



UNIVERSITY OF  
BALAMAND

# ADMISSIONS GUIDE

2025 - 2026







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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

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Dear Prospective Applicant

Surrounded by green hills and lush greenery, and overlooking the endless Mediterranean Sea with close access to modern amenities, UOB provides an excellent ambience for academic scholarship, innovation and creativity.

It gives me immense pleasure to invite you into this vibrant young institution of higher education, which is accredited by multiple higher educational commissions. What makes UOB a unique institution of higher learning is its constant effort to provide an array of multidisciplinary programs from all disciplines offering students an opportunity to develop interdisciplinary knowledge through a state-of-the-art academic curricula, ensuring intellectual and cultural enrichment of students' lives to fit in with the demands of society.

The secure university campus provides an ideal living environment for students, teachers and administrative personnel. We believe the university experience should be more than what you learn in the classrooms. It is about your campus life and activities, and the opportunity to develop yourself as an individual. At UOB you will have the chance and opportunity to join more than 50 socially active clubs and 25 athletic teams.

We equally strive to be a place that supports and benefits from the credentials of each member of our community. We aim at creating an intellectually vibrant learning environment where all people — regardless of race, gender, socioeconomic background, political and religious beliefs — are heard and valued.

We would be delighted if you took the next step in applying to UOB, where we would be proud to have you as one of our exceptional graduate students.

Looking forward to welcoming you to join our community.

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**ELIAS WARRAK**

President  
University of Balamand

# ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

The University of Balamand (UOB) was founded in 1988 at the height of Lebanon's internal war. UOB is located on the Balamand Hill and in the heart of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church.

Founded as a private secular institution to serve all people without regard to race, religion, gender, and ethnic consideration, UOB has become, in three and a half decades, one of the leading universities in Lebanon. With eight faculties, one Institute and twelve specialized research centers, UOB is committed to excellence in education, research, and service to the wider community.

Given its strong belief in human rights, democratic institutions, and Christian Muslim understanding, the University is fully committed to the development and democratization of the region, and to spreading the core values freedom, tolerance, plurality and human dignity throughout Lebanon and the Middle East.

UOB offers students hands-on education, relevant training and practical knowledge in various fields of specialization.

Students who join UOB are prepared to become professionals who are well-rounded critical thinkers and active citizens in society. They are supported by scholars dedicated to the University and to nurturing a better world.

UOB follows the American System of Liberal Education, with some programs offered in French.

To this end, the University cooperates extensively with leading universities in North America and Europe through joint research programs and collaborations.



# WHY UOB?

## *Top University*

The top university in Lebanon for the Faculty to Student Ratio and amongst the top 115 universities in the world on QS Ranking 2024.

## *Accreditation*

# ACQUIN

UOB is accredited by ACQUIN (Accreditation, Certification and Quality Assurance Institute) under a six-year Unconditional Institutional Accreditation that is valid until September 30, 2027.



Our Medical Educational Programs are accredited by TEPDAD until August 31st, 2027, in recognition for meeting the World Federation for Medical Education (WFME) global standards for medical education. With this accreditation, our MD graduates will continue to enjoy the full rights and privileges of training in the United States as foreign medical graduates.



Engineering  
Accreditation  
Commission

The Bachelor of Sciences (B.S.) Programs in Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering are accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc. (ABET) through the Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC).





# 26,970+

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GRADUATES ACROSS  
ALL CAMPUSES

# UOB

## AT A GLANCE



595+

International  
Students from  
55 countries



5,722+

Currently Enrolled  
Students



3,479+

Scholarship Recipients for the  
Academic Year 2023-2024



1,344+

Faculty And  
Staff Members

## FULL LIST OF INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATIONS





# 8 FACULTIES, 1 INSTITUTE

- ACADÉMIE LIBANAISE DES BEAUX-ARTS
- INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY
- ARTS AND SCIENCES
- BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT
- ENGINEERING
- HEALTH SCIENCES
- ISSAM M. FARES FACULTY OF TECHNOLOGY
- MEDICINE & MEDICAL SCIENCES
- POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

**UOB offers officially recognized higher education degrees.**



**1**

University Diplomas



**14**

Teaching Diplomas



**58**

Undergraduate  
Degrees



**57**

Graduate  
Degrees



**1**

Doctor of  
Medicine



**29**

Medical Specialty  
Degree Programs



**1**

Doctor of  
Philosophy



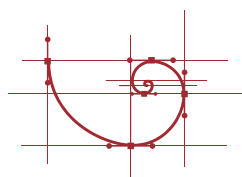
**1**

Postgraduate  
Degree









# ACADÉMIE LIBANAISE DES BEAUX-ARTS

## Dekouaneh Campus

MAJOR	LANG.	YEARS	DEGREE	ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS
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### ARCHITECTURE

1. Etudes Architecturales	F	4	Licence	Niveau français B2 Etude de dossier
2. Architecture	F	4+2	Master*	

### ARTS VISUELS

3. Arts Visuels	F & E	3	Licence	Niveau français B2 and English Language Proficiency Exams Etude de dossier
		3+2	Master*	

### ARTS DÉCORATIFS

#### Section Architecture d'Intérieur

4. Architecture d'Intérieur	F	3	Licence	Niveau français B2 Etude de dossier
		3+2	Master*	

#### Section Arts Graphiques et Publicité

5. Graphisme et Publicité	F	3 3+2	Licence Master*	Niveau français B2 - Etude de dossier
6. Illustration – Bande Dessinée	F	3 3+2	Licence Master*	Niveau français B2 - Etude de dossier
7. Animation 2D/3D	F	3 3+2	Licence Master*	Niveau français B2 - Etude de dossier
8. Création Multimédia	F	3 3+2	Licence Master*	Niveau français B2 - Etude de dossier

