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BEIRUT ARAB UNIVERSITY

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

SDG 11: SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES





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Beirut Arab University Pedestrian Access on Campus

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Question: Does your university as a body prioritise pedestrian access on campus?

Response to the indicator

Yes, with a defined evidential scope. BAU publishes institutional rules that protect entrances and major pathways from parking obstruction, exclude motor vehicles from lawns and planted areas, and require clear circulation routes and illuminated exit pathways. Its accessibility provisions support movement by students with mobility impairments. Together, these measures support an affirmative response at policy level. The new Bekaa masterplan adds explicit pedestrian priority in campus design, although it remains evidence of planned development.

Evidence: BAU Facilities and Equipment Policy (PDF page 2, Public Parking procedures, item 12a)

Evidence: BAU Open Space Policy and Procedures (PDF page 1, item 1)

Evidence: BAU Safety and Security Policy (PDF page 1, Life Safety Code)

Evidence: BAU Disability Policy (Accessibility and Facilities)

Evidence: AKL Architects BAU Beqaa Campus masterplan (sections 1 and 2, proposed development)

Rules protecting movement from parked vehicles

The Facilities and Equipment Policy identifies blocking an entrance or a major pathway as a parking violation that attracts an additional parking charge. This is the clearest existing rule relevant to keeping access routes usable. The policy also places vehicle users under university rules and provides for registration and parking cards. The detailed parking provisions describe Beirut locations; they should be cited within that documented context rather than presented as a verified traffic plan for every campus.

Evidence: BAU Facilities and Equipment Policy (PDF pages 1 and 2; Public Parking item 12a)

Facilities and Equipment Policy

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9. A valid parking card must be displayed on the on the lower left side of the vehicle's windshield.
10. The main parking Gate opens 24 hours on a weekly basis.
11. Overnight parking is NOT permitted for academic staff and administrative staff. In exceptional cases, vehicles are permitted.

Procedures # 2 Public Parking procedures

1. The public parking is located behind the Hariri building, and it is open for the public.
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9. The main parking lot consists of a main gate which opens its doors from 6 A.M. till 12 A.M. and a sub-gate which opens its doors from 7 A.M. till 5 P.M. This time schedule may be subject to exceptions.
10. Overnight parking is permitted for academic staff, administrative staff, students, alumni, visitors, contractors, and the public.
11. When parking members sell their car, they should terminate their parking membership and ask for a clearance so that their old card is returned to the University in exchange for a new one.
12. **Non-moving Violations:** The following lists the major parking violation that would result in a non-moving additional parking charge:

a. Blocking the entrance or major pathways
b. Double parking or occupying more than one space
c. Unauthorized overnight parking
d. Parking in reserved area

Motor vehicles excluded from planted areas

The Open Space Policy and Procedures prohibits motorized vehicles on lawns and planted areas at BAU campuses. This establishes a clear restriction on vehicle use in landscaped spaces. The same policy gives General Affairs authority to restrict use of green areas for maintenance or other conditions. Its scope is lawns and planted areas; it does not designate every campus road as pedestrian only or grant unrestricted use of every lawn.

Evidence: BAU Open Space Policy and Procedures (PDF page 1, Open Spaces procedures, items 1 and 5)

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3. Lawns may not be utilized for sports including football, volleyball, or any kinds of sports restricted to BAU's sports fields.
4. Usage of stakes and other excavation methods is not allowed without the permission of the General Affairs Department. Damage of irrigation and lighting systems currently being processed at BAU is not allowed.
5. The General Affairs Department maintains the right to prohibit or restrict usage of lawns or green areas at any time for field maintenance or any condition.
6. Irrigation is performed daily from morning hours until noon on a weekly basis especially in spring, summer, and fall.
7. The plant nursery shall be responsible for the growth and preparation of plants until they are of the right size to be planted in open spaces or pots in University offices.
8. The maintenance of indoor pots and plants shall be cared for by the gardening services company as per the University's contract agreement which comes twice a week for periodical maintenance of indoor plantations. Relocation or watering of plants is the sole responsibility of this company. Academic staff, administrative staff, students, alumni, visitors, and contractors are not permitted to water, cut, or relocate the plants in any way possible.

Safety and inclusive pedestrian movement

Clear routes and emergency lighting

BAU's Safety and Security Policy requires exit doors and hallways to remain unobstructed. Exit doors must be recognizable through signage, and emergency lighting must illuminate exit pathways, remain functional and be tested regularly. Equipment used during events must be positioned so that it does not obstruct hallways, exits or aisle access. These provisions address practical barriers to movement within buildings and during campus events.

