

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE - DUBAI BRANCH (SSDB)

HISTORY

In September 2008, with the approval of the University Board, Professor René Chamussy, Rector of Saint Joseph University of Beirut, inaugurated the university's center in Dubai. The opening ceremony was graced by 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, the School of Law in Dubai has delivered a prestigious Bachelor of Law program, preparing students in the UAE to become leaders in the legal profession. In 2015, the campus expanded its academic portfolio with an LLM in Business Law and a Master in Translation. In 2025, the School of Science joined the Dubai campus launching the Bachelor in Data Science.

MISSION

Saint Joseph University Dubai upholds the mission of its main campus by placing knowledge at the service of society. The University cultivates exceptional professionals equipped to drive the development of the UAE and the wider region. Through excellence in teaching and research, it fosters analytical thinking, leadership, ethical responsibility, and social engagement. Since 2008, the university has contributed to higher education as a public service and actively supports the national agenda of Emiratization.

ADMINISTRATION

Dean

Prof. Maher Abboud

Head of the Department of Mathematics

Dr. Rami (EL) HADDAD

Head of the Program

Dr. Joseph (EL) MAALOUF

FACULTY

Professors

Toni SAYAH, Marie ABOUD MEHANNA, Charbel AFIF, Ziad FRANCIS

Associate Professors

Gihane MANSOUR ABOU JAOUDE, Joanna BODGI TARAZI, Rami (EL) HADDAD

Assistant Professors

Joseph (EL) MAALOUF, Edgard SEIF, Nada (EL) KHOURY

Lecturers

Maya ABOU CHACRA, Rouba CHEAIB, Doaa WAFIC, Christina YEPREMIAN

DEGREES AWARDED

Bachelor in Data Science

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- **Data Analyst** – interprets and visualizes data to support business decisions.
- **Data Scientist** – develops predictive models and applies machine learning techniques to solve complex problems.
- **Data Engineer** – designs and manages databases, pipelines, and big data infrastructures.
- **Business Intelligence (BI) Analyst** – creates dashboards and performance reports for strategic planning.
- **Machine Learning Engineer** – builds and deploys AI and automation solutions.
- **Statistician** – applies statistical methods to analyze and interpret quantitative data.
- **Data Consultant** – advises organizations on data strategy, analytics implementation, and digital transformation.

TUITION FEES

Bachelor in Data Science: 966 AED

SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF STUDY

I- Credits

Each program offered by the University requires the completion of a number of credits. In order to obtain a Bachelor's degree, students must earn 240 European credits (equivalent to 120 US credits). The total number of credits includes the credits of language courses offered by the university (Arabic, French, and English), and the credits of the required and elective courses. Students are expected to allocate an average of 23.5 to 26.5 hours of study for each credit.

Students have the right to register for a maximum of 60 new ECTS credits per year.

II- Semesters

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

III- Attendance

Attendance is compulsory in theoretical courses, guided work, and supervised practical work. The absence rate in any course shall not exceed 30% of the teaching hours.

If a scheduling conflict arises between a course previously failed by the student and a new course not yet taken, priority is given to attending the new course when it includes supervised practical work. In such cases, students remain responsible for completing all assignments, research, and examinations required for the failed course under the supervision of the course instructor.

IV- Grading

Students are graded according to the following provisions:

- a) Examination grades are assigned on a scale of 0 to 100.
- b) The coefficient of each course is determined according to its number of credits.
- c) For courses that include guided work, the final grade is composed of 50% supervised exercises and 50% final examination.
- d) All other courses, excluding those with guided work, are subject to the supervised practical work (TPC) system. The final grade consists of 25% supervised practical work and 75% final examination.
- e) For language courses, the final grade consists of 50% supervised practical work and 50% final examination.

V- Exam Sessions

- a- An exam session is organized at the end of each semester (January for the first semester; June for the second semester).
- b- Two make-up sessions are organized, one in February for the first semester and another one in September-October for the second semester.
- c- Students may not be absent from any examination session, regardless of the reason. A student who misses the final examination of a course in both of the scheduled sessions automatically fails that course. No additional examination shall be administered, except in the following cases—each of which must be supported by an official document deemed acceptable by the Head of Program:
 - The death of a parent, sibling, spouse, son, or daughter
 - A serious and/or contagious illness, confirmed by medical reports
 - A situation constituting general force majeure

VI- Courses and Credits Validation

Students fail a course when the final grade, comprising the final examination and the supervised practical work, is below 50/100. To earn the corresponding credits, students must re-register for the course and obtain a passing grade. Students' GPAs are calculated at the end of each academic year based on the courses in which they are registered, including make-up exams when applicable. The minimum cumulative GPA required for academic progression is 2.0.

Students whose GPA is below 2.0 at the end of the second year are placed on probation and must achieve the required average during the following academic year. If their GPA remains below 2.0 at the end of the third year, students must re-register for previously taken courses to raise their GPA and may not enroll in new courses.



VII- Student's Progression

Enrollment in certain courses is subject to the successful completion of prerequisite courses.

VIII - Fraud and Attempted Fraud

In all cases of fraud or attempted fraud during examinations, the Head of Program automatically annuls the student's exam script. The student receives a grade of zero for the exam, and no make-up or substitute exam will be permitted. Disciplinary sanctions are imposed in addition to the academic penalty.