#### Section Design

9. Design de Produits	F	3	Licence	Niveau français B2 Etude de dossier
10. Design Global	F	3+2	Master*	Licence en Arts, en Design, en Sciences Humaines ou Ingénierie



## CINÉMA ET RÉALISATION AUDIOVISUELLE

### Section Cinéma

<b>11.</b> Réalisation Audiovisuelle	F	3	Licence	Niveau français B2 - Etude de dossier
<b>12.</b> Réalisation Cinéma	F	3+2	Master*	
<b>13.</b> Production audiovisuelle	F	3+2	Master*	Diplôme en Droit, Economie, Sciences Humaines ou École d'Art

## INSTITUT D'URBANISME

<b>14.</b> Architecture du Paysage	F & E	4	Licence	Niveau français B2 and English Language Etude de dossier
<b>15.</b> Aménagement du Paysage	F	2	Master*	Diplômes en Génie Civil, Architecture, Licences en Sociologie, Économie ou Géographie/ Diplôme d'une Grande École de Commerce ou de Gestion
<b>16.</b> Design Urbain	F	2	Master*	Licence en Architecture, en Architecture du paysage, en Design Urbain (8 semestres / 240 crédits ECTS)

## MODE

<b>17.</b> Design de Mode	F & E	3	Licence	Niveau français B2 and English Language Proficiency Exams Etude de dossier
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**\*LES ADMISSIONS EN MASTER SE FONT SUR ENTREVUE, APRÈS ÉTUDE DE DOSSIER. LES CANDIDATS DOIVENT ÊTRE TITULAIRES D'UNE LICENCE DANS LE DOMAINE CONSIDÉRÉ OU CEUX PRÉCISÉS.**

## Al Kurah Campus

MAJOR	LANG.	YEARS	DEGREE	ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS
<b>1.</b> Architectural Studies	E	4	B.S.	Language Proficiency Exams
<b>2.</b> Architecture	E	4+2	M.Arch.	
<b>3.</b> Interior Architecture & Design	E	3 3+2	B.F.A. M.F.A.	Language Proficiency Exams
<b>4.</b> Computer Graphics and Interactive Media	E	3 3+2	B.F.A. M.F.A.	Language Proficiency Exams
<b>5.</b> Graphic Design	E	3 3+2	B.F.A. M.F.A.	
<b>6.</b> Art Teaching Diploma	E	1	T.D.	Following a B.S. or B.F.A.



## ST. JOHN OF DAMASCUS INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY

MAJOR	LANG.	YEARS	DEGREE	ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS
1. Theology	A & E	1+4	● B.Th.	Following a language year (Modern Greek)
		3+4+1	● M.Th.	The MTh program is a 3 year curriculum program: 2 years for the courses + 1 year for the redaction of the Thesis Following a Bachelor Degree
			● Ph.D.	Following a Master Degree



## FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

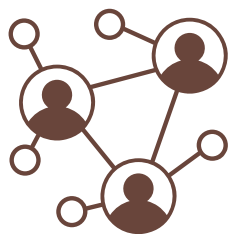
MAJOR	LANG.	YEARS	DEGREE	ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS
1. Arabic Language and Literature	A & E or F	3 3+1 3+2	● B.A. ● T.D. ● M.A.	Language Proficiency Exams
2. Biology	E	3 3+1 3+2	●●● B.S. ●● T.D. ● M.S.	SAT / Language Proficiency Exams
3. Chemistry	E	3 3+1 3+2	● B.S. ● T.D. ● M.S.	SAT / Language Proficiency Exams
4. Christian Muslim Studies	A & E or F	2	● M.A.	Language Proficiency Exams, Following a Bachelor Degree
5. Computer Science	E	3 3+1	●● B.S. ●● T.D.	SAT / Language Proficiency Exams
M.S. Tracks: - Health information Systems - Information Systems - Software Engineering	E	3+2	● M.S.	Language Proficiency Exams

MAJOR	LANG.	YEARS	DEGREE	ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS
6. Education M.A. Tracks: - Curriculum and Educational Management - Instructional Design and Technology	E or F	3 3+1 3+2	● B.A. ● T.D. ● M.A.	Language Proficiency Exams
7. English Language and Literature	E	3 3+1 3+2	● B.A. ● T.D. ● M.A.	Language Proficiency Exams
English Language Teaching	E	2	● M.A.	Language Proficiency Exams, Following a Bachelor Degree
8. Environmental Sciences	E	3 3+1 3+2	● B.S. ● T.D. ● M.S.	SAT / Language Proficiency Exams
9. French Language and Literature	F	3 3+1 3+2	● B.A. ● T.D. ● M.A.	Language Proficiency Exams
10. History	E	3 3+2	● B.A. ● M.A.	Language Proficiency Exams
11. Languages, Translation	A, E & F	3 3+2 3+1	● B.A. ● M.A. ● T.D.	Language Proficiency Exams
12. Mass Media and Communication B.A. Tracks: - Journalism and Broadcast Journalism - Marketing Communication	E	3 3+2	● B.A. ● M.A.	Language Proficiency Exams
13. Mathematics	E	3 3+1 3+2	● B.S. ● T.D. ● M.S.	SAT / Language Proficiency Exams
14. Philosophy	E	3 3+2	● B.A. ● M.A.	Language Proficiency Exams
15. Physical Education M.A. Tracks: - Physical Conditioning - Physical Activity & Health - Sports Management	E or F   E	3 3+1 3+2 2	● B.A. ● T.D. ● M.A. ● M.A.	Language Proficiency Exams, Medical Exam & Physical Exam Language Proficiency Exams, Following a Bachelor Degree
16. Physics	E	3 3+1	● B.S. ● T.D.	SAT / Language Proficiency Exams
17. Political Science and International Affairs	E	3 3+2	● B.A. ● M.A.	Language Proficiency Exams
18. Psychology M.A. Track: - Clinical Psychology	E	3 3+2 3+1	● B.A. ● M.A. ● T.D.	Language Proficiency Exams

