À USJ in figures

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1 university center for prehistory and minerals: Salim Eddé Prehistory and Minerals Museum – Salim Eddé
1 publishing house: “Les Presses de l’USJ”

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In Existence for over a Century

➔ **USJ: a bond between tradition and modernity**

Saint Joseph University (Université Saint-Joseph of Beirut) - USJ is the first French speaking university in Lebanon. It was established in 1875 by the Jesuit Society, and its headquarters are located in the heart of Beirut, Lebanon.

It was incorporated according to
- article 10 of the Lebanese Constitution on freedom of education
- the 26 of December 1961 law governing higher education in Lebanon and based on pluralism: multiculturalism, multiple religious denominations, and multilingualism (Arabic, French, English).

Since 2003, USJ has been following the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). It is a tool that helps to design, describe, and deliver study programs and award higher education qualifications. ECTS is closely related to the modernization of higher education in Europe and is a central instrument in the Bologna Process. This process does not aim to harmonize national educational systems but rather to provide tools to connect them. The intention is to allow the diversity of national systems and universities to be maintained while the European Higher Education Area improves transparency between higher education systems, as well as implements tools to facilitate recognition of degrees and academic qualifications, mobility, and exchanges between institutions. All participating countries have agreed on a comparable three cycle degree system for undergraduates (Bachelor degrees) and graduates (Master and PhD degrees).

USJ offers a full range of specializations and academic disciplines in the following fields: Religious Studies, Medicine and Nursing, Sciences, Engineering and Technologies, Humanities, Business Administration and Economics, Human Sciences and Education.

USJ meets European accreditation criteria as per the report of the European Accreditation Agency (AERES - French evaluation agency for research and higher education). The University is in compliance with quality academic and research standards, rigorous respect for procedure based on European guidelines as well as coherence and sound management of the academic institution.
Mission Statement

The charter of Université Saint-Joseph of Beirut (USJ) defines the mission, vision and values of the University. They revolve around two main axes that are teaching and research to which a third is added: civic engagement.

USJ is therefore a teaching and research university. It is dedicated to excellence in teaching and seeks to train the best students in the country and the region, and lead them into the employment gateway. USJ also promotes dialogue through multilingualism and cultural diversity and strives to adopt a holistic approach to the education of individuals.

The Charter requires that each individual taking part in university life be encouraged to learn in a radical commitment to free and honest inquiry but with reverence to spiritual engagement.

As a foundation for personal freedom, the various religious communities strive to create an intercultural community based on mutual knowledge, understanding and acceptance of the other. The Charter also clearly states that USJ serves all members of the community regardless of social and ethnic distinctions. This is why it attaches a lot of importance to the cultural and religious diversification of its student and faculty.

The service of faith also honors the reality of religious pluralism on USJ campuses and embraces freedom of speech and dialogue in formal and informal contexts as long as they do not infringe on the freedom of others or disrupt academic activities. The desired outcome of such encounters moves USJ beyond tolerance to mutual respect and understanding, and creates opportunities for engaging others who share a longing for meaningful lives. USJ creates a sense of community by acting as a positive catalyst.

USJ also imparts a great deal of importance to its “third mission”: civic engagement. The university is a pioneer in this field and has an exemplary track record:

• The student alumni election uses proportional representation in its electoral system; this has improved representation of all political sides as well as a better turnout.
• “Operation 7th Day” boosts volunteer work and helps to promote civic engagement and the learning of social, national and human values.
• Student bodies organize various cultural activities. This exercise is designed to help participants grow in their understanding of USJ’s heritage and deepen their commitment to student life.
Christian Islamic Relations

USJ is committed to the principles stated in its charter, and applies them constantly:
- academic freedom that makes free and honest discussion and inquiry possible with openness to transcend reality
- refusal of discrimination and exclusion
- application of the various lines of Christian thought that defines its basic choices
- commitment to tolerance, mutual respect and understanding, intercultural and interreligious coexistence
- relentless work for the involvement of all in the growth of the university.

Based on these principles, USJ is committed to Christian / Islamic dialogue and a future based on plurality and common ground.

Because of its implication in this cause, USJ organizes conferences and seminars where participants are challenged to enhance the good relations between civilizations by examining the bases for religious coexistence: social values as well as citizenship – the foundation of a solid political system.

USJ’s Faculty of Religious Sciences offers continuous education programs on interreligious dialogue as well as university degrees in relations between religions and religious sciences.

USJ strongly believes that dialogue promotes society’s citizenship identity and reinforces a sense of belonging.
Campuses and Regional Centers

Université Saint-Joseph is comprised of 5 campuses in Beirut: Medical Science, Liberal Arts, Innovation and Sports (Damascus Road), Humanities (Huvelin Street) and Science and Technology (Mar Roukoz).

The university also includes 3 regional centers created to promote decentralization as well as university teaching and French speaking all over the country. These university study centers are located in: North Lebanon, Zahleh and Beqaa and South Lebanon.

