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BEIRUT ARAB UNIVERSITY

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

SDG 11: SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES





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Public Access to Libraries Books and Publications

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Question and evidence based answer

Does the university as a body provide public access to libraries, including books and publications, through free access and/or paid access?

Option	Assessment	Verified scope
Free access	Supported	Selected digital books and scholarly publications in the university library repository are publicly available without a reader subscription.
Paid access	Not verified	An original BAU external visitor admission policy and visitor fee schedule were not located. Internal borrowing fees do not establish paid public access.
Physical access	Needs confirmation	The library publishes an onsite consultation service, but the operational pages reviewed do not establish general public eligibility or the terms of admission.

BAU can document a positive response for free access to selected digital library content. Its strongest evidence combines a university library repository with dated book records, full text download links and current journal issues. The evidence does not support a claim that every library collection, licensed database or campus library is freely accessible to every visitor.

Evidence: Digital Commons at BAU institutional library repository (Institutional responsibility stated on the homepage)

About Institutional Repositories

Beirut Arab University has always been committed to promote high impact research that shapes healthier and more sustainable individuals and communities for the benefit of society, economy, and environment.

Since January 2020, BAU started publishing its scholarly journals on Elsevier's Digital Commons Platform. BAU Journals are international journals dedicated to encourage academic exchange among researchers and practitioners using several qualitative research in disciplines related to the four BAU research themes.

BAU journals are official publications of Beirut Arab University, currently publishing six scholarly journals that cover a wide range of disciplines, from the humanities and the social sciences to the life and physical sciences. In addition to working with departments and faculties of the university, BAU journals serve a world-wide community of scholars, researchers, and practitioners through the publication of peer-reviewed academic and professional journals. They endeavor to extend the influence of the University and the academic community to influence people's lives throughout the world.

Since 2020, BAU has expanded its reach to connect with intellectually engaged audiences across a variety of platforms and throughout academia and beyond through publishing its journals on **Elsevier's Digital Commons Platform**. In addition to Journals, BAU site on Digital Commons Platform is now hosting published books, conferences, newsletters, samples of students work, and much more to come.

Relevance to SDG 11

SDG 11 concerns inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities and communities. Public access to university knowledge collections can support local learning and participation in cultural life. THE places library access within support for arts and heritage, linked to UN targets 11.4 and 11.7. This report assesses access to collections rather than the number of university buildings or registered students.

Evidence: UN Sustainable Development Goal 11

Evidence: THE Sustainability Impact Ratings Methodology 2026 (PDF pages 100 and 102; printed pages 125 and 127)

Times Higher Education
Sustainability Impact Ratings

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11.2 **Support of arts and heritage**
Universities need to show how they are supporting arts and heritage by strengthening and providing access to local cultural and heritage.

There are a total of 18 points that could be gained from meeting the criteria in this metric, worth 22.60% of the score in this SDG (equivalent to 5.88% of the overall score).

This metric and indicators relate to the UN Targets 11.4 and 11.7.

	• Is the evidence provided public – one point	
11.2.2	**Public access to libraries** **Year: 2024** Provide public access to libraries including books and publications Up to three points based on: • Existence of access – maximum one point for automatic free access to public, 0.75 points for access to all after application, 0.25 points for access in some circumstances • Evidence provided – up to one point • Is the evidence provided public – one point	**3.75% in SDG** (0.98% Overall)

Times Higher Education
Sustainability Impact Ratings

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Guidance: public access (11.2.2)
This needs to be general access to members of the public. Residency might be a requirement, but not family membership etc.

Public access to libraries and collections can also take research inquiries or reader privileges into consideration. If members of the public can gain access after applying for reader privileges, without unreasonable requirements, then this can be regarded as public access.

Publicly accessible books and institutional collections

E1 University responsibility for the repository

The Digital Commons homepage identifies the repository as a service of Beirut Arab University libraries. University departments and centres select and deposit the material. The collections directory groups books, yearbooks, journals, conference material and newsletters. This establishes university responsibility for the access route and distinguishes it from an unaffiliated website that merely mentions BAU.

Evidence: Digital Commons at BAU

Evidence: BAU repository collections directory





E2 Yearbook published in 2021

The Faculty of Architecture, Design and Built Environment yearbook for academic year 2019–2020 was published in 2021. Its public record provides a full text download and identifies a Creative Commons Attribution NonCommercial No Derivative Works 4.0 licence. It falls within this review by publication date; the earlier academic year is kept explicit. The record makes a university publication available to readers beyond enrolled students.

Evidence: Yearbook published in 2021 (Publication date, download and copyright fields)



BEIRUT ARAB UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE DESIGN & BUILT ENVIRONMENT YEARBOOK 2019-2020

Beirut Arab University, Faculty of Architecture - Design and Built Environment, 2021

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ISBN

978-9953-0-5553-4

Publication Date

2021

Publisher

Beirut Arab University, Faculty of Architecture - Design and Built Environment

City

Debbieh, Lebanon - Beirut, Lebanon

E3 Yearbook published in 2022

The next yearbook, covering academic year 2020–2021 and published in 2022, also has a public full text download. The record lists ISBN 978-9953-0-5750-7 and the same Creative Commons licence. It documents continued availability of a book length university publication, including work from architecture and design programmes.

Evidence: Yearbook published in 2022 (Publication date 2022)



BEIRUT ARAB UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE DESIGN & BUILT ENVIRONMENT YEARBOOK 2020-2021

Beirut Arab University, Faculty of Architecture - Design and Built Environment, 2022

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Publication Date

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E4 Yearbook published in 2023

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Evidence: Yearbook published in 2023 (Download and licence verified in October 2026)



BEIRUT ARAB UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE DESIGN & BUILT ENVIRONMENT YEARBOOK 2021-2022

Beirut Arab University, Faculty of Architecture - Design and Built Environment, 2023