Evidence: BAU Safety and Security Policy (PDF page 1, Procedure 2, items 1 to 9)

Safety and Security Policy

Policy I. Security Measurements

The main responsibility of the Safety and Security Unit is to ensure the safety and security of academic staff, administrative staff, students, alumni, visitors, and contractors at Beirut Arab University.

Beirut Arab University provides a 24 hours a day, 365 day per year security presence on campus. There is a supervisor on duty at all times in addition to fixed and patrol assignments. All uniformed security personnel receive mandatory pre-employment training in accordance with University laws. They also receive additional in-service training on a regular basis. Security officers respond to a range of situations during their duty hours. These may include, but are not limited to, medical emergencies, fire or intrusion alarms and service calls. Security officers also prepare incident reports.

While Beirut Arab University safety and security personnel strive to create and maintain a safe campus environment, all academic staff, administrative staff, students, alumni, visitors, and contractors must take the main responsibility for their personal safety and the security of their personal belongings by taking precautionary measurements.

Procedure # 1 ID Cards

To maintain safety in the University community, upon entering the campus, the Beirut Arab University ID card must be displayed to the security guards at the gates. Temporary IDs will be issued to those individuals who do not have their ID cards or persons exhibiting a valid reason to enter the campus.

Procedure # 2 Life Safety Code

1. Exit doors shall not be blocked or obstructed at any times.
2. Exit doors shall open from the inside without any difficulty.
3. Exit doors shall be marked by signs for the ease of their recognition.
4. Existing the campus shall not be permitted through kitchens, storerooms, restrooms, closets, or hazardous areas.
5. Emergency lights shall be tested regularly and functional at all times.
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8. Hallways must be clear at all times. People shall not be allowed to stand or sit in a hallway during any event. Chairs, backpacks, or other items cannot be added or placed in hallways.
9. TV cameras and other media equipment shall be located in designated places so they do not block or obstruct hallways, an exit door, or an aisle access between rows.
10. If the TV camera locations are found insufficient, it is recommended to place central cameras to provide all present TV stations with the coverage they need.
11. Safe wiring of any present equipment inside the hall will guarantee an accident free environment for all attendees. All wiring shall be taped or covered by special plastic cover protection. This will eliminate tripping and electrocution hazards. It is recommended to pre-wire all assembly halls so reporters can plug-in their equipment at designated locations. This will eliminate wiring and prevent accidents during public events.
12. All portable fire extinguishers shall be regularly inspected, in operable condition, and placed near exits.
13. Fire alarm systems must be tested regularly to ensure proper functionality.

The policy assigns safety to a university unit, describes continuous security coverage and provides for incident reporting. These provisions establish institutional responsibility. Inspection results and outdoor route audits were not found in the reviewed material. Emergency exit lighting requirements alone do not demonstrate outdoor walkway lighting upgrades.

Evidence: BAU Safety and Security Policy (PDF pages 1 and 2, policy statement and Crime Reporting procedure)

Procedure # 5 Crime Reporting

1. Consistent with legal requirements, academic staff, administrative staff, students, alumni, visitors, and contractors at Beirut Arab University shall be advised on a timely basis regarding the occurrence of crimes on campus.
2. Special security notices are prepared in the event that a crime is committed on campus and are distributed to the community. These notices provide the facts related to the incident and alert members of our community to prevent future incidents from occurring. Incidents can be reported to campus security by dialing: Ext. 2000.
3. An officer or supervisor will document the incident. Many of these incidents will be followed up by the General Affairs Division.

Access for students with mobility impairments

BAU's published Disability Policy describes campus infrastructure with ramps, elevators and designated areas intended to make access easier for students with mobility impairments across campuses. It also identifies a Diversity and Inclusion Committee within the university's equality framework. These published provisions support an inclusive interpretation of pedestrian access, covering people who use mobility aids as well as people walking without assistance.

Evidence: BAU Disability Policy (Accessibility and Facilities; Commitment through Policy)

Disability Policy

Beirut Arab University demonstrates a strong and enduring commitment to fostering an inclusive academic environment by providing comprehensive support services for individuals with disabilities. Aligned with its core values of equality, dignity, and access to education for all, BAU ensures that students with physical, sensory, learning, or psychological disabilities are fully supported throughout their academic journey.