North Lebanon University Study Center (CEULN)
This Center, a pioneer of higher studies in the region, was established in 1977 and settled in Ras Maska at the southern entrance of Tripoli in 1995. The campus occupies a space of 16 500 m². It is comprised of a multi-purpose room, an IT center, a library, two sports fields and a cafeteria.
Since its inception, the center has diversified its activities a few of the faculties and schools of the Beirut campuses have found a home there: Faculty of Business and Management (FGM); Department of French Literature and Language Institute; Lebanese Institute of Educators (ILE); Faculty of Nursing (FSI); Lebanese School for Social Training (ELFS); Faculty of Science: Mathematics and Biochemistry (FS).
Zahleh and Beqaa University Study Center (CEUZB)
This center was established in 1978 with the purpose of training high end professionals in the main economic fields of the Beqaa taking into consideration the market requirements of the area.

The center boasts 5 study sectors divided into two campuses:
- In Dhour Zahleh:
  - Faculty of Business and Management (FGM)
  - Faculty of Languages (FdL)
  - Business Management Institute (IGE)
- In Taanayel:
  - School of Mediterranean Agro-Engineering (ESIAM)
  - Agri-Food Engineering School (ESIA)

South Lebanon University Study Center (CEULS) – Center André Masse, s.j.
Established in 1977, this center is the first institute of higher education in southern Lebanon. The center settles in Bramieh, North-East of Saida, in 1978. It is comprised of an auditorium, a library, a sports field, a cafeteria and a parking lot.

Four different Faculties are available:
- Faculty of Business and Management (FGM)
- Faculty of Liberal Arts: French Literature Department (FLSH)
- Faculty of Science: Department of Earth and Life Science – Biochemistry (FS)
- Faculty of Languages: French Section (FdL)
The presence of Université Saint-Joseph (USJ) in Dubai is part of the plan established by the Emirate of Dubai in order to further its cultural development project in parallel with the urban and economic growth of the United Arab Emirates.

The Dubai University Center was inaugurated in September 2008 by - the then president of USJ - Father René Chamussy s.j. and His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President of the UAE and Governor of Dubai. The inauguration was held in the presence of Dr Abdulla Al Karam, CEO and President of the Board of the Knowledge and Human Development Authority (KHDA), Professor Antoine Hokayem, USJ Vice-President for International Affairs, Professor Fayez Hage Chahine, Dean of the Faculty of Law and Political Science at USJ, Mrs Dona Barakat Turk, Consul of Lebanon in Dubai and H.E. Mr Nasser Saidi, former Minister of Economy and Industry.

In July 2001, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President of the UAE, Prime Minister and Governor of Dubai launched the EDAAD scholarship program aligning it with his vision to provide solid training and schooling to the shining future leaders of tomorrow.

This is why the government of Dubai has chosen the Faculty of Law of the Université Saint-Joseph to train students in creative and critical thinking in order to yield competent and professional jurists.

On June 24th, 2008 USJ signed a cooperation and partnership agreement with the government of Dubai represented by the Knowledge and Human Development Authority (KHDA) to provide the academic requirements for a Bachelor in Law given to classes of 40 Emirati students each for a period of 6 academic years. Having completed their high-school requirements students are chosen to study law in the hope of becoming a driving force in the UAE’s leadership.
Dubai Law School operates in deference to the laws and regulations in place in the State of the UAE and the Emirate of Dubai, and its diplomas are validated by the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research of the UAE.

Dubai Law School is in a constant process of updating its academic curriculum and adapting it to the current trends in law and jurisprudence.

USJ's Dubai Law School aspires to deliver a very high level of quality education especially in the legal field, and to prepare local executives to play key roles in high offices in both the private and public sectors.

Moreover, Université Saint Joseph has signed a cooperation agreement with Dubai Courts to enhance academic cooperation, and train the courts' legal staff as well as give priority to USJ Dubai students for internships and jobs within the public legal system in Dubai.

Université Saint Joseph has a vision for its Dubai Branch:

• A center of excellence committed to the growth of the UAE
• A recognized reference providing excellence in education and knowledge through research to the people of the UAE and all GCC countries
• A central point to focus on students from the UAE and other Arab nations and provide them with the necessary tools for the working world
Hôtel-Dieu de France: University Medical Center

Hôtel-Dieu de France is a non-profit University Medical Center managed by Université Saint-Joseph of Beirut. Since its establishment in 1923, it has continuously provided high quality healthcare and training to its patients and students even throughout the darkest hours of Lebanese modern history. Hôtel-Dieu de France is the largest hospital in Lebanon and covers a near-exhaustive range of medical specialties. It has a 430 bed capacity with 200 doctors and employs over 1500 staff. The hospital has superior standards in patient care unequated in the region. It is characterized by the highest levels of professionalism, specialization and staff performance. Hospital personnel undergo ongoing training sessions in order to stay up to date with latest and best in patient care.

Hôtel-Dieu de France is also a teaching hospital: over 100 interns and 250 residents of the USJ Medical School as well as students from the various medical related faculties undergo their training at the hospital all the while participating in the various sectors of the institution.