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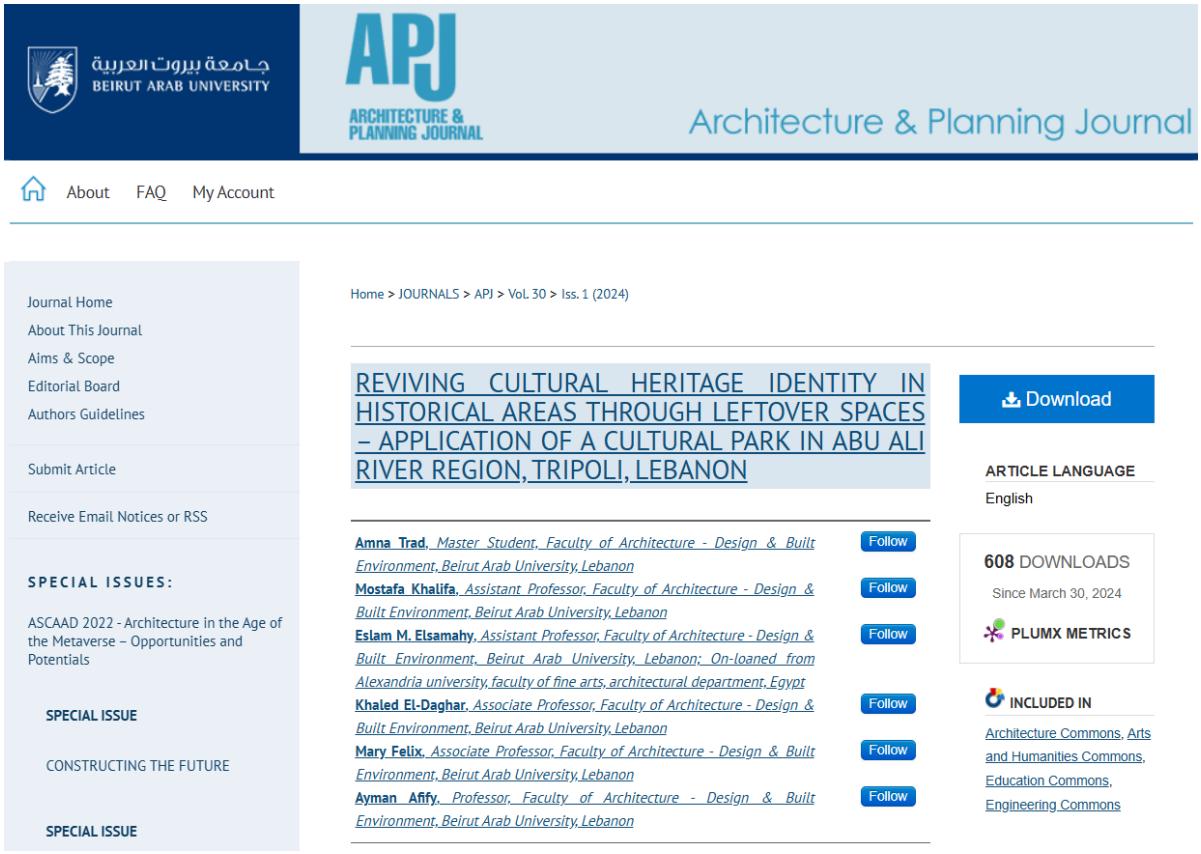
Together, these records demonstrate access to actual book length publications. They provide stronger evidence than a catalogue entry that identifies a book without making its text accessible. Their presence today establishes current availability; publication dates alone do not establish when public access first began.

Dated public access to scholarly publications

E5 Heritage and public space research published in 2024

Architecture and Planning Journal, volume 30, issue 1, article 6, publishes research on reviving cultural heritage identity through a proposed cultural park in Tripoli's Abu Ali River area. The authors include a BAU master's student and academic staff. The public article record gives the 2024 citation and a download link, which returned PDF content without institutional authentication during verification. This is direct access to a publication relevant to local heritage and public space; the paper is not evidence that the proposed park was built.

Evidence: Tripoli cultural heritage article published in 2024



E6 Health information published in 2024

The BAU Journal of Health and Wellbeing publishes "Knowledge and Attitude of Lebanese Adults Towards Asthma in Beirut, Lebanon", volume 6, issue 1, article 1, dated 2024. The author list includes a BAU PharmD student and academic staff. Its public record and linked PDF provide a tested access example in a second discipline, allowing readers outside the university to consult published research about a local health topic.

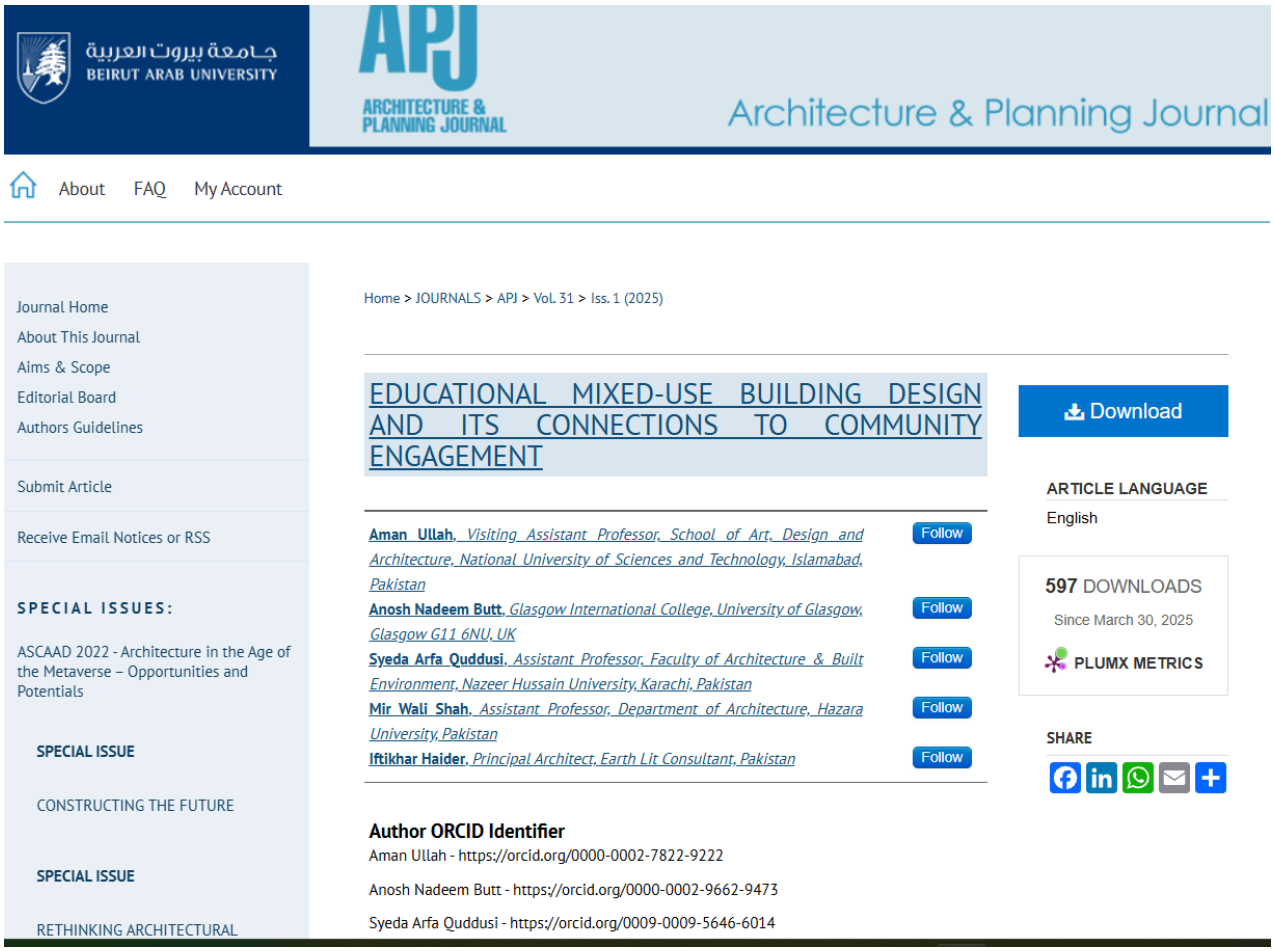
Evidence: Beirut asthma research article published in 2024



