

I- SOCIAL FACILITIES AND SERVICES

PHONE AND MAIL SERVICES

The office of phone and mail services offers postal as well as local and international phone services to students. It also provides students with e-mail services.

ATM

In order to facilitate a lot of the banking transactions for the staff members and students, various Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) are distributed in the university as follows:

- Four ATMs are available at Beirut Campus; one from Arab Bank, one from Med Bank, one from BLOM Bank and one from Bank of Beirut.

DORMS AND HOUSING FACILITIES

a. Beirut Campus

Housing is not available at Beirut Campus; however, the city of Beirut offers various furnished and non furnished apartments at reasonable prices.

b. Debbieh Campus

Staff Accommodation

Two residential buildings provide on-site accommodation for staff. Each block is three-storey high consisting of four one-bedroom apartments, plus one three-bedroom apartment. Both types of apartments come with fully furnished living and dining spaces, bedrooms, and services.

Students Accommodation

There are two students' accommodation buildings at Debbieh Campus. The building consists of three levels with a total of 66 rooms, each having its private bathroom. The rooms are fully furnished with built-in closets, beds, and study desks. The second building houses 133 students. Ten single rooms have private toilets, while 60 single rooms and 21 triple rooms share common services. The building provides its residents with a reception area, lounges, study rooms, TV hall and gymnasium. Reserving rooms at the dorms starts at the beginning of each academic year.

CAFETERIAS

There are three cafeterias at Beirut Campus, three other cafeterias at Debbieh Campus, and one cafeteria at Tripoli Branch Campus. All cafeterias provide hot meals and snacks for students and staff at reasonable prices.

STUDENT LOUNGE

Beirut Arab University launched the students' lounge in its campus at Debbieh to be a gathering place for students to practice their hobbies of reading and surfing the internet.

The students' lounge is a building with an area of 324m² consisting of glass facades and roof tiles in addition to an outdoor seating area. It is equipped with tables, chairs, TV screen and machines that provide cold and hot drinks.

OUTDOOR EVENTS VENUE

Designated as an arrival and gathering point at Debbieh Campus, this area has a large terrace occupying 150 square meters. It is situated near the highest point on site, at an elevation of 404 meters, adjacent to the building that holds the astrological telescope. Amenities are provided nearby including toilets, a kitchen and storage areas. The terrace currently serves as a venue for group visits and seasonal events regularly organized by the University.

SPORTING FACILITIES

There are various sporting facilities available in Beirut, Debbieh and Tripoli campuses, including a Basketball Ground, Football Ground, Mini Football, Tennis and Table tennis, Kickboxing Hall, Multipurpose Hall, etc.

DEBBIEH ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY

Aiming at spreading the true knowledge of Astronomy and its latest discoveries, BAU has established an astronomical observatory in 2001 at Debbieh Campus. The most modern technology was applied in its construction. It is crowned by a planetarium that is equipped with a hi-tech telescope with a diameter of 40 cm (Meade 16 LX200-16 inches), used to conduct university scientific research in the field. It is equipped with lenses that operate within the range of ultraviolet rays to observe the outer space and the solar system.

Several activities have been held by the astronomy club at BAU, such as:

- Observing Mars in its closest position to earth, in August 2003, at the distance of 56 million km.
- Observing the Venus transit across the solar disk in June 2004.
- Observing the Mercury transit across the solar disk in May 2005 and November 2006.
- Tracking the initial crescent of the lunar month for religious purposes.

CONFERENCE ROOMS

The University campus in Beirut has 6 halls which differ with respect to capacity and equipment according to usage whether for lectures or for other activities which are held there.

- Jamal Abdul Nasser Hall: This hall is located in the Main Building. It has 301 seats, a stage and is well-equipped rendering it ideal for conferences, conventions and entertainment activities. Four other halls are attached to it for vivas and defenses.
- Ali Rashed Hall: This hall is located in the Main Building at Beirut Campus. It has 100 seats with a 4-person lecturer pulpit. Doctoral dissertation viva and MA theses defenses are held there.
- The Forum/Al Multaqa: This is located near the Main Building. It is a 2-storey newly-established building amidst the green fields. It is used to hold all kinds of artistic exhibitions.
- Omar Farroukh Auditorium: This auditorium is located in the Main Building at Beirut Campus. It is a lecture hall with the capacity of 290 students and is used by the Faculty of Business Administration.
- Jamil Rawass Auditorium: This auditorium is located in Hariri Building. It is a lecture room with the capacity of 400 students. It is used by the Faculty of Law and Political Science.
- The Exhibition Hall: This hall is located in Hariri Building. It is used for student activities and for some university special occasions.

