

FACULTY OF DENTAL MEDICINE (FMD)

HISTORY

The Faculty of Dental Medicine (FMD) at USJ has played a significant role in the country's oral health sector, training competent and high-quality dental professionals for over a century. Located in the heart of Beirut, FMD is one of only three dental schools in the country—one private, one government-supported, and USJ's non-profit institution. Originally established as part of the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy in 1920, the dental school became the Faculty of Dental Medicine in January 1975. Initially, it offered a three-year program with a faculty of ten clinical internship chairs. In October 1936, the program expanded to four years, with further clinic expansions in 1957, 1960, 1963, and 1969. By 1967, it had evolved into a five-year program. Postgraduate studies began in 1987 and now include eight concentrations. In 2003, FMD adopted the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) for its curriculum, and the University Practicing Doctorate program launched with its first graduating class in 2007. Today, the dental facility includes 106 dental units, a radiology center, an oral surgery center, a laser unit, and an emergency, urgent care, and trauma unit. Equipped with the latest advancements in digital and virtual dentistry, as well as artificial intelligence, the faculty also houses a dedicated craniofacial research lab with five specialized research units.

CARE CENTER OF THE FACULTY OF DENTAL MEDICINE

The dental care center, established in 1920, serves as a hub for clinical practice, equipped with 106 dental units distributed across five rooms, covering all dental disciplines.

Each year, the center treats approximately 3,500 new patients, offering specialized services in endodontics, fixed and removable prosthodontics, implantology, and services for individuals with special needs. Moreover, the Faculty of Dental Medicine provides dental care under general anesthesia within a hospital setting.

Recently, the care center has been upgraded with the latest technologies in digital, virtual dentistry, and artificial intelligence. Managed under the direct authority of the Dean, it operates under the guidance of the Care Center Delegate and a commission of faculty members—Prof. Paul Boulous, Dr. Elie Wassef, Dr. Pierre Lahoud, and Dr. Gabriel Menassa—alongside an operational director, and 32 specialized staff members.

MISSION

The Faculty of Dental Medicine (FMD) aligns with the University's vision, mission, and values of the Saint Joseph University under Vision 2025. It aims to “train highly qualified dentists who are fully aware of their social and ethical responsibilities. It also contributes to the development and influence of the dental profession by integrating experimental and clinical research, while actively advancing national oral health.”

Recognized nationally and regionally, FMD serves as a reference in training top-level dentists known for their excellence, ethics, professional conscience, and commitment to social responsibility. The Faculty emphasizes research, quality education, and community service as central to its mission. Additionally, FMD the permanent headquarters of the Society of Arab Dental Faculties, with its dean serving as the permanent Secretary-General, underscoring its leadership in the region. The Faculty aspires to a distinguished center for education, research, and the promotion of oral health not only in Lebanon but across the Middle East.

ADMINISTRATION

Honorary Deans: Elie ARAMOUNI, Antoine HOKAYEM, Joseph MAKZOUME, Nada BOU ABBOD NAAMAN.

Dean: Nada FARHAT MCHAYLEH.

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Departments

Pediatric and Community Dentistry

Oral Surgery

Restorative and Esthetic Dentistry



Oral Diagnosis and Pathology
Endodontics
Orthodontics
Periodontology
Removable Prosthodontics
Fixed Prosthodontics
Digital, Virtual, and Artificial Intelligence Dentistry

Dean's Delegates

Pedagogy: Joseph BASSIL
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Research: Joseph BOU SERHAL
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Pharmacy Attendant: Gretta AZAR TAHAN
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Storekeeper: Georges AZZI (AL)
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Digital Unit Technician: Charbel MANSOUR
Specialized Technician - Team Lead: Elie ABDEL SALIB
Specialized Technician - Medical Imaging: Marianne HADDAD HATEM



FACULTY

Professors

Nada FARHAT MCHAYLEH, Joseph BOU SERHAL, Paul BOULOS, Elie ZÉBOUNI, Nada CHEDID, Alfred NAAMAN, Nada BOU ABOUDD NAAMAN, Joseph GHOURIL, Louis HARDAN, Carlos KHAIRALLAH, Carina MEHANNA ZOGHEIB, Jean Claude ABOU CHEDID.

Associate Professors

Joseph BASSIL, Carole CHAKAR, Maha DAOU, Jihad FAKHOURI, Pascale HABRE-HALLAGE, Issam KHALIL, Elie KHOURY, Christian MAKARY, Nadim MOKBEL, Ronald YOUNÉS, Amine ZOGHBY, Carla ZOGHEIB MOUBARAK.

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Clinical Professors

Georges ACHKAR, Philippe ARAMOUNI, Nahida ASSAF-KHOURY, Robert DACCACHE, Fadi EL-RAHI, Hélène HADDAD, Robert HADDAD, Joseph HOBEICHE, Marc KALOUSTIAN, Charles KHOURY, Roland KMEID, Raéd LATTOUF, Lina MEDAWAR, Nada OSTA, Habib RAHMÉ.

Clinical Teaching Coordinators

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Instructors

Abir ABBAS, Rami ABOU KHALIL, Jenny ABOU NADER, Maysa ADHAMI, Fares AKL, Charbel ANKA, Nahla BADR, Joséphine BALAA, Nicolas KHOURY, Randa BASSIL, Kaissi BDELMAGIDE, Lyne BITAR, Nawale BOU FARHAT, Anthony BOU SABA, Patrick BOUNASSIF, Michel CHAHINE, Nour CHAPTINI, Melanie CHEHWAN, Andrea CHEMALY, Nancy CHEMALY, Elia DACCACHE, Fleurene DARAZE, Diana EID, Elias EL HACHEM, Hachimiah FAHS, Cyrille FREIHA, Nathalie GHALEB, Hasna GHALED, Joe HABIB, Dany HABR, Elissa HADDAD, Mario HADDAD, Farah HAIDAR, Carel HAJJ, Omar HASBINI, Amani HOUCHAIMI, Elie JABBOUR, Nathalie KABBANI, Nisrine KHONEISER.