E7 Community engagement research published in 2025

Architecture and Planning Journal, volume 31, issue 1, article 2, provides a public record and download for “Educational Mixed Use Building Design and Its Connections to Community Engagement”. The citation dates the article to 2025. Its authors are affiliated with institutions outside BAU. The evidence therefore demonstrates BAU’s role as publisher and knowledge provider, rather than a BAU campus construction project or exclusively BAU authored research.

Evidence: Community engagement article published in 2025



E8 Beirut urban reconstruction research published in 2026

Architecture and Planning Journal, volume 32, issue 1, article 4, publishes “The Reconstruction of Beirut City Centre Downtown as a New Urbanism Project”. The public record identifies Ahmed S. Attia of Alexandria University as author, gives a 2026 citation and supplies a download link. It is a recent example of BAU making urban knowledge available through its publishing platform. Publication by BAU does not establish that BAU carried out the reconstruction.

Evidence: Beirut City Centre article published in 2026



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THE RECONSTRUCTION OF BEIRUT CITY CENTRE (DOWNTOWN) AS A NEW URBANISM PROJECT

العنوان باللغة العربية (Arabic Title)

إعادة إعمار مركز مدينة بيروت (الوسط التجاري) - مشروع حضري حديث

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Abstract

The study aims to highlight and examine the Beirut City Centre reconstruction project as an example of the concept of New Urbanism. The study covers Lebanon's geographical location, traditional house architecture, Beirut's history, urban growth, and the civil war and its effects on the city's architecture and identity. Moreover, the objectives of the reconstruction project as a New Urbanism Project were applied in the city's center and the adjacent area of the Saifi Village. The conclusion summarizes the lessons learned from applying the New Urbanism Concept to the reconstruction project.

Keywords

Traditional Lebanese Architecture, Beirut Downtown, Reconstruction, Classical Style, European Architecture

Disciplines

Architecture | Urban, Community and Regional Planning

Recommended Citation

Attia, Ahmed S. (2026) "The Reconstruction of Beirut City Centre (Downtown) as a New Urbanism Project," *Architecture and Planning Journal (APJ)*: Vol. 32: Iss. 1, Article 4.
DOI: https://doi.org/10.54729/2789-8547.1272

These examples extend the evidence beyond books to academic publications from 2024–2026. Access was verified through public webpages; PDF responses were tested for the 2024 heritage and asthma examples. No claim is made that every item on the repository has been individually tested.

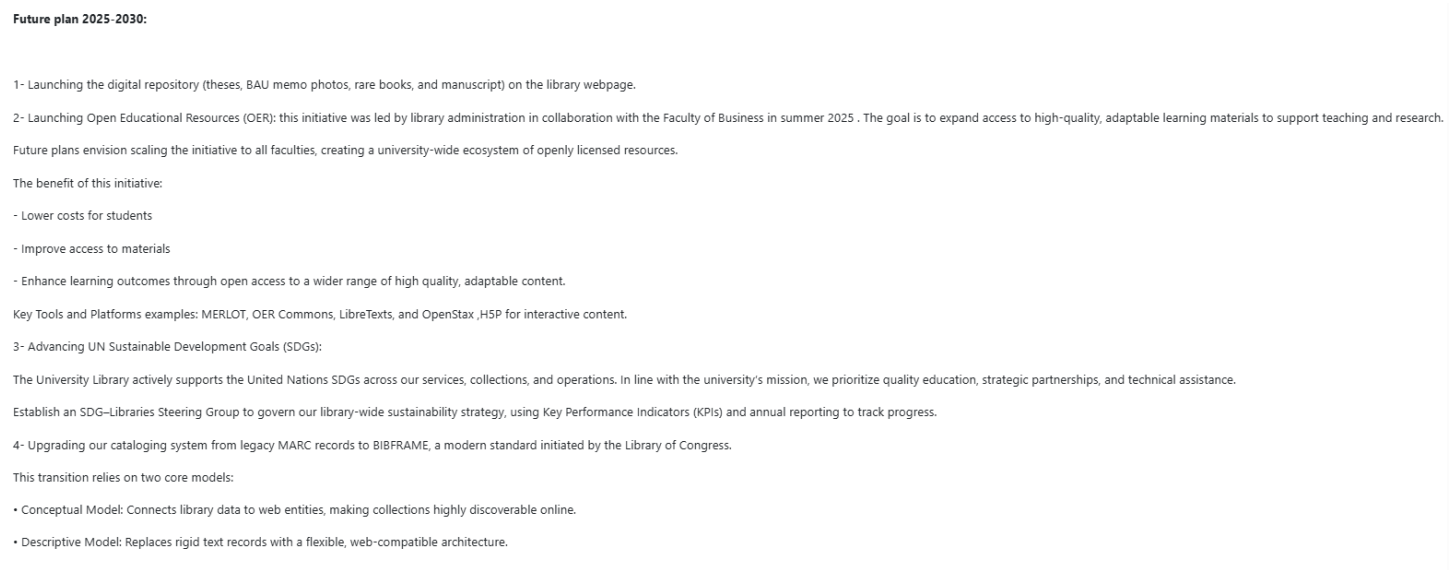
Library initiatives and cooperation supporting access

E9 Open educational resource initiative in 2025

The library's Mission and Vision page states that library administration and the Faculty of Business led an open educational resources initiative in summer 2025. The stated purpose is to expand access to

adaptable learning materials. The same 2025–2030 plan envisages extending the initiative to all faculties. The documented initiative and the planned expansion should be reported separately. This is dated evidence of library activity, while the mission and strategy provide the institutional framework.