In 2010, the hospital adopted a new governance system to meet the challenges of a permanently changing and developing health sector. The launching of “HDF 2020” is an ambitious ten year restructuring strategic plan. This plan focuses on Human Resources, cutting-edge medicine, quality control, optimization and positioning as well as partnerships. The plan is topped off by the “fleur de vie” initiative which is patient-centered and relies on the active participation of all hospital players for continuous improvement.

Hôtel-Dieu de France’s mission:
- Welcoming patients with respect and without discrimination;
- Offering the safest and highest quality healthcare to patients;
- Training and teaching interns and residents of the Faculty of Medicine (FM/USJ) as well as trainees from other institutions of the University;
- Contributing to the progress of medicine;
- Joining forces with the public healthcare network, and contributing to public welfare through outpatient clinics;
- Acting as a national and regional referral center;
- Enduring and growing.
Studying at USJ

A Reliable Travel Document for Your Life Journey

Admission

Applicants who hold the Lebanese Baccalaureate, French Baccalaureate or any other degree recognized by the Lebanese Ministry of Higher Education are entitled to apply to USJ. Prior to enrollment at USJ, all students must sit for a test and demonstrate a level of French proficiency equivalent to that determined by the university. Admission is decided on the basis of the student’s academic record, entrance exams, completed applications or any other such as decided by the different faculties.

Languages

USJ is a trilingual university (French, Arabic, and English). However, as the language of instruction is French, command of the language, both oral and written, is essential to every student’s success. A French proficiency test is required for all students enrolling in any undergraduate program. Arabic is mandatory throughout the curriculum. Students are required to obtain 4 credits for classes in the Arabic language: 2 undergraduate and 2 graduate. An ESL (English as a second Language) course is also required for all undergraduate students.

May 2014 marked a new partnership between USJ and Saint Louis University (SLU), an American Jesuit University. This partnership entails collaboration between the Fdl (Faculty of Languages) and the English as a Second Language (ESL) Program at SLU. In their English program based on a placement test, all USJ students will have the chance to improve the skills necessary for both their studies and career. Ultimately, after sitting for an oral and written proficiency exam, they will receive a certificate from SLU stating their level of proficiency in English. In addition, USJ offers a number of elective classes in modern languages (French, English, Spanish, Italian, German, Japanese, Chinese, Farsi and Russian) as well as ancient languages (Latin, Syriac, Greek and Hebrew).

Academics

USJ is comprised of 13 Faculties and 24 Institutes or Schools spread out across 5 campuses in Beirut as well as the University Education Centers in Saida, Tripoli and Zahle. It also boasts a professional mediation center (alternative dispute resolution) and an International University Studies Center with a Law School in Dubai (United Arab Emirates).

USJ follows the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) system. It facilitates recognition to students learning achievements through the use of commonly understood measurements - credits and grades, and makes grades more comparable. There are three study cycles: “Licence” (Undergraduate); “Master” (Graduate); “Doctorate” (Post Graduate).
Majors and Programs

**Social Sciences**
- Advertisement and Sales
- Banking Studies
- Business and Management
- Economics
- Hotel and Tourism Management
- Insurance
- IT Management
- Law
- Management
- Political Science

**Human Sciences**
- Anthropology
- Arab Philosophy
- Arabic Language and Literature
- Archeology
- Art Critic and Curator
- Banking and Finance Translation
- Contemporary History – International Relations
- Cultural and Touristic Event Management
- Education
- Educational Counseling
- Environment and Planning
- French Literature
- Geography
- History
- Human Resources
- Information and Communication
- Interpretation
- Master of Research. Emphases in Translation
- Master’s Degree in Road Safety Management

**Religious Sciences**
- Christian / Islamic Studies
- Religious studies

**Medical and Nursing Sciences**
- Dentistry
- Health management and Social Welfare
- Laboratory Science
- Medicine
- Midwifery
- Nursing
- Nutrition and Dietetics
- Pharmacy
- Physical Therapy
- Psychomotor Therapy
- Speech Therapy

**Sciences, Ingeneering and Technologies**
- Actuaries and Finance
- Agribusiness
- Agronomics
- Astrophysics
- Biology (Earth and Life Sciences) – Biochemistry
- Biology and Enhancement Techniques
- Chemistry
- Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Electrical and Mechanical Engineering
- Environmental Management
- Industrial Technology
- Master’s in Oil and Gas
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Telecommunication
Master's Degree in Languages
Mediation Professional Certificate (Ombudsman)
Philosophy
Pre-School and Elementary Education
Psychology
School Management
Social Work
Sociology
Stage Performance, Audio-Visual and Film Studies
Tourism and Culture
Translation

→ Academic Chairs
Senghor Chair for Francophon
Louis D. Chair – The Institute of France for Intercultural Anthropology
UNESCO Chair for Comparative Studies and Dialogue in Religion
Renault Foundation – USJ Chair for the Management of Road Safety
Student Life
Life at USJ

A Pleasant Environment

Services Catered to Every Need

Student Life and Workplace Integration
The Student Life and Workplace Integration Service coordinates with various student organizations and intervenes – in cooperation with USJ's institutions – in various aspects of students' workplace integration.