Al Kurah Campus ●  
Souk El Gharb - Aley Campus (only in English) ●  
Dekouaneh Campus ●







## FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT

MAJOR	LANG.	YEARS	DEGREE	ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS
<b>1. Business Administration</b> B.B.A. Tracks: - Accounting & Auditing - Finance - Marketing and Innovation - Management and Entrepreneurship - Economics	E	3	●●● B.B.A.	SAT / Language Proficiency Exams
M.B.A. Tracks: - Accounting - Finance - Healthcare Management - Human Resources Management - Management - Marketing  - Executive MBA	E	2	● M.B.A.	Language Proficiency Exams, Following a Bachelor Degree
	E	2	● E.M.B.A.	Language Proficiency Exams, Following a Bachelor Degree, 5 Years of Managerial Experience
<b>2. Economics</b>	E	3	●● B.S.	SAT / Language Proficiency Exams
<b>3. Tourism and Hotel Management</b>	E	3	● B.B.A.	Language Proficiency Exams



## FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

MAJOR	LANG.	YEARS	DEGREE	ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS
<b>1. Chemical Engineering</b> M.S. Tracks: - Food Processing - Industrial Processes Engineering - Petroleum Engineering	E	3 3+2	• B.S. • M.S.	SAT / Language Proficiency Exams
	E	4 4+1	• B.E. • M.S.	SAT / Language Proficiency Exams
<b>2. Civil Engineering</b> M.S. Tracks: - Construction Management - Earthquake Engineering - Environmental and Water Resources - Geotechnical and Transportation Engineering - Materials and Structures	E	3 3+2	• B.S. • M.S.	SAT / Language Proficiency Exams
	E	4 4+1	• B.E. • M.S.	SAT / Language Proficiency Exams
<b>3. Computer Engineering</b> M.S. Tracks: - Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning - Cybersecurity and Networking - Software Systems Engineering	E	3 3+2	• B.S. • M.S.	SAT / Language Proficiency Exams
	E	4 4+1	• B.E. • M.S.	SAT / Language Proficiency Exams
<b>4. Electrical Engineering</b> M.S. Tracks: - Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning - Biomedical - Control & Automation - Power & Energy - Telecommunications & Networking	E	3 3+2	• B.S. • M.S.	SAT / Language Proficiency Exams
	E	4 4+1	• B.E. • M.S.	SAT / Language Proficiency Exams
<b>5. Engineering Management</b>	E	2	• M.S.	Language Proficiency Exams, Following a B.E. Degree
<b>6. Mechanical Engineering</b> M.S. Tracks: - Aeronautical - Manufacturing - Solid Mechanics - Thermo-Fluids	E	3 3+2	• B.S. • M.S.	SAT/ Language Proficiency Exams
	E	4 4+1	• B.E. • M.S.	SAT/ Language Proficiency Exams





## FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

MAJOR	LANG.	YEARS	DEGREE	ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS
<b>1.</b> Health Promotion	E	3	●● B.S.	SAT / Language Proficiency Exams
<b>2.</b> Medical Laboratory Sciences M.S. Tracks: - Infectious Diseases and Immunology - Molecular Biology	E	3 3+2	●●● B.S. ● M.S.	SAT / Language Proficiency Exams
- Laboratory Management	E	2	● Professional Master	Language Proficiency Exams, Following a B.S. Degree
<b>3.</b> Nursing M.S.N. Specialties: - Adult Care - Neonatal and Child Care	E or F E	3 3+2	●●● B.S. ● M.S.N.	SAT or Math Test / Language Proficiency Exams
<b>4.</b> Nutritional Sciences B.S. Tracks: - Food Science and Quality Assurance - Nutrition and Dietetic	E	3	●● B.S.	SAT/ Language Proficiency Exams
- Food Science and Technology	E	2	● M.S.	Language Proficiency Exams, Following a Bachelor Degree
- Clinical and Dietetics Internship			●● Diploma	minimum of 6 months, Following a Bachelor Degree
<b>5.</b> Public Health and Development Sciences M.P.H. Tracks: - Community Health - Occupational and Environmental Health	E	3 3+2	●●● B.S. ● M.P.H.	SAT / Language Proficiency Exams