Evidence: BAU Libraries Mission and Vision (Future plan 2025–2030 and summer 2025 initiative)



Future plan 2025-2030:

1- Launching the digital repository (theses, BAU memo photos, rare books, and manuscript) on the library webpage.

2- Launching Open Educational Resources (OER): this initiative was led by library administration in collaboration with the Faculty of Business in summer 2025 . The goal is to expand access to high-quality, adaptable learning materials to support teaching and research.

Future plans envision scaling the initiative to all faculties, creating a university-wide ecosystem of openly licensed resources.

The benefit of this initiative:

- Lower costs for students

- Improve access to materials

- Enhance learning outcomes through open access to a wider range of high quality, adaptable content.

Key Tools and Platforms examples: MERLOT, OER Commons, LibreTexts, and OpenStax ,H5P for interactive content.

3- Advancing UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

The University Library actively supports the United Nations SDGs across our services, collections, and operations. In line with the university's mission, we prioritize quality education, strategic partnerships, and technical assistance.

Establish an SDG–Libraries Steering Group to govern our library-wide sustainability strategy, using Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and annual reporting to track progress.

4- Upgrading our cataloging system from legacy MARC records to BIBFRAME, a modern standard initiated by the Library of Congress.

This transition relies on two core models:

• Conceptual Model: Connects library data to web entities, making collections highly discoverable online.

• Descriptive Model: Replaces rigid text records with a flexible, web-compatible architecture.

E10 Public guidance to free books and learning materials

The library's public Open Educational Resources page explains open licensing and directs readers to OpenStax, the Open Textbook Library, LibreTexts, the Directory of Open Access Books, Project Gutenberg and other resources. These are external collections curated through BAU's library service. The page supports discovery of free books and learning materials; it does not mean BAU owns the collections or that every service on every linked platform is free. Each resource retains its own licence conditions.

Evidence: BAU Libraries Open Educational Resources (Current undated library guide)

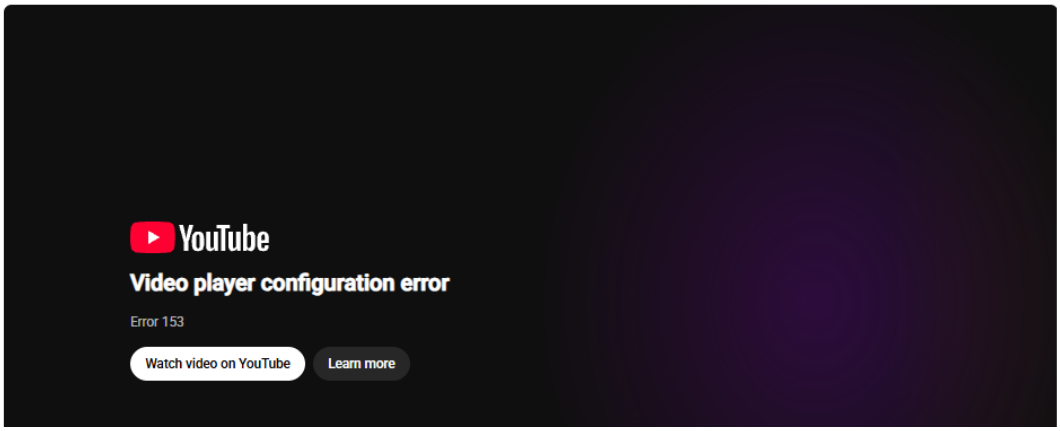
Open Educational Resources (OER)

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OER Overview

Open Educational Resources (OER) are learning, teaching and research materials in any format and medium that reside in the public domain or are under copyright that have been released under an open license, that permit no-cost access, re-use, re-purpose, adaptation and redistribution by others.

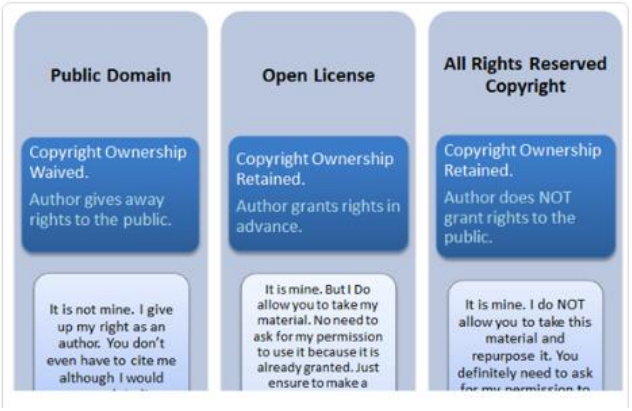
— UNESCO/2019



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Open Licenses

An Open license refers to a license that respects the intellectual property rights of the copyright owner and provides permissions granting the public the rights to access, re-use, re-purpose, adapt and redistribute educational materials. 'UNESCO 2019'



Finding OER

OER Repositories and Libraries

OpenStax

Provides open textbooks that are peer-reviewed by educators, and can be reused and remixed to align with general course requirements

Open Textbook Library

offering 1604 open textbooks, free to use and distribute, and are licensed to be freely adapted or changed with proper attribution.

LibreTexts

it is the adaptable, user-friendly non-profit open education resource platform that educators trust for creating, customizing, and sharing accessible, interactive textbooks, adaptive homework, and ancillary materials.

BCcampus

Lists open textbooks in a number of subject areas. It also includes a directory of other open textbook sites and a guide to using open textbooks

eCampusOntario

offers a curated collection of textbooks, many of which have been reviewed and vetted by educators

OER Courses

MIT YouTube Channel

A free and open online publication of educational material from thousands of MIT courses, covering the entire MIT curriculum, ranging from introductory to the most advanced graduate courses.

MIT OCW

It is a free and open collection of material from thousands of MIT courses, covering the entire MIT curriculum..