Student Bodies
University life also takes place outside academia. USJ students get together in different student bodies to participate in events and activities that are of interest to them (sports, culture, social or religious work). These groups (clubs, associations, class representatives, Student General Council) strive to uphold and develop students' sense of belonging to USJ.

Annual Events
The Student Life Service oversees annual events such as Democracy Day, Clubs' Day, Beirut Marathon Participation, and Daraj El Yassouiyeh (a USJ cultural and sports event). These events help build a sense of community and belonging.

Workplace Integration
The Service's aim is to provide advising and assistance to USJ students during their career planning process and facilitate their transition into the workforce and the job market. This is done by ensuring a fruitful collaboration with various businesses, USJ Alumni, NGOs, etc.

Exceptional opportunities for student development are also available through student jobs within the university walls. The service enhances the academic experience and equips students to elaborate their career goals by implementing a three-point program:

1. collective training to identify the correct choice of major and potential job opportunities;
2. tailor-made counseling;
3. professional website management as a means of communication between employers and potential employees.
Student Information and Guidance
This department has three major roles
- Information: advise students about the various courses of study available, prerequisites, admission and selection conditions, tuition fees, areas of specialization, diplomas and work prospects.
- Guidance: help students identify and clarify their goals and set objectives to address them.
- Reorientation: assist students in identifying a new course of action in the event of deficiency or a setback and reassesses available choices.

Social Services
The department holds students' well-being in high esteem. Its role is to promote students' academic and personal success. It is in charge of financial aid, personal aid, social and cultural activities. It also provides warm welcome to foreign students and promotes civic values. Social ties are therefore weaved within the university and its immediate surroundings.

Publishing and Communication
This department covers university current affairs and keeps the general public informed of university-related topics and issues. It is in charge of campaign strategies, internal communication (faculty, students, administration) and corporate public relations (other universities, media, general public, etc.). It offers many different solutions to promote and spread information university-related.
The department communicates through the following media: website, directory, bi-annual bulletin "USJ-Infos" and a bi-monthly electronic newsletter. The department also provides the university with all its marketing supplies (flyers, posters, brochures, pamphlets and booklets, etc). It organizes all scientific and cultural events and publicizes them in local and international media and forums.
On the Ground

Libraries
USJ libraries provide the necessary formats to support the educational mission of USJ. There are five libraries available throughout the various campuses. They boast over 600,000 print titles and periodicals.

University Center for Family and Community Health
The purpose of this center is complete health coverage and medical follow-up for people of all ages especially students. The services provided are both remedial and preventative: medical consultations, youth clinic, tobacco addiction clinic, vaccination, dietetics, preparation classes for expectant mothers, physical therapy, etc. The center recently set up a youth medical services clinic, thus allowing students access to healthcare.

IT
Students and faculty have access to Internet and new information technology as well as IT technical support on all USJ campuses and regional university centers.

Computer Rooms and Multimedia
Over 20 computer rooms – evenly distributed among campuses and regional university centers – are at the disposal of students. There they will find the software and Internet connections that empower them to be creative as they excel in the pursuit of their goals and the achievement of their work and projects. Videoconferencing rooms are also available to promote collaboration between universities.

Lecture Halls and Auditoriums
There are many lecture halls and auditoriums spread out over the various campuses. These venues have a seating capacity of 250 to 600. The main USJ lecture halls and auditoriums are: Pierre Y. Abou Khater Amphitheater (Liberal Arts Campus); Amphitheater C (Medical Sciences Campus); Gulbenkian Amphitheater (Humanities Campus); Jean Ducruet Amphitheater (Science and Technology Campus); Francois Bassil Auditorium (Innovation and Sports Campus). They are available to the university community and are open to the general public. Many of USJ’s events are celebrated there such as graduations, Saint Joseph feast day, as well as concerts and other events.
Food & Beverage
USJ cafeterias are available on all the different campuses and offer full and balanced meals.

- Restaurant : “L'Atelier”
L'Atelier is the training ground of the Business Management Institute. It is located on Damascus Road in the center of Beirut. The restaurant boasts a diversified menu with different price tags, set lunch menus and more elaborate “à la carte” meals for evenings. The soon-to-be professionals in the field of Hotel and Tourism management oversee all aspects: kitchen, table service, marketing, commercial aspects, training, human resources, buyers, operations, etc.

University Student Dorms
A student dorm on Damascus road is run by the university. University Social Services also provide students with a list of available dorms in the vicinity of the university. The South Lebanon university study center (CEULS) provides housing accommodation for the center's students.

Children’s Day Care Center
The Lebanese Institute of Educators has run the Saint Joseph Children’s day care center since the year 2000. The day care center welcomes USJ staff children aged 6 months to 3 years. Its main objective is to provide early educational care and physical well-being during the day. It also evaluates best practices, and quickly puts new findings, curricula and programs in place for the maximum benefit of every child.
Insurance
Each student enrolled at USJ benefits from personal injury insurance and is covered by this policy throughout university working days as well as when participating in a university-based project or activity.