## ISSAM M. FARES

### FACULTY OF TECHNOLOGY

MAJOR	LANG.	YEARS	DEGREE	ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS
1. Agriculture	● ● F	3	B.Tech.	SAT or Math Test (French Track) / Language Proficiency Exams
2. Aircraft Maintenance B.Tech. Tracks: - Avionic - Airframes and Engines	● E	3	B.Tech.	SAT / Language Proficiency Exams
3. Civil Construction B.Tech. Tracks: - Green Buildings - Water Networks and Treatment	● E or ● ● F	3	B.Tech.	SAT or Math Test (French Track) / Language Proficiency Exams
4. Management and Administration	● E or ● ● F	3	B.Tech.	SAT or Math Test (French Track) / Language Proficiency Exams
6. Mechatronics	● ● ● E or ● ● F	3	B.Tech.	SAT or Math Test (French Track) / Language Proficiency Exams
7. Telecommunications & Networks	● ● E or ● ● F	3	B.Tech.	SAT or Math Test (French Track) / Language Proficiency Exams



## FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND MEDICAL SCIENCES

MAJOR	LANG.	YEARS	DEGREE	ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS
1. Biomedical Sciences	E	2	●● M.S.	Language Proficiency Exams, Following a B.S. Degree
2. Medicine	E	4	●● M.D.	Language Proficiency Exams, M.C.A.T. exam, and interview Following a Bachelor Degree





# FACULTY OF POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

## RESIDENCY PROGRAM

1. Anatomical Pathology
2. Anesthesiology
3. Dermatology
4. Emergency Medicine
5. Family Medicine
6. Internal Medicine
7. Laboratory Medicine
8. Medical Imaging
9. Neurology
10. Obstetrics and Gynecology
11. Ophthalmology
12. Orthopedic Surgery
13. Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery
14. Pediatrics
15. Psychiatry
16. Surgery
  - \* Cardiothoracic Surgery
  - \* General Surgery
  - \* Neurosurgery
  - \* Pediatric Surgery
  - \* Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
  - \* Urology
  - \* Vascular Surgery

## FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

### AFTER EARNING A SPECIALTY DIPLOMA IN INTERNAL MEDICINE

1. Cardiology
2. Endocrinology
3. Gastroenterology
4. Hematology and Medical Oncology
5. Infectious Diseases
6. Nephrology
7. Pulmonary & Intensive Care Medicine
8. Rheumatology

### AFTER EARNING A SPECIALTY DIPLOMA IN PEDIATRICS

Neonatology fellowship after earning  
a specialty diploma

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## FACULTY OF MEDICINE ADMISSION CRITERIA APPLICATION DEADLINES

<http://www.balamand.edu.lb/ProspectiveStudents/AdmissionsCriteria/Pages/AdmissionsFOM.aspx>



## LIFE AT UOB

The University strives to provide a very active and enriching campus life outside the classroom. For this purpose, the Office of Student Affairs (OSA) encourages and supports over 50 clubs and societies encompassing a wide range of causes and interests. In addition, the Office of Athletics, Wellness and Recreation (OAWR) supports 25 sports teams.

Both OSA and OAWR provide sports competitions, endless events, and volunteering opportunities – as such, there is something for everyone. We have a wide range of facilities, programs and campus events to keep students healthy, active and well entertained, ensuring a memorable experience outside the classroom.

### A WINDOW TO THE WORLD

UOB provides students with hands-on experiences alternating classroom education and practical learning experiences for enhanced academic and career prospects.

### GET FIT, STAY FIT

Join UOB's OAWR Sports Center, which offers a range of services to ensure students are fit and healthy.







# FACILITIES AND SUPPORT SERVICES

The University of Balamand offers several on-campus services to enhance your academic journey and personal well-being.

## PERSONAL SERVICES



### COUNSELING

This free and confidential counseling service is available to assist students facing personal, study or work related challenges.



### HEALTH AND MEDICAL

Located in Al Kurah campus, the Health Center provides primary healthcare and first aid services to UOB students and staff.



### IT SERVICE ON CAMPUS

Students at UOB can access campus-wide wireless internet and have free access to computer labs.



### SPORTS COMPLEX

Sports and recreational facilities are accessible to all students who can practice the sports of their choice in a healthy and positive environment.



### ACCOMMODATION

Living on or close to campus can enhance your university experience. There are a number of accommodation options for you to choose from, including:

- On-campus university residences
- Off-campus independently-run student housing.



### GETTING THERE

All campuses are accessible via public transportation. On and off-campus bus shuttle is available at the main campus.



### BANKING SERVICE

A branch of Intercontinental Bank of Lebanon (IBL) is located in front of Al Kurah campus.



### PARKING

Ample parking space is available on and around all campuses.



## ACADEMIC SERVICES

### **ORIENTATION**

Orientation marks the start of your journey at the University of Balamand. A dedicated UOB team will share with you all the information you need for a smooth start. You will also meet classmates, explore the campus and complete registration.

### **CAREER GUIDANCE**

The Career Services Center offers coaching and mentoring services enabling students to nurture an employability edge through professional workshops and seminars. You will build skills and gain insights allowing you to stand out in the workplace.



### **LIBRARY**

The University of Balamand main Library (Issam M. Fares Library Learning Center - IFLLC) is located at the heart of the "Path of Learning". The IFLLC offers state of the art facilities, including classrooms, computer labs, e-classrooms, videoconference rooms, group-study rooms, and meeting rooms. The UOB Library system includes, in addition to the IFLLC, two ALBA Libraries (one in Dekouaneh and one in the main campus), the Library of the St. John of Damascus Institute of Theology, the Souk El Gharb campus Library, and the Issam M. Fares Faculty of Technology Library in the Akkar campus.

# UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION

## GENERAL

### Document required for admission decision

- A recent passport – size photograph taken within the past 6 months.
- A photocopy of your identity card (For Lebanese Applicants) or passport.
- School Grades and Recommendation of Grade 10 and 11 in a sealed and stamped envelope mailed to the University or emailed by the school to admissions@balamand.edu.lb
- SAT scores (if applicable)
- English/French proficiency test: TOEFL/IELTS/ SAT writing and language test/CES/Duolingo (if applicable).

An application fee (50\$)/or other fees for the placement tests depending on your choice of major.

### Document required for enrollment

- A certified official secondary school certificate (when received). Non-Lebanese Baccalaureate students should submit the equivalence of the sophomore credential from the equivalence committee at the Lebanese Ministry of Education.
- Evidence of having successfully completed grade 12.

## FRESHMAN APPLICANTS

In addition to the general requirements, applicants to Freshman class should provide:

- High School Diploma
- Permission to join the Freshman Program from the Lebanese Ministry of Education and Higher Education
- SAT or ACT results prior to admission as follow:

	Freshman Arts	Freshman Sciences
SAT	870	950
ACT	15	17

ACT subject tests are required for applicants coming from non-accredited High Schools:

Freshman Sciences

Must take Mathematics

Choose two of three  
Chemistry  
Physics  
Biology

Courses passing grade: 17  
Passing grades condition:  
Minimum of 60 points for three subjects

Freshman Arts  
Must take Math 1  
ACT subject 1  
ACT subject 2

Courses passing grade: 15  
Passing grades condition :  
Minimum of 51 points for three subjects

### You do not require ACT subject tests if your High School holds accreditation from one of the agencies below:

- Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)
- Advanced (Cognia)
- New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)
- North Central Association of Schools and Colleges (NCASC)
- Northwest Association of Colleges and Schools (NACS)
- Council of International Schools
- Middle States Commission on Secondary School (MSA – CESS)

## TRANSFER APPLICANTS

- Hold a Lebanese Baccalaureate or its official equivalent from the Lebanese Ministry of Education and Higher Education
- Sophomore transfers must submit all required test scores on time
- Junior or Senior Year transfers may apply without SAT scores
- Official Transcript including course description

**An application fee of 50 USD and/or other fees for the placement tests depending on the major of choice**



## SOPHOMORE APPLICANTS

Students can apply for admission to the sophomore class at UOB if they hold a Lebanese Baccalaureate or its equivalence, i.e.;

- French Baccalaureate
- Syrian Baccalaureate
- Jordanian Tawjihi
- German Abitur
- Official Government Secondary School Leaving Certificate
- Full IB Diploma (3 HL and 3 SL subjects), or IGCSE/GCE ( A minimum of five subjects at the Ordinary Level, and three subjects at the Advanced Level, or six Advanced Subsidiary Level subjects with a minimum grade of D)
- Requirements for GCE, IB, and French Baccalaureate  
<http://www.balamand.edu.lb/GCEIBFB/>
- AP Program Examinations  
<http://www.balamand.edu.lb/apexaminations>

# GRADUATE ADMISSION

## ADMISSION INFORMATION

Admission to the graduate programs is granted through the Office of Admissions. The Office of Admissions receives and processes all applications, evaluates credentials and issues notification letters.

Standards under which applicants are admitted for study in these programs are established and monitored by the departments and Faculties concerned. Acceptance into the graduate program is based on the candidate meeting University admission requirements and the recommendation of the Faculty Graduate Admission Committee.

## CONDITIONAL ADMISSION FOR ALL FACULTIES EXCEPT THE FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

An applicant may be accepted conditionally, if he/she has an undergraduate cumulative average  $\geq 77$  or its equivalent as evaluated by the Department the applicant wishes to join.

## FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) applicants with cumulative average of 78 but less than 80/100 can be admitted into the Master of Science (M.S.) program on probation and who have 80/100 and above can be admitted on clear standing.

## REGISTRATION LOAD

Full-time students must enroll in at least 9 credit hours per semester and a maximum of 12 credit hours. (See appropriate Faculty regulations).

## TRANSFER CREDITS

Students transferring to the graduate programs may be granted transfer credits up to 40% of the total credits required of the degree. Transferred credits apply only to courses in which the applicant maintain an average  $\geq 80$  and equivalent in content to courses offered at UOB.

The concerned Department/Faculty decides on the equivalency of courses.

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- A certified copy of diploma and two recommendation letters
- A diploma equivalence from the Lebanese Ministry of Education and Higher Education (if applicable)
- An official transcript with course description of all completed courses

***An application fee of 60 USD and/or other fees for the placement tests depending on the major of choice***



# IMPORTANT DATES

## SPRING ADMISSION 24-25



Regular Admission

## FALL ADMISSION 25-26



Early Admission



Decisions will  
be released



Regular Admission  
Deadline

## EARLY ADMISSION

Applicants should submit their application prior to the deadlines mentioned above, SAT results will be considered up to December 2024 session.

Note that Admission is conditional upon receiving the applicants Lebanese Baccalaureate or its equivalence from the Lebanese Ministry of Education and Higher Education. Applicants who are not granted early admission will be placed in the pool with regular admission applicants.

