HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

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

Beirut Arab University (BAU), located in the Center of Beirut, is a Center of culture & enlightenment. BAU is a private institution for higher education, founded by the Lebanese Waqf El-Birr & 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 & 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 47 undergraduate programs & 95 postgraduate programs across a broad range of fields providing a rich & rewarding educational environment to around 8,300 undergraduate students & 1,100 postgraduate students from Lebanon & 1550 students from other countries. The University also aims to ensure active interaction with the Lebanese society.

BAU has a relatively long history & a substantial presence in the Middle East, celebrating in 2010 its Golden Jubilee. Many Arab students have been benefiting from our education & activities. Our strategy is to ensure that this engagement is positive & beneficial & 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 & 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 2016 the Faculty of Architecture – Design & Built Environment. Over the years to follow BAU evolved, expanded & added new faculties. Thirteen years later, the Faculty of Engineering was added, & 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 & 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, Technology,

Physical Therapy & Nutrition. The Faculty of Engineering introduced a new program in Petroleum Engineering in 2013 in addition to two other programs in Biomedical & Chemical Engineering in 2016. Concerning the Faculty of Architecture – *Design & Built Environment*, the Interior Design, Graphic Design & 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 & Built Environment*, Engineering & Science. In 2010, a new BAU branch was established in Tripoli, which includes five Faculties: Business Administration, Architecture – *Design & Built Environment*, Engineering, Science, & Health Sciences. Recently an Environmental Research Center & an Alumni Club were founded in the new fourth campus in the Bekaa region. Through a wide range of areas such as teaching & learning, aspiration-raising, sports, culture, volunteer & community work & science outreach, as well as careful management & the enhancement of our buildings, facilities, cultural assets & events, BAU will continue to offer greater opportunities for both education & infotainment.

VISION

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

MISSION

BAU has been committed, since its establishment in 1960, to offer outstanding educational programs & to provide an embracing environment for academic creativity & the development of leadership skills, instilling the concept of social responsibility, while respecting diversity & multicultural understanding. The University promotes a stimulating academic atmosphere for its academic staff to ensure excellence in research & the dissemination of its outcomes to address community needs, both nationally & 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 & greatly motivated academic staff.

CORE VALUES

The university core values are:
- **Integrity:** To adhere to honesty, moral principles, truthfulness & 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 & respect for the Other.
- **Accountability:** To be committed to the loyalty & good-will of our community.
- **Respect:** To treat each other with civility & dignity.
- **Social Responsibility:** To contribute to the society's intellectual, cultural, spiritual & economic progress.
- **Creativity:** To enhance critical thinking & innovativeness for personal skills development.