Khan Academy

Personalized learning dashboard with instructional videos.

Coursera

Hundreds of free courses from world-class universities.

edX

Global nonprofit removing barriers of cost and location.

OER Organizations

Community College Consortium for Open Educational Resources

The Community College Consortium for Open Educational Resources (CCCOER) promotes the awareness and adoption of open educational policies, practices, and resources. We believe that these practices will promote equitable access to education, particularly for underserved students while supporting academic freedom and faculty choice of openly licensed curriculum materials.

Our membership includes hundreds of colleges across the United States and Canada. CCCOER is part of **Open Education Global.**

Open Education Global (OEGlobal)

A worldwide community fostering openness in all aspects of education systems.

UNESCO (OER)

The leading international body defining and supporting the implementation of OER recommendations globally.

William & Flora Hewlett Foundation

Philanthropic organization funding work to solve social and educational challenges worldwide, with a focus on democracy and equity.

E11 Public open access research guide

BAU's Open Access page provides routes to research literature, including Open Access Theses and Dissertations, the Directory of Open Access Journals, the Directory of Open Access Books and subject specific resources. This broadens discovery across disciplines. Research4Life programmes also appear on the page, but their inclusion is not evidence of unrestricted public entitlement: eligibility and institutional registration may apply. The guide complements, rather than replaces, direct evidence of accessible BAU publications.

Evidence: BAU Libraries Open Access (Current undated library guide)

Open Access

Research4life

- AGORA is an outstanding digital library collection in the fields of food and agriculture
- ARDI gives access to scientific and technical information.
- Hinari is one of the world's largest collections of biomedical and health literature.
- GOALI focuses on law and social sciences, including politics, economics, philosophy, history and more.
- OARE collects information resources on environment, including ecology, geography, energy and more.

"COVID - 19" free / open access Resources

- American pharmacy library
- British Medical Journal
- Cell – Press (related to Elsevier) COVID-19 Resources
- Center for disease control and prevention , USA
- COVID -19 ESBCO Health Center
- Elsevier COVID-19 Resources
- Med-Archive , USA
- Nature-COVID-19 Resources
- New England journal of medicine – COVID19 resources
- The lancet journal COVID-19 Resources
- Wiley COVID-19 Resources

Multi-Disciplinary Resources:

Open Access Theses & Dissertations : A guide for students, faculty, & researchers at Beirut Arab University

Open Access Theses and Dissertations(OATD):

OATD indexes more than six million theses and dissertations from over 1,100 universities and research institutions worldwide, providing access to high-quality scholarly research through institutional repositories. Free to find, free to use and read online. All materials remain protected by applicable copyright laws.

Faculty of Human Sciences :

General Humanities & Social Sciences

- UCL Press
- OpenEdition
- Persée
- Cogent Social Sciences
- Directory of Open Access Journals
- Directory of Open Access Books
- CORE
- Google Scholar
- standard Ebooks
- Open library(internet archive)
- Project Gutenberg
- The OAPEN Library

History & Cultural Studies

- History Cooperative
- Journal of Arabic and Islamic Studies
- Qatar Digital Library
- Open Collections Program: Islamic Heritage Project

Sociology & Anthropology

- Society for Cultural Anthropology
- Comparative Migration Studies
- Frontiers in Sociology
- SSRN

Psychology & Human Development

- Frontiers in Psychology

Education

- Australasian Journal of Educational Technology
- International Journal of STEM Education

International Relations & Global Data

- Official Document System of the United Nations
- Human Development Index

Regional & Multilingual Resources

- Shamaa
- AUF Digital Library

Media, Communication & Journalism

- Media and Communication
- Media Industries Journal

Faculty of Law and Political Science

- oapen/Law
- African Human Rights Law Journalopen access
- Age of Human Rights Journal
- Athena: Critical Inquiries in Law, Philosophy and Globalization
- Avalon Project - Yale Law School Library
- Beyond Borders The Human Rights of Non-Citizens at Home and Abroad (2021)
- Beyond Data Human Rights, Ethical and Social Impact Assessment in AI (2022)
- Cahiers Africains des Droits de l'Homme et de la Démocratie ainsi que du Développement Durable
- Central European Journal of International and Security Studies
- Erasmus Law Review
- Global Campus Human Rights Journal
- Hub for Humanrights & digital Technology
- Human Rights in the Global South HRGS
- Journal of Human Rights, Culture and Legal System
- Journal of political Economy
- J-store Human Rights Section
- Peace Human Rights Governance (PHRG)
- Pravo Law
- Revista Tribuna Internacional
- UNITED NATIONS - Human rights
- Responsive Human Rights (2021)
- Global justice: Theory, Practice, Rhetoric

Faculty of Business Administration

- Academy of Entrepreneurship Journal
- Academy of Management Journal
- Academy of Management Perspectives
- Academy of Management Review
- Academy of Strategic Management Journal
- Administration & Society
- Agricultural and Food Economics
- American Journal of Evaluation
- Annals of Operations Research
- Association for Business Communication
- British Journal of Management
- Building Strategy and Performance
- Business & Information Systems Engineering
- Business and Professional Ethics Journal
- Business History Review
- Business Process Management Journal
- California Management
- Competition & Change
- Corporate Governance: An International
- Decision Sciences
- Decision Sciences Journal of Innovative Education
- Educational Management Administration & Leadership
- Electronic Commerce Research
- Electronic Markets : The International Journal on Networked Business
- Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice
- Eurasian Business Review
- The European Journal of Industrial Relations
- European Journal of Operational Research
- European Management Review
- Financial Accounting
- Financial Innovation
- Focusing on Organizational Change
- Fundamentals of Global Strategy
- Future Business Journal
- Growth and Competitive Strategy in 3 Circles
- Information Processing and Management
- International Business Research Journal
- Journal of Sustainable Business
- International Journal of e-Collaboration
- International Journal of Innovation and Technology Management
- Journal for Labour Market Research
- Journal of Business Venturing
- Journal of Commercial Biotechnology
- Journal of Consumer Affairs
- Journal of Economic Structures
- Journal of Economics & Management Strategy
- Journal of Industrial Engineering and Management
- Journal of Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Journal of International Management
- Journal of International Money and Finance
- Business Management review(magazine)
- Journal of Management Information Systems
- Journal of Management Studies
- Journal of Management and Marketing Research
- Journal of Product Innovation Management
- Journal of Purchasing and Supply Management
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- Journal of Risk Research
- Journal of Shipping and Trade
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Faculty of Architecture - Design & Built Environment:

- 100 essential free resources for graphic designers in 2022
- 3D WAREHOUSE, Mit
- A&A art and architecture
- About Mind The Graph!
- Academic journal
- A|Z ITU Journal of the Faculty of Architecture
- ACE: Architecture, City And Environment
- American Architects and Building
- Ancient Egyptian Architecture Online
- ArchInform
- Architectural Histories
- Archistore
- Architecture and Culture
- Architecture and the Built Environment
- Architecture Archives, Carnegie Mellon
- architecture beyond Europe
- Architecture Commons™ (8 foreign uni)
- >Architecture_MPS
- Architecture of Colonial America
- >Architecture Papers of the Faculty of Architecture and Design STU
- >Architecture structures and construction
- ARCHive-Scientific Research
- ARENA Journal of Architectural Research
- >Art & Architecture Thesaurus® Online
- >Athens journal of architecture
- >Building and cities
- >Built Heritage
- >Cities and buildings Database
- >Cubic Journal
- >DASH | Delft Architectural Studies on Housing
- >Enquiry: The ARCC Journal of Architectural Research
- >European Journal of Transport and Infrastructure Research
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- Green Building, indexed in scopus
- >Indian Architecture in Postcards
- instructables, MIT
- International Journal of Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering
- >International Planning History Society Proceedings
- >Journal of Architecture, Art & Humanistic Sciences
- >Journal of architectural research and design studies
- Journal of Architectural Sciences and Applications
- >Journal of Building Construction and Planning Research
- >Journal of Cleaner Production
- >Journal of Design and the Built Environment
- >Journal of Regional and City Planning
- >Journal of Software Engineering and Applications
- >Journal of the society of architectural historians
- >Landscape and urban planning
- >Landscape journal
- >landscape journal, University of Wisconsin Press
- >Landscape online
- >Library of Michigan digital collection of Arts image for college teaching
- >Métropoles
- >National Museum of the American history
- >Nexus Network Journal
- >Nexus Network Journal: Architecture and Mathematics Online
- >Online Collections : the Courtlaud
- Online Research Resources, Harvard university y
- open access publishing European network
- >Pacific Coast Architecture Database (PCAD) — © 2005-2023 Alan Michelson
- Pittsburgh Architecture:A Guide to Research
- Présentation des bases Architecture et Patrimoine
- >sensors Journal
- >SKETCH | Journal of City and Regional Planning
- society of Architectural Historians
- >The Metropolitan Museum of Art



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- Advanced Engineering Research
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- Analytical Science and Technology
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- Communications Software and Systems
- Computational Visual Media
- Control systems and computers
- Cybersecurity
- DIGITAL LIBRARY OF THE BRAZILIAN COMPUTER SOCIETY
- >Discover Artificial Intelligence
- >Discover Chemical Engineering
- >Discover Mechanical Engineering
- Egyptian Journal of Biological Pest Control
- >EJNMMI Physics
- Electronics, Electromedical Engineering, and Medical Informatics
- eLight
- Energy Informatics
- Engineering and Technology
- Engineering Books Pdf
- Engineering Science and Technology, an International Journal
- Environmental and Experimental Biology
- >Environmental Systems Research
- EPJ Data Science
- EPJ Quantum Technology
- EPJ Techniques and Instrumentation
- >EURASIP Journal on Audio, Speech, and Music Processing
- >EURASIP Journal on Wireless Communications and Networking
- European Journal of Biological Research
- European Science Foundation
- >European Transport Research Review
- Facta Universitatis, Series: Electronics and Energetic
- Fire Ecology
- Fixed Point Theory and Algorithms for Sciences and Engineering
- >Flexible Electrnics
- >Food Production, Processing and Nutrition
- Forest Ecosystems
- Free computers books.com

Faculty of Pharmacy, Medicine, Health Sciences, & Dentistry:

Pharmacy :

- American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists(AAPS)
- Asian Journal of Pharmaceutics (AJP)
- British Journal of Pharmacology (Open Access articles)
- Drug Design, Development and Therapy
- DailyMed (FDA Drug Information)
- EJNMMI Radiopharmacy and Chemistry
- Future Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Global Journal of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Indian Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences
- International Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Research
- Journal of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Research
- Mediterranean Journal of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences
- RADS Journal of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Medicine & Health Sciences (Online Training & Open Access Learning Resources):

- OpenWHO Platform World Health Organization (WHO) Online courses & training
- WHO Nutrition & Food Safety Resources World Health Organization (WHO) Guidelines
- WHO ELENA World Health Organization (WHO) Evidence-to-practice learning
- FAO E-Learning Academy Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Online courses & certificates
- FAO Nutrition Training Resources FAO – Nutrition Division Training manuals & guidance

E12 Book Aid International memorandum signed in 2023

The library records a memorandum with Book Aid International signed in 2023, providing for annual donations of specialist and multidisciplinary books. This supports collection development. The memorandum does not itself establish public entry or borrowing rights. It is retained under the rule permitting agreements and memoranda regardless of date.

Evidence: BAU Libraries Memorandum of Understanding

Memorandum Of Understanding

Book Aid International: A UK-based non-profit organization that provides books and supports libraries in sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East. This agreement includes annual donations of specialized and multidisciplinary books to BAU libraries. It was signed in 2023.

E13 Agreements for resource sharing

BAU records participation since 2011 in the Lebanese Inter Library Loan and Document Delivery Services Consortium. It describes sharing print and electronic resources among member libraries. A separate Lebanese Academic Library Consortium agreement concerns electronic resource subscription pricing. These agreements support institutional cooperation, with access subject to member library rules. They do not establish universal walk in access for the general public.

Evidence: BAU Libraries Agreements (Agreements retained without a date restriction)

- **Lebanese Academic Library Consortium (LALC):** In 2011, an agreement was signed between university libraries and the Lebanese Academic Library Consortium. Comprising eight Lebanese university libraries, the aim of the agreement is to secure better pricing from suppliers for electronic resource subscriptions.
- **Lebanese Inter-Library Loan & Document Delivery Services Consortium (LIDS):** The LIDS Consortium is an agreement among university libraries in Lebanon, comprising eleven members. Beirut Arab University joined the consortium in 2011. The consortium facilitates Inter-Library Loan and Digital Document Delivery Services (ILL/DDS), which enable the exchange and delivery of print and electronic resources among member libraries. The purpose of this agreement is to ensure mutual benefit through the sharing of resources available within the consortium's libraries.