Applicants may not register until all conditions are met.

Applicants should constantly check the University website ([www.balamand.edu.lb](http://www.balamand.edu.lb)) for updates regarding Admission Status and extended deadlines for applications.

## SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST (SAT) DATES 2024-2025 SAT DATES AND DEADLINES

### TEST DATE

August 24, 2024  
October 5, 2024  
November 2, 2024  
December 7, 2024  
March 8, 2025  
May 3, 2025  
June 7, 2025

### REGISTRATION DEADLINE

August 9, 2024  
September 20, 2024  
October 18, 2024  
November 22, 2024  
February 21, 2025  
April 18, 2025  
May 22, 2025

**ENTRANCE & LANGUAGE EXAM DATES**

For English and French Placement Tests

December 6, 2024

January 10, 2025

March 07, 2025

July 11, 2025

August 08, 2025

**APPLICANTS WHO ARE NOT SURE OF THE MAJOR OF CHOICE,  
UOB ADMINISTRATION IS HERE TO HELP!**

Applicants could:

- Visit UOB Open Doors in order to explore the campus and chat to academics.
- Attend one of the Orientation Events.
- Pass by the Student Recruitment Office, located at all campuses, to meet the team.
- For more information about majors offered, Contact us on +961 6 930 250 Ext: 3945 or via email: [admissions@balamand.edu.lb](mailto:admissions@balamand.edu.lb).

**ADMISSION  
APPLICATION**

<https://sisweb.balamand.edu.lb/pls/apex/f?p=100:101>



# ADMISSION EXAMINATIONS

## SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST (SAT)

SAT is a requirement for all undergraduate applicants except:

- Applicants to non-scientific disciplines at the Faculty of Arts and Sciences
- Applicants to Académie Libanaise des Beaux-Art
- Applicants to majors taught in French
- Applicants to Tourism and Hotel Management
- Transfer students from other Universities (who completed successfully one year or have 20 transferable credits)

Students should contact the nearest AMIDEAST testing center for more details related to the SAT.

When registering for the SAT, applicants to the University of Balamand should enter the UOB code: 2960, and request from the Educational Testing Service to send the scores directly to the Office of Admissions.

## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

Prior to registering at the University of Balamand, students must demonstrate a level of English or French language proficiency consistent with the requirements of their study program.

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

TEST	MINIMUM SCORE REQUIRED FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES	MINIMUM SCORE REQUIRED FOR GRADUATE STUDIES
TOEFL (paper and pencil)	527	600
TOEFL (iBT)	71	100
SAT Digital Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	520	590
IELTS	6	8
CES	160	191
Duolingo	110	140
TOEFL ® Essentials	7	11
EPT	63	85



## **FRENCH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS**

Undergraduate and graduate applicants must pass the French Entrance Exam (Test de Positionnement)

- Undergraduate and graduate applicants holding DELF/DALF with a degree level B2 (scoring at least 50/100 and 15/25 on the writing component (production écrite)) or C1, will be placed as FREN201.
- Applicants holding a DELF/DALF with a degree level B1 scoring above 70 will be placed as FREN101 but they must complete successfully FREN101 within the first semester of enrollment at the University.

## **INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM**

The intensive English Program is intended for applicants who have been selected for admission but have not met the English Language Proficiency Requirement.

The program consists of three levels: ENGL002S, ENGL002 and ENGL003. Students enrolled in ENGL002 are entitled to register only one SOP course (00-Level course).

Students enrolled in ENGL003 may take only one course and its lab toward a degree while working towards achieving the level of English needed for carrying a full load in the regular program.

## **SPECIAL ORIENTATION PROGRAM (SOP)**

The Special Orientation Program is designed to prepare applicants who had their secondary education outside Lebanon and those who have obtained the appropriate Technical Baccalaureate for the major of choice. Applications are studied case by case.





# SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

At the University of Balamand, we offer a range of scholarships recognizing exceptional academic or sporting performance. Other types are designed to support students experiencing financial hardship.

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

### MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline: Early Admission

PERCENTAGE	ELIGIBILITY	RENEWAL CONDITIONS
100%	<p>Newly admitted students who rank first in the Lebanese baccalaureate official exam in each of the Lebanese Governorates.</p> <p>Top four newly admitted applicants who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Rank among the top 20% in grades 10 and 11</li><li>- Attain a minimum score of 1450</li></ul>	<p>These scholarships are renewable at the beginning of each academic year provided that the recipients maintain a cumulative average <math>\geq 85</math>.</p>
75%	<p>Newly admitted students who rank second and third in the Lebanese baccalaureate official exam in each of the Lebanese Governorates.</p> <p>Top six newly admitted applicants who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Rank among the top 20% in grades 10 and 11</li><li>- Attain a minimum score of 1400</li></ul>	<p>These scholarships are renewable for each academic year provided that the recipients maintain a cumulative average <math>\geq 83</math>.</p>
50%	<p>Newly admitted students who rank fourth and fifth in the Lebanese baccalaureate official exam in each of the Lebanese Governorates.</p> <p>Top ten newly admitted applicants who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Rank among the top 20% in grades 10 and 11</li><li>- Attain a minimum score of 1300</li></ul>	<p>These scholarships are renewable for each academic year provided that the recipients maintain a cumulative average <math>\geq 80</math>.</p>



## DEAN'S HONOR LIST

100% scholarship for the following semester for top 4 continuing undergraduate full-time students with semester average  $\geq 95$ .  
Representative scholarship for the following semester for full-time continuing undergraduate students with semester general average  $\geq 85$ .

