



## STUDENT LIFE OFFICE (SVE)

USJ student life goes beyond academics! In 2006, the University established an efficient, dynamic office aimed at enhancing student life across all campuses.

The Student Life Office (SVE) oversees and cultivates student projects and activities, while coordinating initiatives with other university units such as the USJ Campus Ministry, the Career and Placement Office, the Sports Office, *Opération 7<sup>e</sup> jour*, as well as other institutions.

The Student Life Office has defined four core values: Living Together, Democracy, Citizenship, and Solidarity. These values guide the Office toward a brighter future for students and reflect the University's broader mission as a nurturing alma mater.

The Student Life Office operates in these areas:

### Community Life

The Office trains and monitors student projects and organizations, while fostering solidarity, engagement, and community living.

It includes clubs, student chapter committees, the Student Council, and various activities such as the Welcome Party, Clubs Night, the Rally – USJ 360 Welcome Festival, the training day and coaching program for club offices, and the student structure day.

#### Student Clubs

A club is a student organization that brings together students around a specific theme and operates on a voluntary basis. It aims to promote and coordinate student participation in recreational, social, or cultural activities. Today, students can join over 30 clubs (professional, civic, cultural, artistic, etc.) or establish new ones.

#### Student Council

The Student Council, chaired by the Rector, is a consultative body at USJ comprising administrative, academic, and student representatives. It aims to facilitate communication between the University administration and students, particularly regarding academic, administrative, and student life matters. It also submits proposals to improve the living and working conditions of USJ students.

#### Mental

The Office launched a mental health project called MENTAL, aimed at promoting student well-being and raising awareness about the importance of mental health. In collaboration with the Counseling Office, SVE conducts awareness activities with Student Chapters and clubs across various campuses. Additionally, it provides students access to a database of organizations offering free or low-cost mental health services.

### Civic Life

To nurture tomorrow's leaders, the Office organizes initiatives that foster civic engagement and promote dialogue and communication among students. These include the International Championship of Francophone and Arabophone Debate, parliamentary simulation, the Forum of Community Initiatives, Citizenship Summer School, Volunteers Night, Humans of USJ, and more.

#### Generation H.O.P.E. – Help Others Pursue Education

Generation H.O.P.E. is a student-led scholarship fundraising initiative.

In 2021, the financial and economic crisis forced many Lebanese students to interrupt their university studies. Convinced that financial issues should not hinder access to quality education, USJ students stood in solidarity with their peers and launched Generation H.O.P.E to help others pursue their education. To date, the program has assisted over 130 students and distributed 95 laptops.





## Cultural Life

The Office aims to nurture students' talents and foster artistic and cultural opportunities through various activities, projects, and events, including the *Daraj al Yassouiyeh* Festival, the School Talent Show, Campus-J (student newspaper), TedX-USJ, and other collaborations with cultural entities (cultural centers, theaters, associations, *Agenda Culturel*, etc.).

### Bridge to Art

The Bridge to Art community aims to democratize art and enhance students' involvement in local artistic events. This initiative offers programs that help students develop and showcase their talents at festivals and events.

### Campus-J, the official newspaper of USJ students

Envisioned by Rector Prof. Salim Daccache, SJ, Campus-J is the student newspaper representing all USJ campuses. It embodies freedom of expression and of the values cherished by the University and its Jesuit founders. Born from a pivotal Student Council meeting, the first issue was published in May-June 2014. Since then, Campus-J has flourished, bringing together talented individuals from all USJ campuses and reaching readers throughout Lebanon.

Campus-J remains steadfast in its core mission: to provide a platform for free and independent press, allowing students to express themselves on any desired topic. It covers a wide range of themes including travel, gastronomy, fashion, music, literature, arts, economics, law and political science, health, as well as science and technology. The newspaper also reports on USJ events and other national and regional occurrences across various fields, while highlighting the academic achievements of outstanding students.

Join the vibrant university life at USJ, where opportunities go beyond academics. Engage in projects of your choice!

Your active participation enriches the dynamic student life on our campuses. It offers a valuable opportunity for self-discovery, personal growth, and the exchange of ideas that fuel your aspirations!

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