

CENTERS AND OFFICES

ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT AND QUALITY ASSURANCE CENTER

Vision

To achieve excellence and innovation in teaching, learning, quality assurance, research and professional services.

Mission

The Academic Development and Quality Assurance Centre is committed to foster teaching & learning excellence and innovation, and to raise the level of performance of the faculties at all levels to ensure international accreditation.

Objectives

The Centre plays a key role in developing educational and research policies, enhancing community services and environmental development. The Center also aim at assisting in the process to get institutional accreditation for the university faculties and academic accreditation for all their programs through the following objectives:

- Offering academic programs that support BAU's focus on excellence in teaching and learning, and to achieve high competitiveness among local, Arab and international higher education institutions.
- Designing a coherent integrated curriculum at the course and program level.
- Providing a framework for collaborating with the community particularly through advisory committees.
- Helping the university to achieve its mission and vision.
- Building confidence from the public and enhancement of the role of the students.
- Creating communication channels with national and international organizations concerned with evaluating and assuring the quality of university education.

Services

Providing our students with a student-centered learning.

- Assisting our academic staff and students in integrating appropriate educational technologies into the teaching and learning process, aiming at achieving the Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs) at the course and program level.
- Providing our academic staff with support in practices related to the assessment of learning.
- Serving stakeholders in a responsive and evidence- based manner.
- Disseminating the evaluation culture among staff members and students through holding seminars, workshops and training courses concerned with the evaluation of university performance and quality assurance.
- Monitoring the development of different faculties, their programs and regulations to put their

- graduates in a distinguished position among the graduates of counterpart faculties at other universities. This will achieve their high competitiveness in the local, Arab and international job market.
- Evaluating the educational process through assessing the performance indicators of the inputs and outputs of the educational process (staff members - personnel - students - graduates etc).
- Designing and preparing necessary evaluation forms and tools which must include evaluation mechanisms and standards and the procedures required for carrying out the evaluation system.
- Identifying the weaknesses and strengths in academic potentialities and programs offered by the university. Then, offering suitable suggestions and means to overcome the weaknesses. Furthermore, putting in place action.

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CENTER FOR CONTINUING AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

BAU CCPE was established in September 2014 at Beirut Arab University as one of BAU's divisions for community service through life-long learning.

Vision

The Center for Continuing and Professional Education at BAU strives to be a leading unit for supporting excellence in life-long learning and continuing education in Lebanon and the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region.

Mission

The mission of the CCPE is to achieve excellence in supporting the lifelong educational learning and training needs of professionals in diverse fields with various levels of expertise and age groups to improve the life of the citizens of Lebanon and beyond.

Objectives

- Enforcing the link between the university and the community, and enhancing the prospects for communication and cooperation between them, through the organization and execution of continuing education courses.
- Contributing to the efforts for sustainable human development by employing the capabilities and expertise of the university academic and technical disciplines relevant to systems in existing faculties for satisfying the professional development needs of the community.

Services

Coordinating, planning and offering standard and customized courses, seminars, and training programs for the university staff, students, public and private sector, NGOs, international institutions and individuals in the fields they need.

- Developing programs for all age groups and in all desired fields that are instructional, and entertaining, and that aim at improving mental and physical health, increasing citizenship responsibilities, and supporting society needs.
- Establishing cooperation and information exchange with similar domestic and international institutions and centers.
- Organizing continuing education, public education, on the job training, planned vocational and non-vocational seminars, workshops on demand, and public conference activities on the basis of "education for everyone" and "lifelong learning" principles and making publications on and issuing certificates for such activities.
- Running other activities in the scope of continuing education.

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CENTER FOR CONSULTATION

Vision

The Center for Consultation aims to achieve national and international eminence in various fields and to be recognized for its excellence and innovation in research and consultation.

Mission

The Centre for Consultation at Beirut Arab University is dedicated to provide high quality consultation services and technical testing leveraging the extensive background of its experts and their cutting-edge experience in international consultancy and technical assistance.

Objectives

The objective of the center is to create a link between the University and society at large, and employ the university expertise in the service of the different social sectors. Therefore, the objectives of the center are:

- Conduct master and detailed planning studies and guidelines for the General Directorate of Urban planning.
- Offer consultancy services for the Lebanese local municipalities.
- Provide all civil works related to structures, highways, airports and harbors, water purification stations, and surveying works by GPS technology with appropriate planning and designing.
- Offer quality control and laboratory analysis services.