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

### ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS

The University of Balamand offers Athletic Scholarships for students who are eligible to be varsity team members. The main objective of the Athletic Scholarship is to provide talented students, who play sports, the opportunity to study at UOB and compete in university sports. Students should be enrolled on a full-time basis, maintain a cumulative average  $\geq 75$  with a clear academic status and have applied for Financial Aid. The Selection Committee determines the amount of needed scholarships per academic year according to approved budget by the University Administration, this percentage may vary between 10% - 20% coverage of the tuition fees taking into consideration that no student is allowed more than 70% of total financial support.

### FACULTY SUPPORT

#### FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

**25%** | Arts Disciplines

Up to 50% for Chemistry, Environmental Sciences and Mathematics

#### FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCE

**30%** | Health Promotion  
Nursing  
Public Health and Development Sciences

**25%** | Nutritional Sciences

*Undergraduate students majoring in Nursing, Public Health and Development Sciences or Health Promotion will receive additional 20% to be allocated by submitting the financial aid application.*

Faculty support recipients should maintain a Semester Average  $\geq 75$  with a clear academic status (Cumulative Average  $\geq 75$ ) in order to retain the scholarship in subsequent semester.

#### Scholarship Criteria for Chemistry, Environmental Sciences and Mathematics:

- 50% scholarship for the top 5 students with a General Average of  $>80$ , evaluated at the end of each semester (overall average, not semester average).
- 30% scholarship for the next top 10 students with a General Average of  $>75$ , evaluated at the end of each semester (overall average, not semester average).
- The remaining students will receive standard financial aid.
- Points 1 and 2 will apply after the completion of the first semester at UOB.

## FINANCIAL AID

Undergraduate students may benefit from financial aid support covering 10% to 40% of their tuition fees. Financial Aid is awarded on the basis of need first and academic performance second.

To be eligible for Financial Aid, an undergraduate student should be:

- Enrolled on a full-time basis. *An undergraduate student is considered a full-time student if registered 12 credits and above during the Fall and Spring semester, 6 credits during the Summer semester of an Academic Year.*
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Maintain a cumulative average  $\geq 70$  with a clear academic standing.

### Application Process

Newly applying students to UOB or continuing UOB students should submit a Financial Aid application filled by the applicant and his/her parents along with the required documents. Applications should be submitted before the end of June.

### Financial Aid Application

[www.balamand.edu.lb/Financialaid](http://www.balamand.edu.lb/Financialaid)

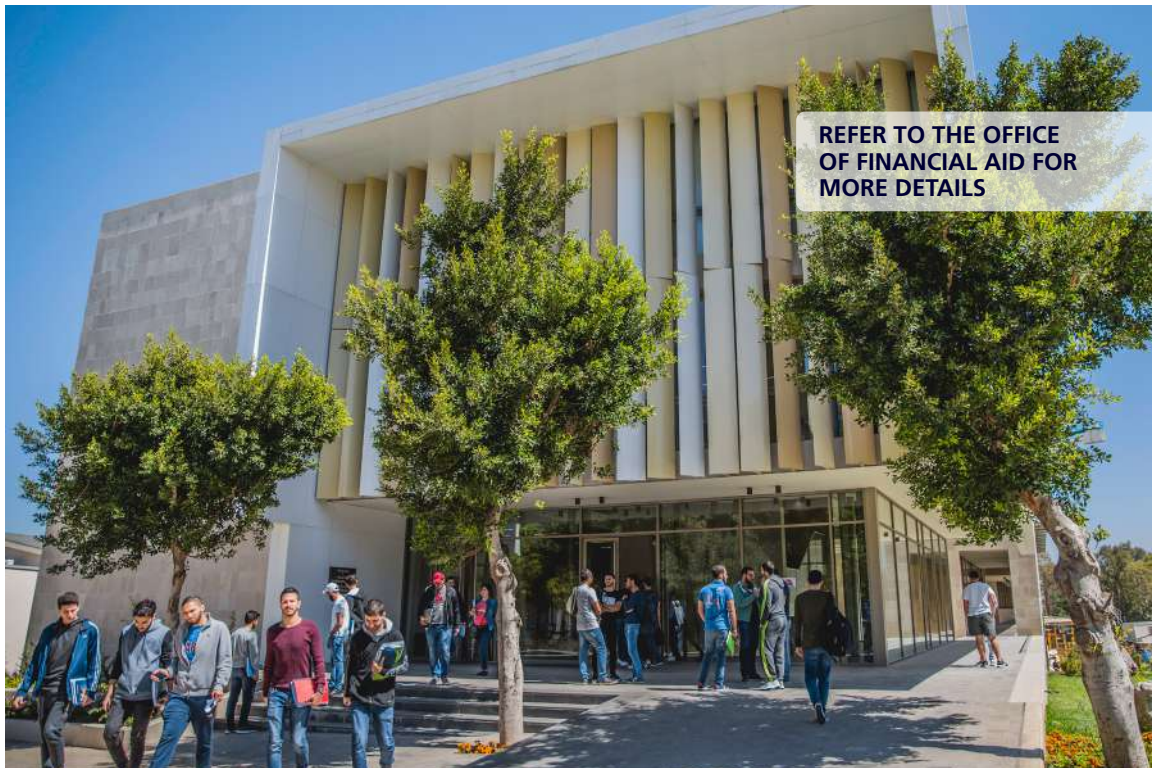
*Financial aid is granted for one academic year, and students must renew their application annually.*

## STUDENT WORK

Financial Aid recipients are eligible to apply for the student work support. Applicants may receive additional Financial Aid in the form of work study. Student work can cover from 5% to 20% of the tuition fees.

