HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Lebanon, the birthplace of the alphabets and a meeting point of civilizations, enjoys a special geographic location overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. This location distinguishes Lebanon from a cultural, economic, commercial and academic perspective. In the heart of Lebanon lies the Jewel of the Middle East, Beirut. Beirut is the chosen Center for various institutions, companies and Universities.

Beirut Arab University (BAU), located in the Center of Beirut, is a Center of culture and enlightenment.

BAU is a private institution for higher education, founded by the Lebanese Waqf El-Birr and Ihsan in 1960. The University is officially accredited according to Article (17) of the Lebanese Higher Education Law that was issued on the 26th of December 1961. BAU currently encompasses 10 Faculties:

1. Faculty of Human Sciences
2. Faculty of Law & Political Science
3. Faculty of Business Administration
4. Faculty of Architecture-*Design and Built Environment*
5. Faculty of Engineering
6. Faculty of Science
7. Faculty of Pharmacy
8. Faculty of Medicine
9. Faculty of Dentistry
10. Faculty of Health Sciences

HISTORY

BAU is an institution for higher education committed, since its foundation in 1960, to promote quality education. It offers 45 undergraduate programs and 95 postgraduate programs across a broad range of fields providing a rich and rewarding educational environment to around 8,300 undergraduate students and 1,100 postgraduate students from Lebanon and 1550 students from other countries. The University also aims to ensure active interaction with the Lebanese society.

BAU has a relatively long history and a substantial presence in the Middle East, celebrating in 2010 its Golden Jubilee. Many Arab students have been benefiting from our education and activities. Our strategy is to ensure that this engagement is positive and beneficial and will consequently enhance the quality of life in the region. Our location in the center of the capital Beirut, a world heritage site, is one of the defining characteristics of our University. BAU will continue to contribute to the quality of the environment through a sensitive approach to developing our region. In October 1960, BAU commenced teaching in two of its earliest faculties, the Faculty of Arts which became in 2016 the Faculty of Human Sciences and the Faculty of Law. A year later the Faculty of Business was launched. In 1962, the University opened the Faculty of Architectural Engineering, which became in 2017 the Faculty of Architecture – *Design and Built Environment*. Over the years to follow BAU evolved, expanded and added new faculties. Thirteen years later, the Faculty of Engineering was added, and one year later, in 1976, the Faculty of Science was established. In 1986, the University launched the Faculty of Pharmacy. Nine years later, in 1995, both the Faculties of Medicine and Dentistry were added. In 2005, the Faculty of Nursing became the tenth Faculty at BAU. Furthermore, to meet the rising needs for professionals specialized in health, the Faculty of Nursing was transformed to become the Faculty of Health Sciences in 2007 including the majors of Nursing, Medical Lab, Physical Therapy and Nutrition. The Faculty of Engineering introduced a new program in Petroleum Engineering in 2013 in addition to two other programs in Biomedical and Chemical Engineering in 2016. Concerning the Faculty of Architecture – *Design and Built Environment*, the Interior Design, Graphic Design and Landscape design Programs were added in 2014 in addition to the Fashion Design program in 2016. BAU started with one main campus in Beirut, then in 2006, a new campus in Debbieh was established. Currently this campus encompasses the Faculties of Architecture – *Design and Built Environment*, Engineering and Science. In 2010, a new BAU branch was established in Tripoli, which includes five Faculties: Business Administration, Architecture – *Design and Built Environment*, Engineering, Science, and Health Sciences. In 2012, an Environmental Research Center and an Alumni Club were founded in the new fourth campus in the Bekaa region and recently a new branch has been licensed, which includes four Faculties: Business Administration, Architecture - *Design & Built Environment*, Engineering, and Health Sciences.

Through a wide range of areas such as teaching and learning, aspiration - raising, sports, culture, volunteer and community work and science outreach, as well as careful management and the enhancement of our

buildings, facilities, cultural assets and events, BAU will continue to offer greater opportunities for both education and infotainment.

VISION
To be among the top universities in the region, with a global perspective that generates multi-cultural leaders equipped with competence and insightfulness, for the development and progress of their society.

MISSION
BAU has been committed, since its establishment in 1960, to offer outstanding educational programs and to provide an embracing environment for academic creativity and the development of leadership skills, instilling the concept of social responsibility, while respecting diversity and multicultural understanding. The University promotes a stimulating academic atmosphere for its academic staff to ensure excellence in research and the dissemination of its outcomes to address community needs, both nationally and internationally. BAU relies on the contribution of the University expertise in the sustainable development of the local community, while being engaged with its alumni. BAU believes in its highly efficient leadership, well-structured governance system and greatly motivated academic staff.

CORE VALUES
The university core values are:
- **Integrity:** To adhere to honesty, moral principles, truthfulness and fairness in all we do.
- **Excellence**: To strive for optimal performance in everything we do, as a single purposeful organization.
- **Diversity**: To promote tolerance of differences and respect for the Other.
- **Accountability:** To be committed to the loyalty and good-will of our community.
- **Respect:** To treat each other with civility and dignity.
- **Social Responsibility**: To contribute to the society's intellectual, cultural, spiritual and economic progress.
- **Creativity:** To enhance critical thinking and innovativeness for personal skills development.