Physical library services and access conditions

E14 Library network and service availability

The current About Libraries page reports nine libraries across Beirut, Debbieh, Tripoli and Bekaa, with print and electronic resources including books, journals, theses and multimedia. This describes the institutional collection network. It does not establish identical visitor access conditions at every location.

Evidence: BAU About Libraries (Current undated operational page)

Beirut Arab University (BAU) has nine libraries located across its four campuses in Beirut, Debieh, Tripoli, and Beqaa, occupying a total area of 3,096 square meters within the campuses' grounds. These libraries offer a diverse range of information resources, both printed and electronic, including books, journals, theses, dissertations, and multimedia materials. They also house special collections, such as rare books and manuscripts, displayed in the BAU Museum. This collection also includes maps and BAU memory photos.

BAU Libraries provide users with access to specialized and multidisciplinary databases, as well as open-access resources for all faculties. The libraries are committed to keeping pace with the latest trends and standards by adhering to a set of Key Performance Indicators based on ISO 11620 and ISO 16439, as outlined in their quality manual. Furthermore, BAU Libraries continuously enhance their services through a well-trained staff.

The library is also embedded in ongoing collaboration through memberships and formal agreements with other libraries in Lebanon and with international library associations, enabling resource sharing, interlibrary loan services, and continuous alignment with evolving international best practices and accreditation requirements.

The library homepage lists Beirut opening hours as Monday–Thursday 8:00 AM–5:30 PM and Friday 8:00 AM–4:00 PM. For Debbieh, Tripoli and Bekaa it lists Monday–Friday 8:00 AM–4:00 PM. These are published service hours; external visitors should confirm admission and current arrangements with the relevant library.

Evidence: BAU Libraries opening hours (Hours published at the date of review)



E15 Onsite use and assistance

The Onsite Book Checking page describes consultation of books and references within the library. The Ask a Librarian page provides a public contact route, including library@bau.edu.lb and campus contacts. These establish a service and a route to request information. Neither page, by itself, confirms that all external applicants are eligible, that entry is automatic or that entry is free.

Evidence: BAU Onsite Book Checking

Evidence: BAU Ask a Librarian

It is a service offered to library users that enable them to view/ use books and references within the library.

Beirut Campus

LIBRARIES ADMINISTRATION	CONTACT	LOCATION
Libraries Director	Prof. Hassana Mohiedine hassana.m@bau.edu.lb 01 300110 Ex: 2769	Beirut Site - Hariri Building - 11th floor
Acquisitions	Rasha Kaddah rasha.kaddah@bau.edu.lb 01 300110 Ex: 2441	
Cataloguing	Zeina Mehio zeina.mehio@bau.edu.lb 01 300110 Ex: 2492 Lina Asfour leana.asfour@bau.edu.lb 01 300110 Ex: 2490	
Digital Repository (Photos, Rare Books, Manuscripts & Theses)	Sana Kojok sana.kojok@bau.edu.lb 01 300110 Ex: 2765 Nadine Abou Shakra nadine.abuchakra@bau.edu.lb 01 300110 Ex: 2298	
E-Resources	Nabila Halwani (responsible for the Interlibrary Loan service) nabila.halwani@bau.edu.lb 01 300110 Ex: 2217	

FACULTY'S LIBRARY	CONTACT	LOCATION
Human Sciences	Bassam Tayara bassam.tayara@bau.edu.lb 01 300110 Ex: 2532	Beirut Site - Hariri Building - 11th floor
Law & Political Science	Zeina Younis zeina.younes@bau.edu.lb 01 300110 Ex: 2471 Iyad Zarzour iyad.zarzour@bau.edu.lb 01 300110 Ex: 2483	Beirut Site - Hariri Building - 7th floor
Business Administration & Dentistry	Mohammad Daouk mohamad.daouk@bau.edu.lb 01 300110 Ex: 2442 Hiba Kaddah (responsible for the Interlibrary Loan service) hiba.kaddah@bau.edu.lb 01 300110 Ex: 2442	Beirut Site - Main Building - 3rd floor
Medical Sciences Library: Pharmacy, Medicine & Health Sciences	Diana El Masri diana.masri@bau.edu.lb 01 300110 Ex: 2568	Beirut Site - Hariri Building - 11th floor

Debbieh Campus

FACULTY'S LIBRARY	CONTACT	LOCATION
Architecture - Design & Built Environment	Manar Damaj manar.damaj@bau.edu.lb 07 985858 Ex: 3244	Debbieh Site - Ground Floor
Engineering & Science	Rasha Fawaz rasha.fawaz@bau.edu.lb 07 985858 Ex: 3442	Debbieh Site - A2 Building - B2 Floor (-2)

Tripoli Campus

FACULTY'S LIBRARY	CONTACT	LOCATION
Business – Architecture - Design & Built Environment Engineering – Sciences- Health Sciences & pharmacy	Denise Francis denise.francis@bau.edu.lb 06 218400 Ex: 4022 Rola Agidios rola.agidios@bau.edu.lb 06 218400 Ex: 4045	Tripoli Site - Bloc A, 3rd Floor

Bekaa Campus

FACULTY'S LIBRARY	CONTACT	LOCATION
Freshman - Computer Science - Computer Engineering -Business Administration (Marketing Management) - Law and Political Science	Mohammad Mahmoud mohammad.mahmoud@bau.edu.lb 08 542 051 Mob: 76 662 274	Bekaa Site - First Floor

E16 Borrowing fees and licensed electronic access

The Borrowing page lists faculty, administrative staff and undergraduate and postgraduate students as borrower categories. It specifies a non refundable US$50 fee for students and part time faculty. The FAQ refers readers to these circulation rules and describes registration for library services. These statements do not establish an external visitor tariff or a public borrowing category. The FAQ also ties off campus electronic resource access to BAU students and academic and non academic staff, with accounts created on campus.

Evidence: BAU Borrowing rules (Borrowers and limitations)

Evidence: BAU Library FAQ (Subscription and off campus access questions)

It's one of the library services that allow students to borrow an item from the library according to some rules and limitations.

- It is requested to leave the book on the table after reading it.
- Some items are not to be borrowed like: Dictionaries, encyclopaedias, guides, and periodicals.
- Renewing items are available once, unless if it is requested by another user.
- Finally, a fine is imposed on any user who is returning an overdue item, in addition to other restrictions.