Medical Care
Medical care is provided to all USJ students, faculty, staff and their families within the university's various medical care centers.

Clinics / Care Centers
The center for diagnostic and psychomotor therapy: this center offers tests, diagnoses, counseling and care coverage in psychomotor therapy for people with special needs. These include slow psychomotor development as well as impairment in time and space.

The center for diagnostic and speech therapy: this center offers diagnoses, rehabilitation and counseling in speech therapy for children and adults with special needs. These needs could be related to slow development in fluency and written language due - or not- to a trauma as well as stuttering or any other speech impediments.

The Center for dental health: it is comprised of five wards containing 90 different types of dental equipment and offers all treatments in odontology care and open to the general public.

The center for maxillofacial radiology: This center is open to in-house patients as well as to the general public. The diagnosis of disease is the cornerstone of dental practice and advances in imaging science have enabled dentists to provide much better diagnostic services to their patients. This center is also equipped with a digital cone beam scan for 2D/3D reconstruction.
Sports at USJ

The USJ sports department was created in 2004. It is divided into two sections:

- Competitive sport: this branch trains and follows up on athletes who represent the university in local and international competitions
- Training and leisure sport: this branch raises awareness for exercise among students, faculty and staff within the various campuses and regional university centers.

The department provides sports fields on all campuses and regional university centers. Some are enclosed fields such as the ones at CST – Science and Technology Campus.

CIS – Campus for Innovation and Sports has a full-fledged sports center including a hardwood floor multipurpose field, a semi-Olympic 25m swimming pool, a physical education room, a table tennis and fencing room, a martial arts room, a fully-equipped workout room and two squash courts.

USJ varsity teams take part in

- International competitions every year in Europe, Africa and the Middle East;
- Championships sponsored by the Lebanese University Sports Federation (FSUL);
- The Unileague championships: a team sports championship between sports teams from eight private universities with high level sportsmanship;
- Tournaments organized by Lebanese universities.

The sports department organizes two major sports events: the international “Beirut Unisport Festival” with the participation of 1500 students from different countries and the “Interschool Games” – a sports competition for over 1800 schoolchildren.

It also publishes “Sports info”, the annual sports magazine.
Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care has been part of Lebanese University life since 1979. Its main objective is to offer a guided spiritual life on campus and to maintain a Christian sense of belonging.

USJ’s Pastoral Care Service instills spiritual and human education as per the Jesuit educational system, which follows a holistic approach to the individual as a whole yet, specializes in content.

Each campus has its own Pastoral Care Service headed by a senior tutor with the help of a student committee. This committee is comprised of a coordinator, a treasurer, a social activity coordinator and a communications officer.

The raison d’être of this service is to give advice and practical help to students on a daily and more long term basis, to manage crisis situations which impart on students, to deal with personal and vocational issues as well as to help students in times of need. It also develops policy and practice in the area of student support across the university.

The Pastoral Care Service implements training sessions on civil marriage, euthanasia, economic morality and other issues. It also organizes daily or weekend outings.
Culture at USJ
Culture is an intricate part of USJ lifestyle and promotes personal growth through rich and varied programming: seminars, conferences, exhibitions and shows.

University Press
The USJ university press (PUSJ) was created in the year 2000 for the 125th anniversary of the university. Since then, it has published over 50 different works in various fields: law, economics, history, sociology, psychoanalysis, anthropology and others.

The entire collection of PUSJ publications is available at the entrance hall of the Campus of Liberal Arts, at Beirut’s big book stores as well as on the website: www.usj.edu.lb/pusj. Moreover, USJ is an active participating member of local and international book fairs.

Oriental Library
Established in 1875, the Oriental Library is a unique cultural, scientific and patrimonial space owing to the richness of the collection gathered by Jesuit scholars since the founding of USJ.

The library counts within its walls:
- 200,000 print titles
- 1800 periodicals
- 3500 manuscripts
- A near-complete collection of Arab newspapers dating back to the beginning of the Arab press in the mid-19th century
- Around 40,000 photographic documents
- 1000 + old maps

Phares Zoghbi Cultural Foundation Library
60,000 print titles in law, literature, political science and culture.
Beryte Theater (IESAV-USJ)
The Beryte university theater was established at the same time as the creation of the Campus of Liberal Arts in the year 2000. It also serves as a film and broadcasting projection room. Its main objectives are to promote the creation and production of youth works in the following fields: theater, music, singing, dancing, poetry reciting, art of mime, cinema projection, video or multimedia projections and more.

Monnot Theater
Monnot Theater is a private theater created by the Jesuit Society in 1997. It is a professional theater par excellence with rich and diversified programming. It has become one of the main players on the Beirut cultural scene. Since its inception, Monnot Theater has hosted many different types of performances: theater, dance, music, folk tale narrations, exhibitions and Lebanese, Arab and international film clubs.