Services

Consultations and Technical Testing

The Center is a recognized leader in international consulting and technical testing. The Center teams are at work in countries across the Middle East, Arabian Gulf & Africa. The Center maintains a large group of multi-disciplinary experts from Beirut Arab University who have years of experience in international consultancy and technical assistance. The areas of consulting and technical assistance are:

- Architecture & Urban Planning
- Engineering Services
- Consultation & Environmental Research
- Medical & Pharmaceutical Services
- Administrative Development & Feasibility Studies
- Arbitration & Legal Counseling

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HUMAN RIGHTS CENTER

Vision

The HRC-BAU aims to create a more harmonious community and to build a better future for youth.

Mission

The HRC-BAU mission is to expose the youth in Lebanon to human rights and help them understand violations while acquiring the education, skills and resources necessary in an attempt to create the desired change.

Objectives

The HRC-BAU objectives are to:

- Cooperate with national and international institutions and NGOs, Holding international conferences.
- Organize regional summers schools.
- Disseminate the culture of human rights inside and outside university.
- Contribute to the production of Arabic literature and references on human rights.
- Offer training courses and workshops that focus on various human rights related topics.

Partners Institutions

The Center is currently cooperating with international and national parties. The international cooperation includes the Raoul Wallenberg Institute for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (RWI), The Council of Europe, and The Protection Project at John's Hopkins University. The national cooperation includes ALEF, The Lebanese Women Democratic Gathering, ABA, and PINCALE.

Services and Activities

The Human Rights Center offers:

- Annual Regional Summer Courses on Human Rights;
- Annual NGO Fairs;
- Training courses and workshops that focus on various human rights related topics;
- Moot court competitions;
- Open discussions and debates;
- Screening of human rights related movies;
- International and national conferences related to human rights issues;
- Researches and country mappings.

Facilities

The Human Rights Center consists of:

- Conference Rooms;
- Human Rights Library;
- Computers and Technical Equipment.

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LANGUAGE CENTER

The Language Center was founded at the beginning of the academic year 2008 - 2009. It is located in Beirut Campus. The Center is an independent unit that is directly administered by the University President. It was established to satisfy the needs of various language proficiency, due to the alteration of the medium of instruction to English and due to the requirements of the job market, the thing which adds to the benefit of the local community as a whole.

Vision

The Language Center aims to become a Center of excellence on the regional and international levels.

Mission

The mission of the Language Center at BAU is to fulfill the essential role of equipping high-achieving University bound students, in all programs and at all levels, with the various language communication proficiency skills and with cultural awareness for coping with contemporary demands.

Objectives

The Language Center aims at enhancing the target language skills among learners in order to be able to use it fluently at both the communicative and the academic levels. Therefore, the scope of objectives covers the following:

- Promote competence in multi - lingual and intercultural communication;
- Support the overarching academic objectives of BAU;
- Provide BAU students and the general public with first - rate language instruction services;
- Improve students' linguistic competence in English and / or French and sharpen the skills necessary for academic purposes;
- Meet the language needs of matriculated national and international students at BAU;
- Offer tailored courses to meet the special needs of students;
- Participate in local and international conventions, conferences, seminars, and workshops related to education and language learning;
- Provide Arabic language programs through the TAFL division to meet the needs of expatriate and foreign students;
- Establish communication venues with other institutions interested in languages, whether teaching or learning, to further cultural and educational exchange;
- Offer scientific and systematic consultations related to educational techniques and teacher training.

Services

- Offering and conducting Intensive English / French Courses;

- Offering and conducting TAFL courses (Teaching of Arabic for Speakers of other Languages);
- Offering and conducting other language courses such as Turkish in addition to prospective courses in Spanish, German, and Italian;
- Setting BAU's English Language Entrance Exam;
- Setting and administering English Language Placement Tests for external students;
- Conducting workshops for all instructors in the three campuses to update them with the recent trends in education.

Facilities

The language center consist of:

- Language Lab equipped with the audio - visual and interactive aids necessary to assist students in developing their language skills;
- Classrooms fully equipped with multimedia to maintain students' attention and interest, to encourage them to use the language, and to promote their interaction;
- Computer Lab to conduct the intensive English language online / blended courses to encourage students' motivation to learn, enable them to use authentic language, enhance their English language proficiency level and performance, and develop their computer skills;
- Available upon teachers' requests: Laptops, CD Players and Tape Recorders.

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MEDIA CENTER

Vision

The Media Center aspires to be one of the foremost departments of mass communication and Media production by offering training programs based on quality education, scientific research, and international broadcast standards.