In addition, Debbieh campus and Tripoli branch campus are fully equipped with the required halls and conference rooms.

TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING

Transportation at the University depends on 23 cars and 5 buses to procure the staff members' transport as related to work and to provide interaction among the University and its branches in Debbieh, Tripoli and Bekaa. This unit is run by three supervisors assisted by 16 drivers.

PARKING LOTS

The Public Parking Lot: This is located behind Hariri Building and is run by the General Affairs Department at the University. It can hold about 400 cars and is dedicated to either daily or 24-hour subscriptions. All staff members in addition to students and the neighboring residents benefit from this service at reduced fees.

The Parking Lot in the Main Building: This is run by the General Affairs Department at the University. It can hold about 65- cars and is dedicated to daily subscriptions only. Both Faculty and staff members at the University benefit from this service at a reduced fee.

In addition, Debbieh campus and Tripoli branch campus provide the required parking lots for students as well as academic and non-academic staff.

II- HEALTHCARE FACILITIES AND SERVICES

MEDICAL CLINIC

The BAU primary care clinic at Beirut Campus started receiving its first patients in 2001 (after the establishment of the Faculty of Medicine in 1995). At Debbieh Campus another primary care clinic started offering its services in 2007, and in the Tripoli Branch Campus, a health clinic for first aid and emergency is fully equipped to receive patients.

These clinics aim to provide highest quality healthcare services for BAU students and employees.

Services provided by these clinics include:

1. Physical examination and medical consultation for BAU students and employees.
2. Medical screening for new students before being admitted to any of the Medical Faculties and creating a Medical Record for each of them.
3. Vaccination according to the applied protocol in different faculties.
4. Primary care medications.

DENTAL CLINIC

The Faculty of Dentistry provides high-quality comprehensive, primary and specialized oral health care to adults and children. It is an educational facility. Patients accepted for treatment receive high-quality care at reduced fees relative to those found in private practice.

There are two clinics, Student clinics and Graduate student clinics, where Preventive and other dental care are delivered. Dental treatment is provided in all areas of dental care, with faculty supervision at all times.

NUTRITION AND DIETETICS CLINIC

The clinic was established in January 2013. It is located in the Nutrition and Dietetics Department – Faculty of Health Sciences. It is equipped with an electronic body composition analyzer and equipments to perform anthropometric assessment.

The mission of the clinic is to establish a distinguished unit that provides easy access to high quality nutrition care and medical nutrition therapy within a community setting. The unit serves two purposes. The first is to function as a platform for nutritional health promotion by providing nutrition -care services including medical nutrition therapy, nutrition counseling and education directed at the general population. The Second is to provide a training site for third and fourth year students preparing for their dietetic internship where they can learn through one-on-one patient counseling and nutritional management under close supervision of their professors and instructors. The nutrition outpatient clinic provides high standards of care and empowers students with professional skills and patients with needed knowledge and abilities to take an informed decision about their dietary intake and adopt a nutritionally healthy lifestyle. The outpatient clinic also provides a stage for conducting nutritional research through the Nutrition and Dietetics Department at BAU.

PHYSICAL THERAPY

The BAU Physical Therapy laboratory is dedicated to the education and training of Physical Therapy students through service-learning experiences developed with community partners in order to promote the health and wellness of all people within the communities they serve, regardless of age, race, gender, or religion. The BAU Physical Therapy laboratory will strive to provide the highest standards of care, exhibit a futuristic vision, and empower its clients with the knowledge, skills, and capabilities to achieve and maintain optimal health status. The laboratory will also strive to provide an attractive environment for research and continuous education for students and community.

PSYCHOLOGY LABORATORY

The Psychology Laboratory is located on the 10th floor in the Faculty of Human Sciences. It comprises a number of instruments that correspond to the empirical part of learning theories of psychology. The lab includes different batteries that assess intellectual skills, aptitudes, attitudes, and motivations, as well as scales to assess mental abilities. In addition, the psychology laboratory includes a variety of personality scales, mental health scales, and Clinical and Diagnostic Emotional scales. Students are trained on how to apply these scales, correct the scales and interpret the scores according to psychological theories.