Lebanese Museum of Prehistory
The Lebanese Museum of Prehistory was inaugurated in 2000 upon the 125th anniversary of USJ, and is the successful conclusion to a more global project in partnership with the Prehistory Institute of the French CNRS and the Louvre Museum.
Mineral Museum – Salim Eddé (MIM)
The MIM Museum exhibit holds more than 1400 minerals representing around 300 different species from over 61 countries. This collection, graciously donated by Mr. Salim Eddé, is considered to be one the world’s paramount private collections for the variety and quality of its minerals. The museum also has an audiovisual and interactive space in which the visitor can access new technology tools such as touch screens for educational and entertaining activities.
University for All (UPT)
UPT was created in 2007 and is indeed a university for all learners regardless of age or academic credentials. It addresses the needs of independent attendees for personal development and cultural enrichment with varied courses (cinema, architecture, tourism, environment, human rights, history, etc.) and art studios (painting, mosaics, etc.)

Confucius Institute
The Confucius Institute (CIUSJ) was founded in 2007. Its aim is the promotion of both Chinese language teaching and Chinese culture through cultural events. The CIUSJ is the only accredited center for HSK in the Middle East. HSK is a Chinese language proficiency test devised by and under the authority of the Chinese Ministry of Education. It is the only objective standard measure for Chinese proficiency on the international level. CIUSJ is also a center for teaching all China-related subjects such as Chinese politics and economics, traditional medicine, cooking, calligraphy and traditional painting.

Japanese Academic Center
The Japanese Academic Center (CAJAP) was founded in 2008. It provides courses in Japanese (4 levels) as well as Karate classes. The CAJAP organizes, in collaboration with the Embassy of Japan, the screening of Japanese films selected for their quality level or indexed according to international awards won. It is planning on becoming a multicultural academic hub and providing assistance to students wishing to further pursue their graduate studies in Japan.
Social Responsibility
Community Service at USJ
Civic Engagement Program

→ Operation 7th Day

USJ students are fully committed to social work and serving the community. This is why “Operation 7th day” has become USJ’s flagship community service program.

This program initially started in 2006 during the July War and includes all USJ institutions as well as Hotel-Dieu de France and USJ’s technical hubs. It is based purely on volunteer service throughout the Lebanese territory.

USJ academic institutions sometimes reward certain initiatives (research, internships) with credit transfers.

All members of staff, faculty, students and alumni get together and work in close collaboration with different partners (ministries, embassies, NGOs, other universities, international organizations). This partnership is the basis for the seven themes of “Operation 7th Day” : Civic and Human Rights, Culture and Heritage, Dialogue and Mediation, Environment, Architecture and Town Planning, Education and Social Development, Business, Economics and Entrepreneurship, Health and Human Development.

USJ’s “Operation 7th Day” was awarded the 2nd place for world citizenship from the MacJannet Foundation in 2009. The MacJannet Prize was established by the Talloires Network and the MacJannet Foundation to recognize exceptional student community engagement initiatives at Talloires Network member universities (over 100 worldwide) and contributes financially to their ongoing public service efforts.

“Operation 7th Day” was also awarded the Sharjah (UAE) prize in 2010 for corporate social responsibility and the Lebanese Social Economic Award for social and environmental responsibility in December 2012.
Innovation
Research at USJ

Recognized Scientific Workspace

Research

USJ offers an extraordinary range of research opportunities for students and faculty. There are around 200 researchers and doctoral candidates as well as about 30 research structures at the university. Our research centers, programs and institutes explore a diverse range of issues: literature; languages; liberal arts and humanities; health science and technology.

University Vice-Presidency for Research
The role of this body is to guide research activity at USJ as well as develop and increase research status and influence.

The Vice-Presidency for Research organizes and controls USJ research centers. It has a dual purpose: defining USJ general research policy and reviewing it periodically as per university priorities.

Research Committee
The committee prioritizes projects and decides on funding. The main objective is to empower faculty with their own research, and to participate in the advancement and the enhancement of the educational experience at USJ. The committee decides on the relevance of a research project or on the creation of a new research center.

One million U.S. dollars per annum is allocated to research through internal funding channels and a similar amount originates from external funding sources.

Research covers most of the university's academic fields: fundamental science, medical science, liberal arts and religious science.
Research Projects
The research committee was created in 1995 and has, since then, financed over 550 research projects of which over a hundred doctoral theses. USJ has been a leader in the field of scientific and social research and has a well-known input in the fields of: Christian / Islamic relations, emigration, workplace integration, civil statutes in Lebanon, air pollution, components of Lebanese wine and their labels of origin, genetics, hydraulic resources, biopesticides and many more.