### Student Work Application

<http://www.balamand.edu.lb/studentwork>



## FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR GRADUATE PROGRAMS

### GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP

Graduate Assistantship Program aims in advancing graduate studies by attracting academically good students who are expected to support the UOB academic mission and research. These assistantships may cover from 20% to 50% of the tuition fees. Selected students are allocated up to 20 hours per week (for a 50% Assistantship). Applications to this Program are submitted through respective Faculties and reviewed prior to the start of each semester.

### FACULTY OF MEDICINE

Faculty of Medicine students can apply for financial aid support.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ALL PROGRAMS

### SIBLING GRANT

Siblings enrolled at UOB during the same period are entitled to a fee reduction provided that they are enrolled on a full time basis and maintaining a cumulative Average  $\geq 75$  with a clear academic standing. Deduction from tuition fees will be granted as follow:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sibling: 7.5%
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sibling: 12.5%

*No application is needed to qualify to this grant.*

### DEFERRED PAYMENT

Deferred payment is handled during the registration process through the Comptrollers' Office (Monthly installments with 0% interest).

### AGREEMENT

Students benefiting from any agreement must apply for Financial aid each academic year and submit all required documents.

To be eligible for support, a student:

- Must be enrolled at UOB on a full-time basis.
- Must be in good academic standing, demonstrating satisfactory academic performance as per the required cumulative average.
- A percentage will be allocated for non-intensive and non-repeated courses.

### SECTORS

#### LEBANESE AIR FORCE / NAVY

50% for all students

Renewal criteria per semester for non-repeated courses:

- Cumulative average of 70/100 each semester for undergraduate students.
- Cumulative average of 80/100 each semester for graduate students.



**ARMY**

<b>ARMY</b>	<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>RENEWAL CRITERIA PER SEMESTER FOR NON-REPEATED COURSES</b>
Army retired / enlisted	General Medicine – UOB student (premed)	30%	Non repeated year
	General Medicine – Transferred Student	20%	
Army retired - or student is an Enlisted Army	Undergraduate programs	50%	cumulative average >70
	Graduate programs	50%	cumulative average >80
Army enlisted	Undergraduate programs	40%	cumulative average >70
	Graduate programs	40%	cumulative average >80

**GENERAL SECURITY / STATE SECURITY / JUDGE / GREEK COMMUNITY/ LAWYER (TRIPOLI SYNDICATE) /LEBANESE DENTAL ASSOCIATION (TRIPOLI SYNDICATE):**

40% - (Undergraduate / Graduate programs)

30% - General Medicine – UOB student (premed)

20% - General Medicine – Transferred Student

Renewal criteria per semester for non-repeated courses:

- Cumulative average of 70/100 each semester for undergraduate students.
- Cumulative average of 80/100 each semester for graduate students.

**PHARMACY:**

25% for Undergraduate programs only

Renewal criteria per semester for non-repeated courses:

- Student should maintain a cumulative average of 70/100 each semester.



# FEES AND EXPENSES

## 2024-2025

### Application and Entrance Exam Fees

	NON-REFUNDABLE FEES
	USD
Undergraduate Application	50
Graduate Application	60
Post-Graduate	60
Medical Examination	50
Physical Examination	30
EPT	40
French	20
Math	40

### Tuition Fees

	UNDERGRADUATE TUITION/CREDIT HOUR	GRADUATE TUITION/CREDIT HOUR
Freshman	323 USD & 2,688,000 L.L.	
Arts & Sciences - Arts	323 USD & 2,688,000 L.L.	543 USD & 4,525,000 L.L.
Arts & Sciences - Sciences	359 USD & 2,988,000 L.L.	530 USD & 4,413,000 L.L.
Business Management	354 USD & 2,950,000 L.L.	475 USD & 3,957,000 L.L.
Health Sciences	362 USD & 3,013,000 L.L.	534 USD & 4,450,000 L.L.
Engineering	397 USD & 3,307,000 L.L.	404 USD & 3,363,000 L.L.

Issam Fares Faculty of Technology	203 USD & 1,688,000 L.L.	
ALBA – Dekouaneh Campus*	188 USD & 1,563,000 L.L.	
ALBA – Balamand Campus	303 USD & 2,525,000 L.L.	383 USD & 3,188,000 L.L.

\*ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) offered at Dekouaneh Campus where French is the language of instruction.

	YEARLY TUITION
Doctorate in Business Administration (DBA)	12,000 USD
Executive MBA (Full Program)	17,500 USD
Faculty of Medicine	24,000 USD

## Residence Fees

	BEIT TALIBAT	LA MARESA
Single Room	1000 USD	1080 USD
Double Room	740 USD	780 USD
Single Premium	1280 USD	1300 USD
Suite	N/A	1080 USD

\*The University of Balamand reserves the right to change any or all fees at any time without prior notice

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TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT FOR  
OVERALL FINANCIAL SUPPORT  
IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR  
2023-2024



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