Through dedicated infrastructure, accessible learning resources, academic accommodations, and psychological counseling, BAU actively removes barriers to participation and success. The university's campus is designed with accessibility in mind, while its student services work closely with faculty and administrative units to provide tailored academic and personal support.

Moreover, BAU's Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) policy, backed by its Diversity and Inclusion Committee, reinforces its institutional responsibility to uphold non-discrimination and empower all students to reach their full potential.

By embedding these practices into university life, BAU affirms its unwavering dedication to creating a campus where inclusion is not just a principle, but a lived reality.

Disability Policy:

BAU has implemented a Disability Policy aimed at integrating individuals with disabilities into the academic community and broader society. This policy focuses on creating an environment that accommodates their needs and ensures their full participation in university life.

Student Support Services:

The university provides tailored services for students with special needs throughout their academic journey. Efforts are made to deliver professional assistance, ensuring that all students have equitable access to educational resources and opportunities.

Counseling and Interventions:

BAU's dedicated unit offers counseling services and interventions, encompassing psychological, social, and educational support. These services are designed to address the diverse needs of students, including those with disabilities, fostering an inclusive and supportive learning environment.

Digital Accessibility:

In line with its commitment to accessibility, BAU ensures that its digital platforms are user-friendly for individuals with disabilities. The university's digital resources comply with web accessibility standards, facilitating seamless access to online materials.

Academic Programs:

BAU offers courses such as Education for Special Need such as “Specialized Diploma in Special Needs Studies”, which focus on understanding and supporting individuals with disabilities. These programs contribute to raising awareness and equipping students with the knowledge to promote inclusivity.

Through these initiatives, BAU underscores its dedication to providing an accessible and supportive educational environment for all students, ensuring that individuals with disabilities receive the necessary resources and assistance to thrive academically and socially.

The source establishes what BAU reports providing. It does not contain a campus by campus access audit, mapped continuous accessible routes, measurements of gradients or proof that all facilities meet a named physical accessibility standard. Such details should be supported by facilities records before they are added to a ranking submission.

Facilities to support people with disabilities









Support Services for People with Disabilities at BAU:

Accessibility and Facilities:

- **Campus Infrastructure** at BAU is designed to be **accessible for students with mobility impairments**, with ramps, elevators, and designated areas to ensure ease of access across campuses.

Inclusive Education Services:

- The university offers **academic accommodations** for students with disabilities, which may include:
  - Extended time on exams
  - Alternative assessment methods
  - Note-taking assistance or accessible learning materials
  - Modified classroom environments or seating arrangements

Psychological and Counseling Support:

- BAU's **Student Affairs and Counseling Center** provides **psychological support** and **well-being services**, including for students with learning disabilities or mental health conditions.

Commitment through Policy:

- As part of its **Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) framework**, BAU explicitly supports **non-discrimination** based on disability and promotes **equal access** to education and campus life for all students.
- The university's **Diversity and Inclusion Committee** helps ensure implementation of fair practices and provides a mechanism to address accessibility challenges.

Why It Matters:

By offering these services, **BAU creates an inclusive academic environment** where students with disabilities can thrive academically and socially, ensuring that no student is left behind due to physical, sensory, or learning barriers.

Walking within the climate action framework

The Sustainable Transportation section of BAU's Climate Action Policy encourages students and staff to use walking, cycling, public transport and carpooling. This gives walking an institutional place in the university's transport objectives. It complements the access rules above, while remaining a policy commitment rather than a record of completed pedestrian infrastructure or a measured reduction in vehicle traffic.

Evidence: BAU Climate Action Policy (Strategies and Initiatives, Sustainable Transportation)

Climate Action Plan for Beirut Arab University

Beirut Arab University recognizes the urgent need to address climate change and its impacts on Lebanon and the global community. As a responsible institution committed to sustainability and environmental stewardship, BAU is dedicated to implementing a comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CAP) aligned with the university's rules and regulations and in harmony with Lebanon's environmental priorities. This plan outlines the key strategies and initiatives that BAU will undertake to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions, adapt to climate change, and promote sustainability across its campuses and operations.

Goals and Objectives:

- Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions: Implement measures to reduce BAU's carbon footprint and transition towards a low-carbon campus.
- Enhance Climate Resilience: Strengthen BAU's resilience to climate change impacts, including extreme weather events and sea-level rise.
- Promote Sustainable Practices: Encourage sustainable behaviors among students, faculty, and staff members, and integrate sustainability principles into all aspects of university operations.
- Engage the Community: Foster partnerships with local communities, government agencies, and non-profit organizations to address climate change collectively.
- Lead by Example: Serve as a model for sustainable practices and climate action within Lebanon's higher education sector.