Innovation and Knowledge Transfer
USJ strongly believes in knowledge transfer towards industry and society.
Private sector businesses - interested in innovation and USJ faculty expertise in research - often sponsor major research projects.
The Innovation Chair, created within the Health and Technology hub, has a main objective, which is to develop the process of innovation management and the transformation of ideas into products and services coinciding with the market's needs.
The Chair thus becomes an interface bringing together two compatible and interdependent entities: the university and private sector businesses.
The hub also includes an office for technology transfer to protect researchers' intellectual property and to establish spin-offs that could evolve into start-ups housed at Berytech.
Research Centers and Laboratories

Languages
Center for Research and Arab Studies (CREA)
Center for Research and Translation Studies in Arabic Terminology (CERTTA)
Louis Pouzet Center for Ancient and Medieval Studies (CLP)

Liberal Arts
University Observatory for Socioeconomic Reality (OURSE)
Michel Henry Center (CEMH)
Laboratory for Clinical and Cognitive Psychology (LPCC)
Cartography Laboratory (LCAR)
Remote Sensing Laboratory (LTDC)
Center for Contemporary Arab Studies (CEMAM)

Religious Studies
Center for Religious Phenomenon (CEDIFR)
Information and Research Center for Christian/Islamic Studies (CEDRIC)
Research and Publication Center for Middle Eastern Christianity (CERPOC)

Humanities
Economic Research and Information Center (CEDREC)
Center for the Study of Law in the Arab World (CEDROMA)
Center for Market Research and Distribution in the Middle-East (CEMADIMO)
Alwalid Bin Talal Center of Arab World Studies (CWBT)

Medicine
Laboratory of Biomechanics (LBIOM)
Laboratory of Cancer and Metabolism (LCM)
Laboratory of Histology and Anatomic Pathology (LHAP)
Laboratory of Inflammation and Regenerative Medicine (LMRI)
Laboratory of Surgical Research (LRSC)
Research Laboratory of Physiology and Pathophysiology (LRPP)
Laboratory of Neuroscience (LNS)
Medical Genetics Unit (UGM)

Pharmacy
Laboratory of Toxicology (LABTOX)
Laboratory of Molecular and Specialized Biochemistry (LBMS)
Laboratory of Microbiological Quality Control (LCQM)
Laboratory of Molecular Microbiology (LMBM)
Laboratory of Pharmacology, Clinical Pharmacy and Medication Quality Control (LPP)
Rodolphe Mérieux Laboratory (LRM)

Dentistry, Speech Therapy and Physical Therapy
Laboratory of Hard Tissue Histology (LHTD)
Center for Diagnostics and Speech Therapy (CSO)
Center for Diagnostics and Motor Therapy (CDSP)
Science
Center for Analysis and Research (CAR):
Research Unit: Food Technology and Enhancement (UR – TVA)
- Laboratory for Structure and Interaction of Macromolecules (LSIM)
- Laboratory of Biotechnology (LB)
- Laboratory for Agro-Industrial Process Intensification (LIPAI)
- Laboratory for Methods of Fermentation (LPF)
- Laboratory for Metrology and Isotope Fractionation (LMFI)
- Laboratory of Mycology and Food Safety (LMSA)
- Laboratory of Bio-Photonics and Ionizing Radiation (LBRI)

Research Unit: Environment, Functional Genomics and Mathematical Studies (UR – EGFEM)
- Laboratory for Structure and Interaction of Macromolecules (LSIM)
- Laboratory of Drosophila Genetics and Microbial Virulence (LGDVM)
- Laboratory of Plant Genomic Characterization (LCGP)
- Laboratory of Hybrid Nanomaterials (LNMH)
- Laboratory for Emissions, Atmospheric Measures and Modeling (LEMA)
- Laboratory for the Study of Air Quality (LEQA)
- Laboratory for High Risk Waste Management (LTDSR)
- Laboratory for Applied Mathematics (LMA)

Engineering
Center for Data Processing, Modelling and Information Technology (CIMTI)
Center for Electrical and Telecommunication Industries (CINET)
Lebanese Center for Construction Studies and Research (CLERC)
Regional Center for Water and Environment (CREEN)
Berytech was created in 2001 by Université Saint-Joseph, in collaboration with high-end partners in the economic sector. Berytech provides entrepreneurs with a conducive environment for the development and creation of startups. Berytech is currently comprised of six entities in three different venues: Berytech Technology Pole in Mar Roukoz, Berytech Technology and Health Science in the Mathaf area and Berytech Digital Park in Beirut Digital District as well as an investment fund, a coworking space and a media cluster. It is in the process of setting up a new fund of USD 30 million geared towards startups and innovative firms.

Berytech’s mission is to provide incubation opportunities, welcome and support to growing companies. It offers a common space where entrepreneurs and startups can develop their projects at a lower cost sharing suitable infrastructure provided by the hub. The hub also provides virtual incubation through the presence of a large networking framework, technical support and training.

Berytech is also a business accelerator for new companies. A business center is at the disposal of firms in various sectors - health, information technology, multimedia - who wish to pool their activities and develop them locally and internationally. Potential entrepreneurs and startups who seek an environment in which to develop their innovative ideas are supplied with the necessary support including competitions, mentoring programs, training sessions and networking events.

