

Branch Campus Questionnaire

Name of Institution:		Lebanese American University
Title of Degree:		Bachelor of Architecture
Name of Program Administrator:		Dr. Maroun Daccache
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		119 out of 169 credits
List of all courses:		
Course Number	Credits offered	Course Title
FND 231	3	Design Studio I-A
FND 232	3	Design Studio I-B
FND 235	1	Shop Techniques
FND 236	6	Design Studio II
FND 251	3	Digital Media
FND 281	3	Design Culture
FND 201	3	Drawing for Foundation
FND 202	3	Photography for Foundation
ARCH 201	3	Architectural Drawing
ARCH 331	6	Design Studio III
ARCH 332	6	Design Studio IV
ARCH 311	3	Structural Concepts
ARCH 351	3	Digital Drawings
ARCH 371	3	History of Architecture I
ARCH 372	3	History of Architecture II
ARCH 361	2	Theory I
ARCH 362	2	Theory II
ARCH 352	3	Digital Modelling
ARCH 431	6	Design Studio V
ARCH 432	6	Design Studio VI
ARCH 421	3	Materials and Methods of Construction
ARCH 422	3	Climate & Energy
ARCH 463	2	Landscape Architecture
ARCH 423	3	Building Technology
ARCH 424	3	Building Services
ARCH 411	3	Structural Design
ARCH 481	4	Construction Documents
ARCH 461	2	Contemporary Trends
ARCH 581	3	Professional Practice I
ARCH 582	3	Professional Practice II
LAC	18	Liberal Art Courses

PED	1	Physical Education
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
To whom does this individual report?		To the Chair of the Department of Architecture and Interior Design and to the Dean of the School of Architecture & Design
Where are financial decisions made?		At the departmental level with approval of the dean
Who has responsibility for hiring faculty?		Same as main campus: Joint Faculty Search Committee, Department Chair and Dean
Who has responsibility for rank, tenure, and promotion of faculty at the branch campus?		Same as main campus: Peer review committee for promotion, Dean and Provost
Does the branch campus have its own curriculum committee?		No
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 three 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, and to the first three years in 2014, when growing demand led to the expansion of course offering.

Offering the full program on both campuses will be fulfilled by Fall 2020, when the projected renovation of the new Gezairi building, dedicated to the School of Architecture & Design, will be completed. Currently, students enrolled in architecture have to move to Byblos in their 4th year.

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, and coordinating the studio courses. Proximity of the two campuses [40 kms apart] makes it possible to have this joint operation. Most lectures, exhibitions and events take place on both campuses.

The administrative structure is a common structure, with one Dean for the School on both campuses, and one Department Chair currently located on the Byblos campus, 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 school activities, is similar on both campuses.