

# SCHOOL OF LAW - DUBAI BRANCH (SLDB)

## HISTORY

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At the start of September 2008, pursuant to the approval of the University Board, the Rector of the Saint Joseph University of Beirut, Prof. René Chamussy, SJ, inaugurated a center for university studies in Dubai, in the presence of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Prime Minister and Vice President of the United Arab Emirates, and Ruler of the Emirate of Dubai.

Since its inauguration in 2008, the School of Law - Dubai Branch (SLDB) has been offering a prestigious Bachelor of Law program to students living in the United Arab Emirates with the aim of preparing them to become leaders in the legal market. The School has, designed a special program tailored to the Emirati and the GCC legal frameworks, while maintaining the same academic values of the program offered at the Faculty of Law and Political Science in Beirut.

After more than ten years in Dubai, the School of Law - Dubai Branch (SLDB) introduced a master's program entitled "Master of Laws in Business Law". This program offers students the opportunity to delve into the most in-demand topics in business law.

## MISSION

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The Saint Joseph University Dubai continues the mission of the main campus by putting knowledge in the service of the community. The university strives to form graduates committed to critical and inventive thinking, lifelong learning, personal integrity, and social responsibility, while maintaining strong connections with its alumni. Established in Dubai in 2008, the university has been committed to contributing to the advancement of higher education as a public service, actively contributing to the national agenda of Emiratization. The Saint Joseph University Dubai is also committed to becoming a reference for excellence in education, research and training in the fields of law, legal education and translation in the United Arab Emirates. It aims to serve the country while remaining open at the regional and international levels.

## ADMINISTRATION

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**Dean:** Marie-Claude NAJM KOBEH

**Vice Dean:** Rita WAKED

## ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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**Academic Support Officer:** Mary MATAR

## FACULTY

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### Professors

Nisrine ABIAD, Antoine EID, Youmna ZEIN HAYEK, Nagib HAGE CHAHINE\*

\* *Holder of the French agrégation in law*

### Associate Professors

Ali GALADARI, Khalil GHOSN, Ahmad HIJAL, Jassem ALHOSANI, Rizk ZOGHEIB

### Assistant Professors

Rita WAKED, Myrna SAAD, Nathalie SABBAGH, Melissa MOUZANNAR, Nada KHOURY (EI)

### Lecturers

Suzanne ABDALLAH, Carole IBRAHIM, Maysaa NASR, Khalid ZAHER, Hassan ARAB, Christina YEPREMIAN, Khalil MECHANTAF, Anthony MRAD, Bachar ATTIEH, Mounir EL HAYEK, Larissa REDAELLI, Gabriel KHOURY, Salim SADER, Youssef BAKHACHE, Michele KHOURY (EI), Gordon BLANKE, Souhair NADDE, Dania FAHS, Georges ATTIEH

## DEGREES, DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES AWARDED

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Bachelor of Law

## **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

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Where are the law graduates of the Saint Joseph University Dubai?

- Serving in the judiciary;
- Pursuing postgraduate studies in the United Kingdom at the most prestigious international universities such as Oxford University, University of Leeds, London Business School;
- Practicing as lawyers in leading law firms across the country;
- Working as legal consultants and researchers in ministries and government departments;
- Working as legal advisors to banks, as well as international and local companies.

## **TUITION FEES**

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**For the 23-24 academic year**

### **Bachelor of Law**

Price per credit: 920 AED + 5% VAT

### **Master of Laws in Business Law**

Price per credit: 1,750 AED + 5% VAT

## **SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF STUDY**

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### **I- Credits**

Each program offered by the University requires the completion of a specified number of credits. For example, to obtain a Bachelor's degree, students shall pass 240 European credits (equivalent to 120 US credits). The total number of credits includes those for language courses offered by the University (Arabic, French and English), as well as credits for core and elective courses. Students are expected to allocate an average of 23.5 to 26.5 hours of study for each credit. Students may register in a maximum of 60 new ECTS credits per year.

### **II- Semesters**

The academic year consists of two semesters of 14 to 16 weeks each.

### **III- Attendance**

Attendance is mandatory for theoretical sessions, supervised work, and practical work. The total absence rate in any course shall not exceed 20% of the teaching hours.

In the event of a conflict between attending a failed course and a new course, attendance will be given to the new course if it includes practical work. To be graded in the failed course, students must, under the supervision of the course instructor, complete all assignments, conduct research, and submit exams. If no conflict arises, students must attend the lectures and participate in the supervised work of both courses.

### **IV- Grading System**

Students are graded according to the following:

- a) The exam grade is out of twenty points.
- b) The weighting coefficient for each course is determined based on the number of credits allocated to that course.
- c) For courses that include supervised work, the final grade consists of 50% for the "supervised work" grade and 50% for the final exam grade.
- d) All courses, except those that include supervised work, are subject to the practical work (TPC) system. The final grade for these courses consists of 25% of the practical work grade and 75% for the final exam.
- e) The final grade of language courses consists of 50% for the practical work grade and 50% for the final exam grade.

### **V- Exam sessions**

- a- An exam session is held at the end of each semester (January for the first semester; June for the second semester).
- b- A second session is held at the end of each semester (February for the first semester; September-October for the second semester).
- c- Students are required to attend all exam sessions. If students miss both final exam sessions for a specific course, they will be considered to have failed that course. This absence will not be compensated by rescheduling the exam, except in the following cases (which must be supported by official documentation, accepted by the Vice Dean or the Head of



the Program):

- Death of a parent, sibling, spouse, or child
- The students' illness involving a serious and/or contagious disease, as confirmed by medical reports
- Force Majeure circumstances

#### **VI- Validation and Allocation of Credits**

Students will fail a course if their final grade, including the final exam and practical work, is below 10/20. To earn credits for the failed course, students must re-register and validate it.

The student's GPA is calculated at the end of each academic year based on the courses in which they are registered, including any re-take exams, if applicable. The minimum GPA required for academic progression is 2.0. Students whose GPA falls below 2.0 at the end of their second year will be placed on academic probation and must achieve the required GPA during the following year of probation. If their GPA remains below 2.0 at the end of the third year, students will be required to re-register for and successfully complete previously taken courses to raise their GPA. During this period, they will not be permitted to register for new courses.

#### **VII- Prerequisite Courses**

Registration for a course may require the prior completion of one or more courses within the same study program.

#### **VIII- Fraud and Attempted Fraud**

Any attempt at fraud will result in the cancellation of the exam by the Vice Dean and a score of zero, with or without recourse to a make-up session. It may even lead to referral to the Institution's Disciplinary Board.