Berytech’s mission is to encourage Lebanese talent, stimulate innovation and entrepreneurship as well as create jobs and be instrumental in the development of the Lebanese economy. Between 2001 and 2012 Berytech has seen many developments: the housing of more than 200 pioneering businesses and 90 new startups generating more than 1300 new employment opportunities. Furthermore, USD 6 million have been disbursed in grants to startups and new businesses and 2500 entrepreneurs have benefitted from support programs. Berytech is the first technology hub in the region to receive the EU accreditation as a Business Innovation Center (BIC). It is also a member of the “EBN” network (European Business Network) that supports the development and growth of innovative entrepreneurs, start-ups and SMEs. EBN is also a community of professionals whose day-to-day work helps these businesses to grow in the most effective, efficient and sustainable way.
Established on December 10th, 2004, the health science technology hub (PTS) is the first of its kind in Lebanon dedicated to healthcare.

The mission of PTS is to become a center of excellence in research on life and healthcare sciences in all its components: biotechnological, environmental, societal and ethical. PTS’ purpose is to become a motivating center of activities for innovation, service provision and new business startups.

As a nexus for an open interdisciplinary exchange and relevant strategic monitoring, PTS offers areas of freedom for critical thinking and ethical debates with regard to human society.

PTS therefore aims to contribute to sustainable development set to be at mankind’s service, and improve its health and environmental quality.

As a breeding tank for targeted research, PTS is validated as a main operator for research and development activities in the fields of academia and socioeconomics in Lebanon and the region. It harnesses the brainpower of the nation’s researchers, and drives further growth in the fields of multidisciplinary and translational research activity. It serves as a key resource for researchers and provides a new platform through which innovative ideas can be developed and introduced to the marketplace.

PTS has developed laboratories for the following: medical genetics unit, pathogenic agents (Rodolphe Merieux laboratory), metrology and isotopic division, Lebanese tissue bank, biomechanical and medical imaging unit.

Other activities and research themes are also developed: physiology, molecular biology, pharmacology, molecular biochemistry, toxicology, nutrition, histology of hard tissue and laboratory of materials.
Window to the world
International Calling

USJ has a long-established relationship with France therefore most of its scientific cooperation is concluded with French universities and other French academic institutions.

However a large dynamic international partnership network has been established in other areas across the globe such as North America, Asia, Europe, the Maghreb and the Middle East.

Currently, USJ's international identity is conveyed through over 350 cooperation agreements with 250 partner institutions in 34 countries worldwide.

USJ is also a member of many international networks: Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF); International Association of Universities (IAU); International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU); European Federation of Catholic Universities (FUCE); Association of Jesuit Higher Education Institutions in Europe and Lebanon (ASJEL); International Association of Jesuit Business Schools (IAJBS); Association of Arab Universities (AARU); Tethys Open University of the Mediterranean Region; Euromed Permanent University Forum (EPUF); Anna Lindh Foundation and the Talloires Network devoted to strengthening the civic roles and social responsibilities of higher education.

International Relations Department

In 2005, the university's governing body created the international relations department. Its policy consists of developing 6 main strategic objectives:

- Encourage student and faculty exchange programs with emphasis on strengthening hosting facilities for students and mentoring
- Strengthen international drawing power for training and the creation of new international circuits
- Develop cooperation bonds in new geographical areas such as the Far East particularly through the set up of two academic centers: the Confucius Institute and the Japanese Academic Center
- Commit towards the French speaking world, Europe and the Arab world
- Rationalize finalized agreements and build new strategic partnerships
- Participate in European cooperation programs to increase the university's influence and reinforce its research framework.
Foreign Students

The drawing power of USJ is due to 4 major assets:

- High quality teaching
- ECTS adoption
- Language learning / Linguistic training: French; Arabic; English
- Geographical location: between Europe, Asia and the Arab World

Student exchange has taken on a new life thanks to facilities available to exchange students as well as the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) and many European support programs such as Erasmus Mundus.

The international relations department not only manages the various bilateral and multilateral student exchange programs, but also the foreign students’ scholarship fund. This fund is geared towards non-Lebanese Masters Degree students.
Get together
USJ Alumni
Continuous Cooperation Throughout Generations

→ Alumni Association

University graduates offer a great deal of commitment to their school either through the image they project, by expanding its sphere of influence or by contributing to development projects. In return, the university helps alumni keep in touch and tightens the links that brought them together during their studies. The university and its alumni thus form a tight-knit community that is beneficial for both.

Once they graduate, students can enroll in respective alumni association. The various USJ alumni associations, in Lebanon and abroad, are regrouped within the USJ Alumni Association created on July 7th, 1999 and replaced in January 2006 by the Federation of USJ Alumni Associations.

→ Federation of Alumni Associations

The federation is a friendly space that provides a variety of benefits and services that help alumni maintain connections to their educational institution and fellow graduates as well as provide, in close cooperation with USJ, continuing education programs.

Thanks to the alumni members' experience, the federation has become a network of experts that embody the values that USJ seeks to instill in its graduates: a commitment to creative and critical thinking, lifelong learning, personal integrity, and civic responsibility leadership. They provide expert guidance to fellow alumni in new career orientation, teaching and research.

Additionally, the federation supports new alumni, and provides a forum for new friendships and business relationships with people of similar background.