

Branch Campuses Questionnaire

Name of Institution:		Lebanese American University
Title of Degree:		Bachelor of Architecture
Name of Program Administrator:		Dr. Jose Manuel Madrigal
Name of Person Completing this Form:		Michella Bou Nader
Location of Branch Campus		Beirut
Distance from Main/Flagship Campus:		40 Km
Number of Courses from Curriculum Leading to a NAAB-Accredited Degree Offered at this site		83 (97) out of 176 credits [first 2 years only]
List all courses:		
Course Number	Credits offered	Course Title
FND 231	3	Design I-A
FND 232	3	Design I-B
FND 235	1	Shop techniques
FND 236	6	Design II
FND 251	3	Digital Media
FND 281	3	Design Culture
ART 221	3	Drawing I
PHO 211	3	Photography I
ARC 240	2	Sketching
ARC 241	2	Technical Graphics
ARC 311	3	Building Systems I
ARC 331	6	Design Studio III
ARC 332	6	Design Studio IV
ARC 341	3	Technical Graphics II
ARC 342	3	Technical Graphics III
ARC 351	2	Computer Graphics I
ARC 352	2	Computer Graphics II
ARC 361	2	Theory I
ARC 363	2	Theory II
ARC 371	3	History of Architecture I
ARC 372	2	History of Architecture II
ARC 375	3	Intro to Islamic Art
ARC 376	3	History of Islamic Architecture
ARC 452	3	Computer Animation
ARC 470	3	History of 20 th Century Architecture in the Middle East
ARC 478	2	Decorative Arts of Islam
ARC 481	4	Construction Documents
ARC 585	2	Professional Practice
Is attendance at the branch campus, additional site, teaching site, study abroad or online program required for completion of the NAAB-accredited degree program?		No
Who has administrative responsibility for the program at the branch campus?		The Associate Chair of the Department of Architecture & Interior Design in Beirut

To whom does this individual report?	To the Chair of the Department and the Dean of the School of Architecture & Design
Where are financial decisions made?	At the Departmental level, with approval of Dean
Who has responsibility for hiring faculty?	Joint Faculty search Committee/ Department Chair/Dean
Who has responsibility for rank, tenure, and promotion of faculty at the branch campus?	Same as main campus: Provost, Dean, and Peer review committee for promotion
Does the branch campus have its own curriculum committee?	No/ all committees are joint committees
Does the branch campus have its own admissions committee?	No
Does the branch campus have its own grievance committee?	No
Does the branch campus have its own resources for faculty research and scholarship?	No
Does the branch campus have its own AIAS or NOMAS chapter?	No
Does the branch campus maintain its own membership in ACSA?	No

Additional Comments:

The B. Arch program is only offered in its first two years [Foundation included] at the Beirut campus. This came in response to the growing demand by students residing in Beirut who want to study architecture to attend the Beirut campus. Due to limited facilities, only the first year was offered there since 2002, when the common foundation year was established, and expanded to the first two years in 2008, when growing demand led to the expansion. This need will be fulfilled by 2017-2018 by the projected full expansion of the program in its 5 years on the Beirut campus, with the dedication of the new Gezairi building.

The curriculum at the Beirut campus is the same as the one on the main campus, and the same standards are followed. Furthermore, a number of faculty members and visiting faculty teach on both campuses, thus ensuring the same standards. Proximity of the two campuses [30 kms apart] makes it possible to have this joint operation. Most lectures, exhibitions and events take place on both campuses equally.

The administrative structure is a joint structure, with one Dean for the School on both campuses, and one Department Chair overseeing the whole program, assisted by an Associate Chair at the Beirut campus. Major meetings are held on one campus [alternating] while regular meetings are held by video-conferencing.

All financial planning and budgetary decisions are made jointly with a proportionate distribution according to the student ratios on each campus. Hiring follows similar standards with most new faculty assigned mainly to one campus. This doesn't prevent cross-teaching when the need arises.

Faculty access to resources, as well as students participation in the school activities, is similar on both campuses. Currently, students enrolled in architecture have to move to Byblos in their 3rd year. This issue will be resolved by 2018.