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BEIRUT ARAB UNIVERSITY

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

SDG 11: SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES





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Beirut Arab University Employee Housing and Housing Support

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Response to the indicator

Question: Does your university as a body provide affordable housing for employees?

Yes, with a defined scope. Beirut Arab University (BAU) provides staff accommodation at Debbieh and publishes a housing allowance provision for seconded academic staff. These establish employee housing and targeted assistance with housing costs. The evidence supports this qualified response rather than an entitlement to free or subsidised accommodation for every employee.

Evidence: BAU current description of staff housing at Debbieh

Evidence: Academic staff housing allowance provision (PDF page 4, section 2 on allowances)

Accommodation & Dorms



Being away from your home can be a challenging experience. Students living away from their homes and studying in Beirut or Tripoli Campuses can rent a girls-only or boys-only shared or private apartment from various local renters in these regions. Rent is usually paid yearly (two installments) and varies according to location, size, and students sharing the apartment.

Students studying in Debbieh Campus may select between the University dorms, which are located inside campus and are two minutes away from the University parking area or local renters in the area.

BAU's Debbieh Dorms are safe, comfortable, and relaxing. BAU has allocated two separate buildings: one for boys and one for girls. There are 127 rooms available for boys and 67 rooms available for girls. The dorm rooms range from single to double occupancy.

Room Types and Prices

Debbieh Campus comprises two separate dorms: the girls' dorms and the boys' dorms. These are two buildings located inside the campus in close proximity to the parking lot. The dorms encompass a mini-market which includes basic needs of students and a private gym for students enrolled in the dorms. Our student dorms are all self-catered.

Girls' Dorms:

Girls can select between a double (shared) room and a single room.

Double Room	Single Room
Bunk beds (2 beds)	1 Bed
2 Desks	1 Desk
Mini fridge (inside room)	Mini fridge (inside room)
Fan	Fan
-	Microwave in room
Free Wi-Fi	Free Wi-Fi
1 Bathroom (inside room)	1 Bathroom (inside room)

The girls' dorms include a laundry room and a security surveillance system. Girls also have access to a shared kitchen and a common area for studying and relaxing.

Boys' Dorms:

Boys can choose between a double room, a single room, or a VIP room.

Double Room	Single Room	VIP Room
2 Beds	1 Bed	2 Beds
2 Desks	1 Desk	2 Desks
-	-	Kitchen (inside room)
Mini fridge (inside room)	Mini fridge (inside room)	Fridge (inside room)
Fan	Fan	Fan
-	Microwave in room	Microwave in room
Free Wi-Fi	Free Wi-Fi	Free Wi-Fi
1 Bathroom (inside room)	1 Bathroom (inside room)	1 Bathroom (inside room)

Academic staff housing allowance provision



٢. البدلات:

• يُصرف لأعضاء هيئة التدريس المعارين بدل سكن قدره ١٠٠٠ $ شهرياً.

• يُصرف لأعضاء هيئة التدريس بدل مواصلات قدره ١٢٠٠ $ سنوياً للمعار و٨٠٠٠ ل.ل. عن كل يوم عمل فعلي للمعين.

• يُصرف لعميد الكلية المعار بدل تمثيل وقدره ١١٠٠ $ شهرياً والمعين ١,٦٥٠,٠٠٠ ل.ل. شهرياً.

• يُصرف لرئيس القسم المعار بدل تمثيل وقدره ٢٥٠ $ شهرياً والمعين ٣٧٥,٠٠٠ ل.ل. شهرياً.

• يُصرف لأعضاء هيئة التدريس في الكليات العملية وكلية التجارة وإدارة الأعمال بدل تفرغ وقدره ٢٥٠ $ شهرياً للمعارين و٣٧٥,٠٠٠ ل.ل. للمعينين.

• يُصرف لأعضاء هيئة التدريس المعارين في كليتي الطب وطب الأسنان بدل عيادة للأقسام الإكلينيكية على النحو التالي :

- أستاذ ٦٠٠ $ في حال وجود عيادة خارجية
- أستاذ مساعد ٤٥٠ $ في حال وجود عيادة خارجية
- مدرس ٣٠٠ $ في حال وجود عيادة خارجية

ويعتبر هذا المبلغ بديلاً عن بدل تفرغ.

• يُصرف لأعضاء هيئة التدريس المعارين بدل تذاكر للسفر والانتقال وقدره مرتب نصف شهر عند بداية كل عام جامعي.

٣. إسهام الجامعة في المهمات العلمية:

• يصرف للمنتدبين للخارج في مهمات علمية:

– تذاكر سفر بالدرجة الأولى لعمداء الكليات وبالدرجة السياحية للآخرين.

