



## GUIDELINE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT BAU

### 1. SUPPORTING INCOMING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

To achieve an elite position at the international level, BAU encourages further development of international cooperation relating to education and research as well as the exchange of students, researchers and research results with other international institutions. The University promotes an international perspective throughout the University community.

#### A. Incoming International Students to get a complete degree from BAU

##### i. Undergraduate Studies

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#### B. Incoming International Students under ERASMUS+ Project

International students will attend BAU for one semester according to an institutional agreement (IIA) signed between BAU and a partner University abroad.

##### i. Application Procedure:

Once the call for applications is announced by [BAU International Relations Office](#) and the international office of the partner institution; students from partner institution can

apply to the programme by uploading the following documents to the application link (mentioned in every announcement):

- A [Learning Agreement](#) signed by both BAU and partner institution institutional coordinators (and also signed by the advisor assigned by each faculty)
  - A transcript of records
  - An attestation of registration in the partner university
  - An invitation Letter from BAU
  - A copy of the student's passport
  - A motivation letter
  - A curriculum vitae of the applicant
  - A language certificate
- ii. **Selection Procedure:**  
Home and host institutional validations for the student's application will be done by the selection committees in both BAU and partner institution according to criteria related to the grades, CV, motivation letter and language proficiency.
- iii. **Mobility Procedure:**  
Once accepted; the international student will coordinate with the coordinator assigned by [BAU International Relations Office](#) and the Faculty regarding the registration of the courses.
- iv. **Registration Procedure:**
- Students select their courses with the help of their academic advisors who will fill out and sign the registration form.
  - Students won't pay the tuition fees as agreed in the inter institutional agreement signed between the home University and BAU. Subsequently, the international student will obtain a Student ID card from the Registrar's Office in order to be able to enter the whole campus and access all its facilities.
- v. **Programs offered:**
- [Programs for undergraduate](#)
  - [Programs for postgraduate](#)

[BAU International Relations Office](#) will be also responsible to support the incoming international student regarding the VISA and travel documents and accommodation.

C. **Incoming International Students to study for one semester at BAU**

International students will attend BAU for one semester without any agreement signed between BAU and their home University.

- i. **Registration Procedure:**
  - Students select their courses with the help of their academic advisors who will fill out and sign the registration form. Students must maintain a minimum of 12 and a maximum of 18 credit hours in the scientific faculties, and a minimum of 9 and a maximum of 18 credit hours in the humanities faculties.
  - Students must present all the required documents to the Registrar's Office in order to register and obtain an invoice of the course fees.
  - Students must then proceed to pay these fees as indicated on the invoice issued by the Registrar's Office at a bank (designated by BAU) and obtain a valid receipt. Subsequently, this receipt must be presented to the Registrar's Office in order to obtain a Student ID card.
- ii. [Tuition fees](#)
- iii. **Programs offered:**
  - [Programs for undergraduate](#)
  - [Programs for postgraduate](#)

## 2. VISA PROCEDURE

To enter Lebanon, a passport valid for three months from the date of entry is required by all nationals referred to in the chart in the link below.

Nationals listed in the chart in the link below require a visa to visit Lebanon and can obtain a one-month visa on arrival at Beirut International Airport or any other port of entry at the Lebanese border. The visa is renewable for three months. The visa is **free**.

For more details visit:

<https://www.worldtravelguide.net/guides/middle-east/lebanon/passport-visa/>

## 3. ARRIVING TO LEBANON

When arriving to Rafic Hariri International Airport (Beirut) there is no public transport to the city center. Taxis congregate outside the airport for the 20-minute journey to downtown (around US\$25). You'll likely save money by prebooking one.

## 4. HEALTH & INSURANCE

- i. **Health Insurance**

Travel insurance that covers you for medical emergencies and care is recommended.
- ii. **Recommended Vaccinations**

Hepatitis A and typhoid vaccinations are recommended.

iii. **Availability & Cost of Health Care**

Quality public and private medical care is easily available, with Beirut having the best facilities. Most doctors speak some English. If you are not covered for healthcare, you will be expected to pay upfront. Costs vary but in general are slightly lower than for equivalent services in the USA or Western Europe, for example.

iv. **Tap Water**

Though it's officially proclaimed safe to drink, many Lebanese won't drink the tap water and stick to bottles.

## **5. ACCOMMODATION**

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 choose to stay in local renters in the area.

The student can also book a shared or private apartment in Beirut or near the University campus.

For more details visit:

<https://www.nestpick.com/beirut/>

## **6. CONTACT BAU INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE**

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