DEGREES, DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES AWARDED

- Doctor of Dental Surgery
- Master in Dental Medicine
 - Concentrations:
 - Oral Diseases and Surgeries-Periodontology
 - Oral Diseases and Surgeries-Oral Surgery
 - Pediatric Dentistry
 - Endodontics
 - Orthodontics
 - Esthetic and Prosthetic Dentistry
- University Diploma in Pediatric Dentistry
- University Diploma in Endodontics
- University Diploma in Implantology
- University Diploma in Restorative and Esthetic Dentistry

- University Diploma in Implantology
- University Diploma in Occlusion
- University Diploma in Oral Pathology
- University Diploma in Advanced Implant Surgery
- PhD in Oral Biology and Dental Materials Science

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of the Faculty of Dental Medicine at the Saint Joseph University of Beirut benefit from diverse career opportunities. They may establish private practices, join polyclinic teams, or take on roles within private healthcare institutions. Their in-depth training in dental sciences, combined with advanced clinical skills acquired during their studies, qualifies them to provide high-quality preventive, diagnostic, and therapeutic care.

Earning a specialized master's degree significantly enhances professional opportunities, opening doors to specialized areas of dentistry, such as orthodontics, oral surgery, endodontics, periodontology, and esthetic dentistry. These specializations increase opportunities not only in Lebanon but also in Arab countries, where the demand for highly qualified oral health professionals is steadily growing. USJ graduates are well-positioned to meet the population's needs and contribute to improving oral health in the region.

TUITION FEES

Tuition fees are calculated based on the program and the number of credits. For the 2023-2024 academic year, the tuition fees are as follows:

Doctor of Dental Surgery:

294 required credits X (\$220 and 5,275,000 LBP) = \$64,680 and 1,550,850,000 LBP + 6 elective credits X (\$110 and 2,640,000 LBP) = \$660 and 15,840,000 LBP Total: \$65,340 and 1,566,690,000 LBP

Master in Dental Medicine, concentration: Esthetic and Prosthetic Dentistry: 124 credits X \$340 = \$42,160

Master in Dental Medicine, concentration: Orthodontics: 124 credits X \$340 = \$42,160

Master in Dental Medicine, concentration: Pediatric Dentistry: 120 credits X \$340 = \$40,800

Master in Dental Medicine, concentration: Endodontics: 120 credits X \$340 = \$40,800

Master in Dental Medicine, concentration: Oral Diseases and Surgeries - Oral Surgery: 120 credits X \$340 = \$40,800

Master in Dental Medicine, concentration: Oral Diseases and Surgeries - Periodontology: 120 credits X \$340 = \$40,800

University Diploma in Endodontics: 16 credits X \$255 = \$4,080

University Diploma in Pediatric Dentistry: 12 credits X \$255 = \$3,060

University Diploma in Advanced Implant Surgery: 12 credits X \$255 = \$3,060

University Diploma in Restorative and Esthetic Dentistry: 12 credits X \$255 = \$3,060

University Diploma Occlusion: 12 credits X \$255 = \$3,060

University Diploma in Oral Pathology: 12 credits X \$255 = \$3,060

University Diploma in Implantology: 21 credits X \$340 = \$7,140

PhD in Biological Sciences and Oral Materials: 180 credits X \$108 = \$19,440

SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF STUDY

The Doctor of Dental Surgery is a 300-credit program spanning 10 semesters. It includes theoretical courses, practical and pre-clinical work, in-house clinical internships, and community dental care through extra-muros placements. Registration to the first year (semester 1) is through a competitive exam open to holders of the Lebanese baccalaureate or an equivalent diploma, contingent upon passing a French Placement Test. The program culminates in the awarding of a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree.

Credit Validation Conditions

Students validate their credits by obtaining a grade of 12/20 in theoretical, pre-clinical, and clinical courses. Those who do not achieve a grade of 12/20 in a course are entitled to a make-up exam. If, after this exam, the grade remains below 12/20, students may retake the course during the following regular academic year's two semesters. Students may register for a course up to four times only. If they fail four times, they are expelled from the program. The Faculty typically allows a minimum of two weeks between the official publication of exam results and the date of the make-up exam.



Students who, at the end of the academic year, have not validated 5 credits or 3 courses must repeat the year and retake the unvalidated credits with the next promotion. During this additional period, students may register for credits from the following year, subject to a maximum limit of 20 credits per semester.

End of Study Thesis

Starting from a predetermined date at the beginning of the 9th semester, students must pass a synthesis exam that includes an oral test before a panel of professors, followed by a written multiple-choice question (MCQ) test at the end of the 10th semester. These exams cover all knowledge acquired during the program. Students who fail the synthesis exam must retake it on a date set by the faculty. In case of a second failure, students will not receive the diploma; however, the jury may grant a final chance during the first semester of the following year. Students must also present a thesis project before an ad hoc jury appointed by the Dean. Validation of this project is mandatory for obtaining the diploma. If the thesis project is not validated, the jury may grant an additional semester the following year to resubmit it.

Absences in Theoretical, Pre-Clinical, and Clinical Sessions

For theoretical courses, unjustified absences exceeding 30% will prevent students from taking the exam or validating their results. For pre-clinical and clinical sessions, any unjustified absence will also result in the prohibition of taking the exam or validating results. The Dean is responsible for validating the justification of absences. In all cases, the minimum number of cases and sessions required must be met; otherwise, students cannot validate their pre-clinical and clinical evaluations.