– بدل إقامة قدره ٢٠٠ $ عن الليلة الواحدة للإقامة الكاملة.

ويسري هذا الاستحقاق للمعين عندما تكون المهمة خارج لبنان وللمعار خارج لبنان والإسكندرية.

• الحصول على إجازات خاصة بأجر للمشاركة أو لحضور مؤتمرات علمية أو غيرها من المهام التي يوافق عليها رئيس الجامعة، وتساهم الجامعة في تمويل المهام العلمية والمؤتمرات العلمية ذات الصفة الدولية التي تنظمها منظمات أو مؤسسات علمية متميزة لأعضاء هيئة التدريس على النحو التالي:

– التذكرة بالدرجة السياحية.

– بدل إقامة قدره ٢٠٠ $ عن الليلة الواحدة.

– رسم الاشتراك المبكر للمؤتمر.

ويستفيد عضو هيئة التدريس من دعم الجامعة لحضور المؤتمرات مرة واحدة كل عامين ويكون بدل السفر لمدة أقصاها سبعة أيام في دول القارة الأميركية والشرق الأقصى وخمسة أيام في باقي الدول.

• يصرف للمشاركين في المؤتمرات العلمية المحلية رسم الاشتراك المبكر للمؤتمر مرة واحدة كل عامين.

• يصرف للمنتدبين للعمل في دورات امتحان خارج لبنان بدل إقامة وقدره ١٠٠ $ عن الليلة الواحدة، وتشمل الإشراف والتغذية كما تتحمل الجامعة إيجار الغرفة بالفندق.

The evidence supporting the response

Evidence	What it establishes	Original source
Debbieh campus record	Two staff dormitory buildings, separately identified from student dorms	Campus description

Evidence	What it establishes	Original source
Faculty benefits booklet	A defined employee category receives housing cost assistance under the published provision	Allowance rule
Research published in 2024	Recent corroboration of staff accommodation buildings	Campus study

Housing availability and housing affordability should be demonstrated together. A university residence confirms provision; its rent, included services or subsidy establishes the financial benefit. A housing allowance directly addresses costs, but its present application and the beneficiaries covered should be documented for the submission year.

Employee accommodation at Debbieh

Current university confirmation

BAU's current Debbieh page identifies two staff dormitory buildings, separately from student residences. This explicit designation provides direct institutional evidence of employee accommodation. Student housing is not used to infer staff provision.

Evidence: Debbieh campus staff dormitory buildings (Opening campus description)

Dated corroboration within the review period

The campus travel study published on 23 September 2024 also identifies two buildings for staff accommodation at Debbieh. Its study-area description separately identifies student dormitories. This provides dated corroboration within the 2021 to 2026 period.

Evidence: Original 2024 study (Section 4, Description of the Study Area)

Evidence: Publisher PDF with the staff accommodation description (PDF page 9)

Analysing Travel Patterns at Beirut Arab University, Lebanon: An In-Depth Characterization of Travel Behavior on Campus

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4. Description of the Study Area

This study delves into the travel behaviors of Beirut Arab University (BAU) students, employees, and academic staff, within two of its campuses: the Beirut campus in Greater Beirut Governorate and the Debbieh campus in Mount Lebanon Governorate in Lebanon. The following section furnishes a comprehensive depiction of the research areas, commencing with an overview of the location and distinctive features of BAU. Subsequently, it engages in a discourse on the noteworthy transportation-related challenges encountered at BAU.

The geographical boundaries of Beirut and Debbieh campus are illustrated in Figure 1 and Figure 2, respectively.



Figure 1. Geographical boundaries of the BAU-Beirut campus.



Figure 2. Geographical boundaries of BAU-Debbieh campus.

Established in 1960, the Beirut campus serves as the main branch of BAU, centrally located in the heart of Beirut on Tareek El Jadida. Encompassing a land area of 41,107 m^2, it features two buildings with a total built area of 50,500 m^2. The primary structure, spanning 22,000 m^2, houses BAU administration and the faculties of business administration and dentistry.

Within this campus, there is a 300-seat festivities hall, five well-furnished seminar rooms equipped with multimedia and display screens, a specially designed “Al Multaqa” serving as a center for cultural and art activities, a student activities and alumni and career office building, a gymnasium, a sports hall, and a cafeteria.

The second building is the Hariri building, a 12-story structure with two basements and a ground floor, occupying 28,000 m^2. It accommodates five faculties: human sciences, law and political science, pharmacy, medicine, and health sciences. The Beirut campus offers a publicly accessible parking area designated for students, faculty, and visitors alike.

Established in 2006, the Debbieh campus is situated 33 km away from Beirut city. Covering an expansive land area of 1,353,000 m^2, the total built area encompasses 52,538 m^2.