Borrowers and limitations

Remark: 50$ (non –refundable) fees is applicable for students and Part- Time Faculty

BORROWERS CATEGORY	NUMBER OF ITEMS	LOAN PERIOD
FULL-TIME FACULTY	2	1 WEEK
PART TIME FACULTY	1	1 WEEK (renewable)
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF	1	1 WEEK
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT	Medicine, Pharmacy, Health Sciences, Science, Engineering, and Architecture: 1	1 WEEK (renewable)
	Human Sciences, Law & Political Sciences, and Business Administration: 2	
POSTGRADUATE STUDENT	Medicine, Pharmacy, Health Sciences, Science, Engineering, and Architecture: 1	1 WEEK (renewable)
	Human Sciences, Law & Political Sciences, and Business Administration: 2	

E17 Catalogue and interlibrary access

The catalogue information page describes discovery of books, journals, theses and multimedia. At review, its search link led to a private campus network address. A public information page therefore cannot substantiate a working off campus catalogue, or free access to the full text of listed books.

Evidence: BAU Search the Library Catalogue

Can I borrow books from the library?
Yes. You may borrow books that are eligible for loan after registering for library services. Borrowing privileges, loan periods, and the types of materials available for borrowing are subject to the library's policies and regulations.

How can I subscribe to the library?
Subscribing to the library services requires a non-refundable $50 deposit. Then the librarian registers the user's subscription via the integrated library systems. For more details please check this link: **Library Circulation**

How to check if a book is available?
Users can search for the title on the **online library catalogue**.

How to create an account for online databases and E-Books database?
Note: Your account must be created while connected to the BAU Campus network.

Steps to create/register an account:

- Log in to I-Connect → Library → Online Databases.
- Click Create/Register Account (top of the page).
- Use your BAU email to complete the registration.

E-books access: For full access, you may need Thorium reader , a free and accessible e-book application required to open and read EBSCO eBooks downloaded for offline use.

For further details and assistance, please contact the librarian associated with your faculty library.

How to use "online databases"?
You may refer to the Online database Tutorials for step-by-step guidance on accessing and using the various e-resources available through BAU Libraries .here: **Online Database Tutorials**
For further assistance, contact your faculty librarian.

Can I access library resources from off campus?
BAU students, academic and non-academic staff can access these resources off-campus provided that their accounts were created in advance on campus.

How to create an account on Turnitin?
If you are a professor, contact the Turnitin administrators:

Campus	Email
Beirut	Nabila Halwani nabila.halwani@bau.edu.lb
Dibbieh	Rasha Fawaz rasha.fawaz@bau.edu.lb
Tripoli	Denis Francis denis.francis@bau.edu.lb

If you are a student, you will need to use your BAU email, the class ID, and the enrollment key provided by your instructor.

How can I search all library databases at the same time?

- Go to the library webpage.

- Click on the Multisearch icon.

- Enter your topic or keywords to search for online articles or books.

The search will open the EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS), which searches across all library databases at once.

Use the available filters and Advanced Search options to refine your results.

I was looking up a journal article not available within the libraries' databases. Can I still obtain it?
Yes. You can use the Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery Services (ILL-DDS). Submit the Interlibrary Loan Form found here: **Interlibrary Loan Form**. After sending the form to the responsible person, expect a few days before receiving the article.

Do BAU Libraries Open On Fridays During Prayer Time?
Yes. All BAU libraries remain open during prayer times on Fridays.

How to cite information resources?
You can use the following tools for citation:

1- APA 7th Edition Manual: **APA Manual**

Note: Access is available through your iConnect account.

2- Free Citation Tools:

- **Mendeley**
- **Zotero**

How can I verify the accuracy and authenticity of online information?
There are trusted tools and resources that help users evaluate the reliability of online information:

• **ICANN WHOIS** – Check website ownership and registration details

• **Broken Link Checker** – Identify inactive or broken links

• Fake News Awareness Guide:**IFLA's How to Spot Fake News**

• Image Verification Tools: **FotoForensics ,TinEye ,Google Reverse Image Search**

The Inter Library Loan page describes free request services and eligible categories at participating institutions. It supports cooperative access for eligible users, with lending and copyright conditions. Its free service statement should not be extended to every unaffiliated member of the public.

Evidence: BAU Inter Library Loan and Document Delivery

The library catalogue is a tool that enables users to check BAU Libraries print collection (Books, Journals, Theses, & Multimedia).

Click **this link** to search the catalog or Scan the QR-Code using your smartphone QR-code Reader App.

Recommended submission narrative and evidence assessment

Suggested response to the question

Yes. Beirut Arab University provides free public access to selected digital library books and scholarly publications through Digital Commons at BAU, a service of the university libraries. Public book records include yearbooks published in 2021, 2022 and 2023, with full text download links and stated Creative Commons licences. Dated journal records provide further examples from 2024–2026. The library also supplies public guides to open access books, research and educational resources.

Evidence: Institutional library repository

Evidence: Example book record and full text download

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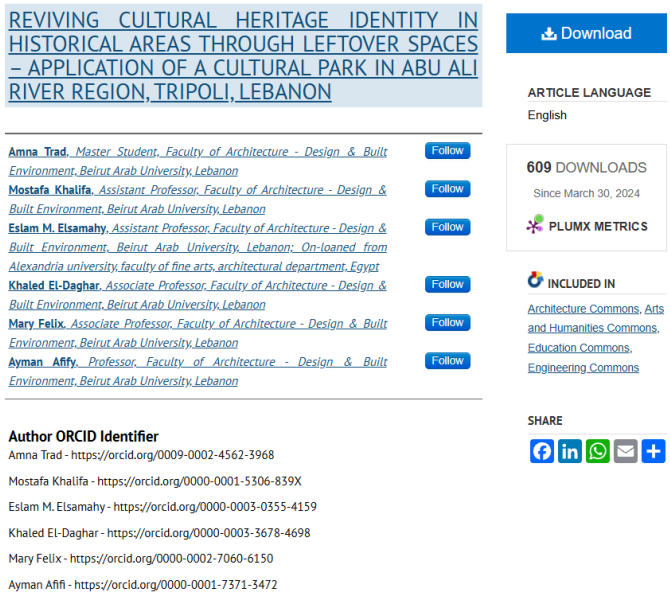
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