Mission

The Media Center seeks to provide students in the Mass Communication Division with a general training on the media equipment. Our aim is to expand our students' horizons with extra knowledge and skills at utilizing technology for them to have more chances to occupy various positions in the mass media industry. By extending its vision, the Media Center offers various workshops that are available to students from inside and outside the University.

Objectives

- Increase Technical media skills of Mass Communication Students;
- Provide Training Sessions for interested people in the media domain;
- Serve as the only source of media archives for the University;
- Enhance the Center's audio-visual equipment through continuous upgrading;
- Use the Center as a production house as a result of joint ventures with TVs and media specialists.

Services

The Media Center offers:

- A compelling facility with best support and prices to TVs and independent Producer;
- Professional workshops with skilled trainers in their fields;
- Training for the Mass Communication students;
- Media coverage for the University events;
- Graphic Design that includes Concept Design, Illustration, Photo Retouching, Layout, and Print finishing.

Facilities

The Media Center consists of:

- TV studio with its control room;
- Radio Studio;
- Newsroom;
- Computer Lab.

The TV studio dimensions are: 10 m x 13 m.; it is equipped with lighting kits (PARs, Fresnel halogen lights, and Fluorescents) as well as a huge green screen for chroma - keying

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RESEARCH CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

Research Center for Environment and Development (RCED) in Bekaa was established in 2011 in the context of Beirut Arab University (BAU) efforts to build a sensible society, promote environmental equilibrium, and serve communities of rural regions. RCED stands as a platform to address aspects and tackle problems of the environment and contribute to the appropriate management of natural resources and sustainable development of the country. As such, the ecological approach utilized by RCED treats the social, biological, and physical determinants of environmental protection as key goals of development.

Vision

RCED is envisaged to serve Lebanon through advancing knowledge and improving abilities to address the pressing challenges of environment and development with the spirit of sensible and sustainable use of ecosystem services.

Mission

The Center, with its multidisciplinary dimensions, aims to perform and stimulate high quality and creative endeavors to understand and recommend appropriate management approaches to various threats and challenges of Lebanon's natural resources. RCED focuses on fostering the participation and engagement of community members and gender equity through integrated research strategies that go beyond the scientific laboratory research framework to involve the socioeconomic aspects of sustainable development. This requires the coordination of social and natural science, applied integrated research, and innovative community engagement approaches with active mutually beneficial partnerships both in and outside BAU.

Objectives

- Conduct applied research to conserve natural resources towards the sustainable use and community development;
- Provide applied research internships for undergraduate and graduate students;
- Stimulate participation in national and international cooperation programs and interdisciplinary collaborative research networking;
- Establish community outreach programs and engagement activities;
- Enhance community environmental awareness.

Interests

RCED covers a breadth of research areas and interests clustered in four themes: Water Resources Governance; Medicinal and Aromatic Plants; Flora Biodiversity; Community Engagement and Development.

Facilities

Core Facilities of The RCED

Water quality laboratory; "Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Garden"; Herbarium; Computer laboratory; Information resources and community library; Seminar, meeting, and lecture rooms.

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CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP

BAU CFE was established in September 2011 at Beirut Arab University as one of BAU's divisions for social responsibility.

Vision

CFE is well positioned to carve the reputation of a leader in entrepreneurship activities in the areas of creative economy and green industries. It aims at being recognized as a leading center in entrepreneurship research, education and outreach. To that end, the knowledge generated through the CFE could result in the creation of business-information centers and incubators.

Mission

CFE is to support and host opportunities for the largest number of potential entrepreneurs as well as growing enterprises operating in all domains. The mission is to build capability and inspire not only BAU students to become the next generation of entrepreneurs but also the community at large to include the youth, youth with disabilities, women, and the retired.

Objectives

The CFE aims to promote the culture of entrepreneurship through identifying the individuals with entrepreneurial potential, providing them with a lot of relevant input, expanding their repertoires, and equipping them with skills relevant to entrepreneurship implementation in an integrated manner. Consequently, the CFE will be enhancing entrepreneurship competencies and consequently practices, namely:

- Helping the University to achieve its mission and its vision.
- Enhancing entrepreneurship education and practice worldwide through the utilization of modern approaches.
- Providing all technical support for the successful presentation of the submitted projects.
- Highlighting scientific research in all fields.
- Building capacity by developing successful external outreach activities.
- Engaging stakeholders inside and outside BAU.