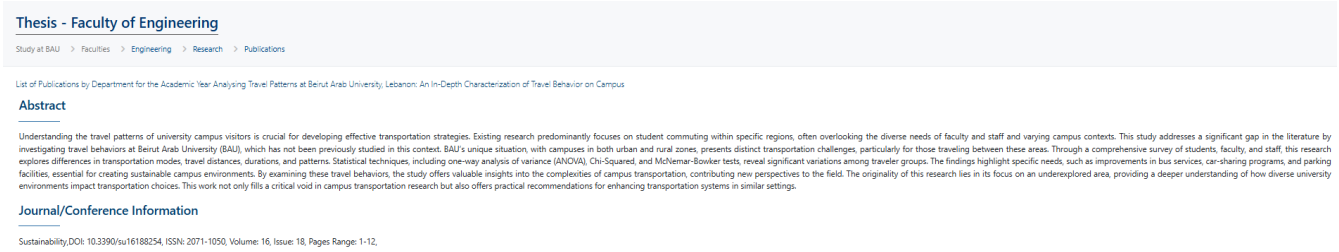
This campus includes four buildings dedicated to faculties and administration, two structures for student dormitories, two buildings for staff accommodations, a gymnasium, a mosque, an astronomical observatory, a cafeteria, an open theater, and a student lounge.

At present, the campus hosts three faculties: architecture—design and built environment, engineering, and science. The Debbieh campus has allocated four dedicated parking areas within the campus premises to accommodate the parking needs of its students, staff, and visitors.

The utilization of the public parking facility, which accommodates the private cars of students, staff, and members, as well as those of any person visiting the area, has given rise to a parking shortage issue at BAU, particularly at the Beirut campus. The inclusive nature of the parking space, while aiming to cater to a diverse range of individuals, has inadvertently led to increased demand, surpassing the available parking capacity. The resultant shortage poses a challenge for the university community and visitors alike, impacting the overall convenience and accessibility of parking on the Beirut campus. On the other side, while the parking challenge may not be as pronounced at Debbieh campus, it presents a different set of concerns. Attracting students from various governorates in Lebanon, many travelers face an average driving time of 20–30 min to reach the campus. Despite the university’s effort to alleviate transportation issues by providing shuttle buses specifically from Beirut and Saida cities, several factors, such as crowdedness, areas not covered by shuttle services, and the absence of intelligent transportation assets, contribute to discouraging travelers from adopting this mode of transportation. These challenges highlight the need for a comprehensive and efficient transportation strategy to better serve the diverse commuting needs of students and staff attending the Debbieh campus.

The Faculty of Engineering lists this publication on BAU's own website. The publication record supplies institutional provenance for the research. The study describes campus infrastructure; it does not report staff rental prices, numbers of occupied apartments or a housing subsidy calculation.

Evidence: BAU engineering publication record



Thesis - Faculty of Engineering

Study at BAU > Faculties > Engineering > Research > Publications

List of Publications by Department for the Academic Year Analysing Travel Patterns at Beirut Arab University, Lebanon: An In-Depth Characterization of Travel Behavior on Campus

Abstract

Understanding the travel patterns of university campus visitors is crucial for developing effective transportation strategies. Existing research predominantly focuses on student commuting within specific regions, often overlooking the diverse needs of faculty and staff and varying campus contexts. This study addresses a significant gap in the literature by investigating travel behaviors at Beirut Arab University (BAU), which has not been previously studied in this context. BAU's unique situation, with campuses in both urban and rural zones, presents distinct transportation challenges, particularly for those traveling between these areas. Through a comprehensive survey of students, faculty, and staff, this research explores differences in transportation modes, travel distances, durations, and patterns. Statistical techniques, including one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA), Chi-Squared, and McNemar-Bowker tests, reveal significant variations among traveler groups. The findings highlight specific needs, such as improvements in bus services, car-sharing programs, and parking facilities, essential for creating sustainable campus environments. By examining these travel behaviors, the study offers valuable insights into the complexities of campus transportation, contributing new perspectives to the field. The originality of this research lies in its focus on an underexplored area, providing a deeper understanding of how diverse university environments impact transportation choices. This work not only fills a critical void in campus transportation research but also offers practical recommendations for enhancing transportation systems in similar settings.

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What the accommodation evidence means

University-provided housing can help employees locate near their workplace and reduce the need to arrange separate accommodation. These are potential practical benefits of on-campus provision. Their monetary value depends on the actual terms offered to residents. An affordability assessment should therefore specify the amount an employee pays and which services are included, rather than assume that university ownership makes the residence free.

