

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 School of Architecture and Design (SArD) has been granted official accreditation for its Bachelor of Architecture effective January 2019 by the American National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), the only agency recognized by registration boards in US jurisdictions to accredit professional degree programs in architecture. The NAAB accreditation entitles graduates of the BArch program, who have the legal right to work in the United States, to sit for the licensure exam in the US, provided they complete the required training. For more information on the NAAB: <https://www.naab.org/>.

In addition to being accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board in the US, the Bachelor of Architecture Program at LAU is officially recognized by the French government as equivalent to the *Diplome d'Etat d'Architecte* (DEA), that allows its holder to register for training leading to "*l'habilitation de l'architecte diplômé d'Etat à l'exercice de la maîtrise d'oeuvre en son nom propre*."

Bachelor of Design Programs

LAU became an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD) as of August 18, 2020. NASAD accreditation covers the BA in Fine Arts, the BFA in Interior Design, the BFA in Graphic Design, the BFA in Fashion Design and the MA in Islamic Art programs. 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 accrediting agency for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics in the US. As the first step in a four-year accrediting process, the candidacy by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (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 only dietetics education program with a concentration in Interprofessional Education (IPE). It is also the only one in Lebanon to have an IPE approach.

3. Adnan Kassar School of Business

The Adnan Kassar School of Business (AKSOB) 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: BS in Business Studies, BS in Economics, and BS in Business Emphasis Hospitality and Tourism Management; and six graduate degree programs: Master in Business Administration (MBA), Executive Master in Business Administration (EMBA), MA in Applied Economics, Master in Laws (LLM), Master of Science in Human Resources Management (MS HRM) and Online Global MBA.

4. School of Engineering

Bachelor of Engineering Programs

The Bachelor of Engineering programs in Civil, Computer, Electrical, Industrial and Mechanical Engineering are all accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), <http://www.abet.org>.

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

5. 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 (CCNE), <https://www.aacnnursing.org/CCNE>

6. School of Pharmacy

Doctor of Pharmacy

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