Services

CFE offers:

- **Counseling:** Facilitating the access to our vast knowledgebase, we can address our tenants' needs that range from innovative thinking to technical expertise and problem-solving skills.
- **Training & Coaching:** The team of specialists provide the tenants with theory followed directly by observed and evaluated training.
- **Funding:** Available to SMEs, are funding opportunities, known by CFE, to access all applied research, and reach expert staff and graduates.
- **Incubation:** CFE offers virtual incubation as short-term hot desk facilities so the tenant can have

- a tryout before taking initial capital investment.
- Matching: CFE provides tools for both founders and funders to communicate more efficiently and manage what is needed for a successful outcome: producing new shining stars.

Facilities

- Tools:

A Computer lab equipped with Video-Conferencing options, Books on Entrepreneurship. Software and databases.

- Human resources as counselors for:

Preliminary business, Legalization, IT & Innovation, Accounting, Business Plans, Marketing & Communication.

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TECHNICAL OFFICE

Vision

To achieve excellence disseminating information and printing BAU reports and publications to various local and international institutions and organizations.

Mission

To provide high quality technical support through cooperating with the academic and non-academic staff, by collecting and storing information, as well as preparing and publishing reports inside and outside BAU.

Objectives

The objectives of the Technical Office are:

- Setting plans for the topics and structure of BAU publications;
- Compiling and editing the annual reports, research reports and other BAU publications;
- Providing technical support in BAU publications;
- Following up on the latest trends in publication reporting techniques.

Services

The Office covers a range of disciplines such as disseminating information, planning, organizing, writing, editing and sub-designing of reports and other BAU publications related to the President Office.

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE (IRO)

Aiming at becoming an actor in the international education sphere in Lebanon, BAU has made progress in the development of its International Relations Office.

Believing in the clear advantage of centralizing the international functions in one office/body, an IRO has been established.

Vision

The IRO at BAU is committed to improve the communication and the visibility of the University in order to promote BAU as a world class higher education institute.

Mission

The IRO mission at BAU is to oversee the University's international strategic development. It manages, coordinates and supervises all international relations, initiatives and programs and facilitates both student and teacher exchanges and it also manages the funding for international partnerships.

Objectives

IRO aims at assisting in the process of internationalization at BAU through the following responsibilities:

- Promote and support international collaborative agreements (HEI).
- Develop relationships between the University, institutions and international groups.
- Increase international staff mobility.
- Support international projects.
- Support scientific research.
- Increase international students mobility.
- Promote an internationalization culture at the University.
- Promote and support international collaborative agreements with private and public institutions for international projects.
- Assist the Quality Assurance Unit at the University level in establishing mechanisms for International Accreditation (Institution/Programs).

Services

- Assisting the Quality Assurance Unit at the University level in establishing mechanisms for International Accreditation (Institution/Programs).
- Assisting in the organization of international conferences.
- Providing technical and logistic support to all faculties to apply for accreditation of their programs, building on the actual Quality Assurance System at BAU, in line with the international educational systems.
- Providing support for exchanging international staff to increase the mobility of BAU staff members (Sabbatical leave for research).
- Providing support for incoming international staff to increase the number of foreign Staff members.

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ALUMNI AFFAIRS & CAREER OFFICE

To meet the needs of graduates and keep up with their aspirations, hopes and their support; Beirut Arab University has established the Alumni Affairs in order to accompany their steps towards success and to create good work opportunities for graduates.

Vision

Act as a strong and effective binding between the university and its graduates and between the university and the community.

Mission

- Maintain continuous communication with university graduates.
- Meet notable university graduates and urge them to provide moral and financial support.
- Prepare graduating students to move from the learning environment to the professional environment.
- Strengthen relations with alumni.

Objectives

- Gather university graduates in Lebanon and abroad.
- Help graduates organize their relations with professional orders and unions.
- Encourage graduates to cooperate with each other in terms of unifying existing goals and help new graduates to find the suitable job.
- Study of the labor market and pursue opportunities and jobs available in and outside Lebanon
- Support graduates morally, culturally, socially and develop their energy.
- Urge graduates to form lobbies such as alumni associations or communities in Lebanon and abroad; communicate with existing associations to support the university and its continuous development.

Services

- Relaying job vacancies to students on daily basis.
- Offering ID cards that will be used in all university facilities, libraries, fields and sport halls.
- Informing all alumni about university activities and events of the university.
- Celebrating an honoring day for alumni.
- Providing Internship and training for graduating students.
- Organizing social events for alumni and encourage them to participate in various university events.
- Benefiting from alumni experiences through organizing lectures delivered by prominent and notable alumni.
- Keeping all records of graduates and update them on.
- Organizing the annual job fair that is held at BAU premises which gathers a good number of companies seeking to hire our alumni.

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