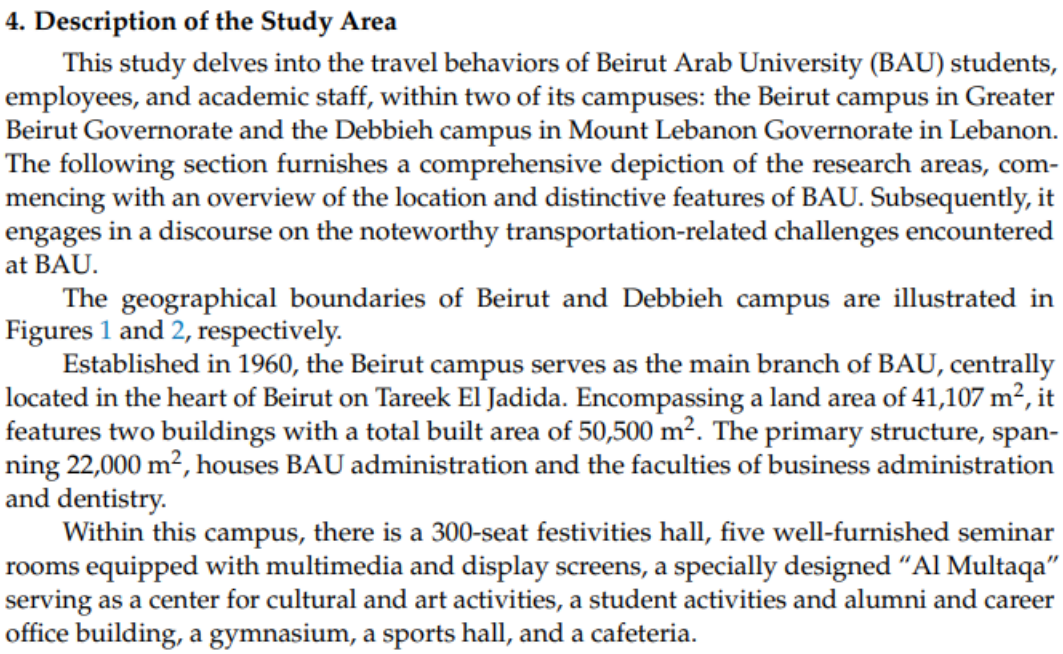
Campus and residence coverage

Debbieh is documented; the two-building count does not establish apartment capacity, occupancy or arrangements at other campuses. Current inventory and allocation records are needed to report beneficiary totals.

Evidence: BAU current campus description

Current facilities information and dated research are complementary sources. Financial terms remain necessary to assess affordability.

Evidence: Dated campus infrastructure corroboration (PDF page 9)



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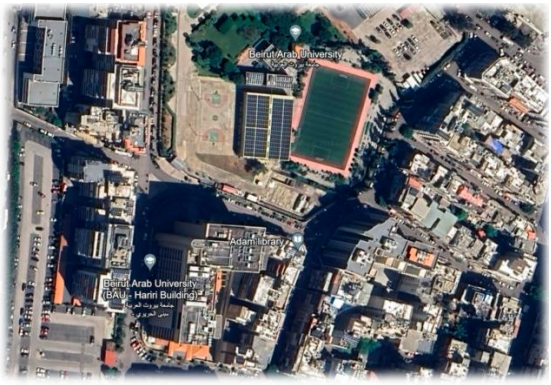


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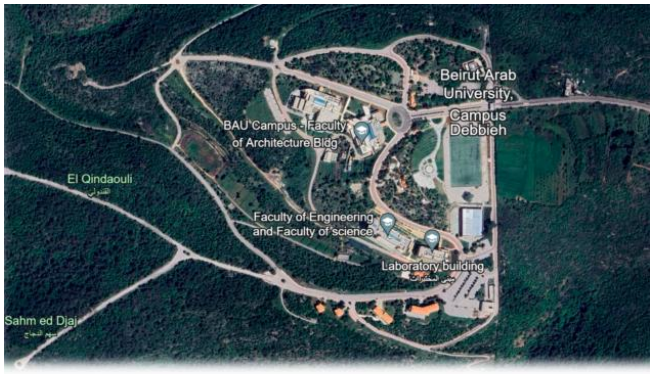


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Housing cost assistance for academic staff

The published allowance provision

BAU's faculty benefits booklet provides the following housing rule, translated from Arabic: "Seconded academic staff are paid a housing allowance of $1,000 per month."

Evidence: Original Arabic faculty benefits booklet (PDF page 4, first bullet under section 2)

The beneficiary category is المعارين, meaning seconded staff. It does not extend eligibility to all international recruits or all employees.

Evidence: Beneficiary category in the original provision (PDF page 4)

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