III- OTHER SERVICES

BEIRUT MEDICAL SCIENTIFIC ASSOCIATION

This association was established in 2007 and represents the medical students at BAU. It cooperates closely with various scientific student societies in the world to promote the student exchange for the benefit of students, which is reflected positively in refining our medical students personally, scientifically and culturally. It consists of several committees including a scientific, cultural and sports committee.

CULTURAL CAMPAIGN

This campaign is held annually to address scientific, cultural, economic, and social as well as various other issues in order to keep the University in close contact with the community. The University invites speakers from various Lebanese, Arab, and international organizations to contribute and participate in these events.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

As Student Activities Department at Beirut Arab University, we plan and organize sports, social and artistic activities for students. We enhance university experience by providing events that are both inspiring and enriching. Through a variety of clubs, teams, and competitive groups, we strive to bring a sense of community to all BAU students.

We aim is to enrich campus life by providing services, facilities and opportunities for community development in Lebanon and abroad, multicultural experiences, personal growth and the acquisition of skills vital to the development of engaged citizens and future leaders to contribute in a global society.

We support students' needs by helping them work with one another, building interpersonal relationships and gaining experiences with collaborative event planning. In turn, as students develop their skills, they grow as individuals to become leaders in their own field.

As a Department we provide numerous benefits by giving the students the chance to participate in our activities so they will have a more enriched university life experience, develop valuable leadership, interpersonal skills and become more marketable when job searching.

Student Activities Department Goal

- Refining students' personalities in social terms, in order to reflect the civilized image of the University (through workshops, lectures and other activities).
- Improving the points of strength of BAU students and work on their weaknesses.
- Developing capacities and skills for students to resolve obstacles and deal with problems.
- Developing leadership skills.
- Creating a sense of loyalty and affiliation with the university.
- Providing a healthy environment where students have all the space to express themselves.
- Offering communication skills among students through participating in all kinds of activities.

Extracurricular Activities and Clubs

Being a student is one of the most important and memorable experiences of a person's life. In addition to academic pursuits, extracurricular activities make up a valuable part of the overall university experience. Students can develop their social and interpersonal skills by getting involved in running clubs. This will help to improve their teamwork skills, and ability to build meaningful relationship with friends and peers.

1. Sports Activities Division

- Enhance the physical quotient of the students by making them physically fit, strong, healthy and dexterous.

- Prepare students for growth and survival in a competitive world.

Clubs: Basketball (Men-Women), Football (Men-Women), Volleyball (Men-Women- Mix), Archery, Ping-Pong, Handball, Rugby, Swimming, Maui Thai, Kickboxing, Badminton, Tennis, and Chess.

Gym Classes: Zumba and Body Pump.

2. Social and Cultural Activities Division

- Teach students how to get involved and engaged in the community's social problems.

- Help students to improve their skills such as organizational, presentation, leadership and interpersonal communication.

Clubs: Environmental Protection Club, Adventure Club, Social Club, Lebanese Red Cross Youth Center - BAU Club, Entrepreneurship, Astronomy, and TEDx BAU.

3. Artistic Activities Division

- Make them aesthetically alive by induction into various arts.

- Help them develop graceful expression through dance, feel the ecstasy of music, and emote through drama.

Clubs: Folk Dance, Modern Dance, Music Club, Drama Club, Art Crafts, and Photography.

Facilities

Student Activities Department's Facilities in each campus provides the infrastructure and services to enhance community life within the three campuses. Staff is committed to providing an environment that is safe, comfortable, and fosters community.

The following facilities are available:

• Student Activities Building:

- Activities Offices and Student Lounges
- Meeting Rooms for Club Members
- Internet Access
- LCD Television and DVD Player
- White Board
- Photocopy machine
- Telephone
- Laptop and Data Show for presentations.

• Campuses Facilities:

- Gym
- Sports Complex (Gym, Sports Hall, Ping-Pong Hall)
- Training Halls and Auditorium
- Tennis Courts
- Green Fields
- Basketball Courts
- Ping Pong, Billiard table Hall