Strategies and Initiatives:

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy:

- Conduct energy audits to identify opportunities for energy efficiency improvements.
- Retrofit buildings with energy-efficient lighting, HVAC systems, and insulation.
- Install solar panels and other renewable energy systems to generate clean electricity on campus.

Sustainable Transportation:

- Encourage the use of public transportation, carpooling, cycling, and walking among students and staff.
- Provide incentives for electric and hybrid vehicle owners, such as preferred parking spots and charging stations.
- Promote telecommuting and flexible work schedules to reduce commuting-related emissions.

The original safety, parking and open space documents remain linked from BAU's Services and Procedures page. They are standing policy evidence, retained without a date cutoff. The documents reviewed do not display formal approval or revision dates, so their continued publication should not be described as a newly adopted 2026 policy.

Evidence: BAU Services and Procedures policy directory (Safety and Security; Facilities and Equipment; Open Space)

Services & Procedures

Students, staff, alumni, and visitors follow a set of policies and procedures at BAU to maintain campus safety and order. This page contains all policies related to campus safety and orde

A. Safety and Security policy

The Safety and Security policy comprises two sub-policies: (1) Security Measurements and (2) Security Camera Policy. These are described below:

The Security Measurements Policy regulates procedures related to BAU's ID Cards, life safety code, fire safety, substance abuse, crime reporting, sexual harassment, and lost and found.

Read more about the policy

The Security Camera Policy provides guidelines for the use of security cameras on property owned and/or utilized by the University.

Read more about the policy

B. Facilities and Equipment Policy

This policy regulates procedures related to the public and private parking areas at BAU.

Read more the policy

C. Open Space Policy and Procedures

This policy contains regulations that apply to (1) outdoor green areas within BAU campus and (2) indoor office plantations.

Read more the policy

Pedestrian priority in the new Bekaa masterplan

Explicit separation of pedestrians and vehicles

AKL Architects' original BAU Beqaa Campus project description places a main pedestrian pathway at the centre of the masterplan. The route is designed to connect academic buildings, services and outdoor spaces and link the new development with BAU's existing adjacent campus. The architect describes a controlled crossing of the existing road and a connection to the garden of the existing building.

The project separates a vehicular zone along the Boundary Road, accommodating parking, drop-offs and servicing, from a landscaped academic zone. Its stated design intention is a car-free campus environment that prioritises pedestrians. This is direct evidence that pedestrian access is an organising principle of the proposed campus layout.

Evidence: AKL Architects original BAU Beqaa Campus project description (sections 1 and 2)

The architectural concept for the Beirut Arab University Beqaa Campus.

- Arrival and institutional identity: Visitors first encounter the Faculty of Health Sciences, followed by the administration building and a central public plaza. This sequence emphasizes people, accessibility and social interaction.

- Campus connectivity: A principal pedestrian spine links the proposed development with BAU's existing Beqaa Campus, connecting academic buildings, services, gardens and outdoor areas.

- Pedestrian-first planning: Vehicles, parking, drop-off points and service access are confined to a separate zone. The academic area is designed as a green, walkable and largely car-free environment.

- Sustainable design: Buildings have north–south orientations to control sunlight, reduce summer heat and benefit from winter heating. Courtyards and internal openings encourage natural ventilation and reduce energy demand.

- Student wellbeing: A large central open space accommodates sports facilities, a football field, informal interaction and university events.

- Social message: Positioning Health Sciences prominently communicates that healthcare, public wellbeing and people take priority within the campus plan.

- Future expansion: Faculties can be constructed and expanded in phases without disrupting existing campus operations.

