Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) certification, which is equivalent to a full accreditation in terms of opportunities provided. TEPDAD introduced the provisional status due to COVID-19-related restrictions and the absence of on-site visits required to determine full status.

6. Alice Ramez Chagoury School of Nursing

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the Alice Ramez Chagoury School of Nursing is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street, NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, (202)-887-6791.

7. School of Pharmacy

Doctor of Pharmacy

The School of Pharmacy is a full member of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP). Currently, the Doctor of Pharmacy program at LAU is the only one outside the United States of America that is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). PharmD graduates are eligible for licensure as pharmacists in US state boards of pharmacy.