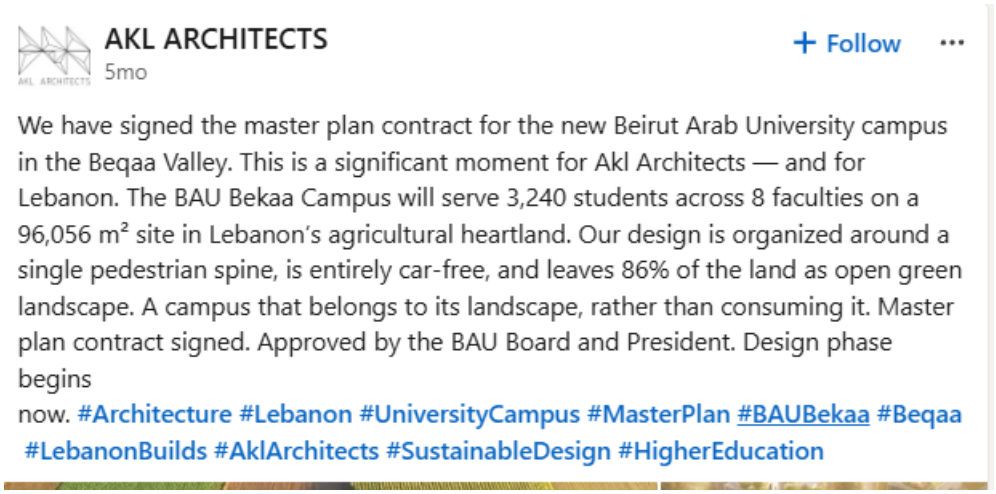
- Materials: Exposed concrete and limited additional finishes are proposed to improve durability, reduce maintenance costs and suit the Beqaa Valley's agricultural setting.

Contract announcement in April 2026

In a public announcement dated 29 April 2026, AKL Architects states that it signed the new campus masterplan contract and that the BAU Board and President approved it. The announcement identifies the beginning of the design phase. It describes a pedestrian spine, a car-free design and an intended open green landscape covering 86% of the site. Approval is reported by the appointed architect; the signed contract and BAU approval minutes were not available in the reviewed public evidence.

Evidence: AKL Architects masterplan contract announcement (29 April 2026; publication date in the original page metadata)

This material strengthens the case for institutional planning. It should be labelled proposed masterplan or design phase in the submission. Neither source verifies completion, commissioning, current occupancy or implementation of the planned traffic arrangements.





Existing campus context

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Beirut	Public parking for students, staff and visitors.	Parking exists alongside the access protection rule described on page 1.
Debbieh	Four parking areas inside campus, near faculty buildings and dorms.	Existing internal vehicle activity should be recognized when describing pedestrian priority.
Tripoli	No designated student parking area; nearby spaces are described.	Absence of a student parking lot alone does not establish a car-free campus.

Evidence: BAU Parking and Transportation (Parking Areas, Beirut, Debbieh and Tripoli)

Parking & Transportation

Beirut Arab University is committed to provide a public transportation system that is safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable. This is part of the university's efforts towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

BAU’s current parking page therefore supports a campus-specific account. A statement that all existing BAU campuses are entirely car-free would exceed the verified evidence. The Bekaa design should also be kept separate from current operating arrangements at the other campuses.

Research evidence and submission wording

Recent travel research provides supporting context

The 2024 study Analysing Travel Patterns at Beirut Arab University Lebanon reports a 2023 to 2024 survey of 400 BAU community members. Figure 7 presents active travel, combining walking and cycling, at 22.2% for Beirut and 5.0% for Debbieh. These figures describe travel to campus. They demonstrate use of active travel among respondents, but do not measure on-campus pedestrian priority, walking alone, pedestrian satisfaction or changes over time. The sample was unweighted and overrepresented Debbieh, limiting extrapolation to the whole university.

Evidence: Original 2024 travel behaviour study in Sustainability (published 23 September 2024; Figure 7 and study limitations)

Suggested response for the submission

Yes. Beirut Arab University supports pedestrian access through published rules governing campus circulation and vehicle use. Its parking policy makes obstruction of entrances or major pathways a chargeable violation, while its Open Space Policy excludes motor vehicles from lawns and planted areas. The Safety and Security Policy requires clear hallways and exits with functional emergency lighting. BAU also publishes provisions for ramps, elevators and designated areas supporting students with mobility impairments.

Evidence: Parking access protection (PDF page 2, item 12a)

Evidence: Protection of planted areas (PDF page 1, item 1)

Evidence: Clear circulation routes (PDF page 1, Life Safety Code)

Evidence: Inclusive campus access (Accessibility and Facilities)

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Pedestrian priority also informs the proposed new Bekaa campus: the architect's masterplan links academic spaces through a pedestrian spine and separates vehicle access from the landscaped academic zone. The architect announced the masterplan contract and the start of design in April 2026. This development is presented as planned infrastructure, alongside BAU's existing access policies.

Evidence: Bekaa masterplan design principles (sections 1 and 2)

Evidence: Masterplan contract and design phase announcement (29 April 2026)