

# Message from the Rector to New Students

Academic Year 2025-2026



*Welcome to the Saint Joseph University of Beirut!*

It is with renewed pride that we welcome you into our historic academic institution, founded in 1875 and a cornerstone of higher education in Lebanon for over 150 years. By choosing USJ, you become part of a **demanding yet caring academic community** rooted in the Jesuit pedagogical tradition, where intellectual excellence goes hand in hand with human, social, and spiritual growth. The 2,445 graduates of 2024-2025 are a living proof of the value of an USJ education.

## A Tradition Shaping the Future

At USJ, we believe education goes beyond academics. It is a **school of freedom, responsibility, and commitment**. Our mission is to form women and men capable of understanding the challenges of today's world and responding with rigor, ethics, and creativity. Guided by the Jesuit heritage, our University combines the **authenticity of classical humanities with the progress of science and technology**, notable by critically and innovatively integrating the latest advances of artificial intelligence into our teaching methods and curricula.

## A Great Supportive Family

Joining USJ means joining the **USJ Alumni**, a network active both in Lebanon and across the world. These women and men, who after their time at USJ have put their skills at the service of society, continue to stand by their University and contribute to its influence. This intergenerational chain of solidarity is one of our greatest strengths.

## A Dynamic Campus Life, A Voice that Matters

University life at USJ is **vibrant, active, and full of initiatives**. Through associations, clubs, and cultural, social, athletic, or environmental initiatives, you are encouraged to get involved and make your voice count. At USJ, student participation is not only welcomed, it is recognized as a true engine of growth and innovation.

## A Dedicated Team

You will be guided by **instructors and administrative staff who are deeply committed** to your success. Their expertise, availability, and devotion will accompany you as you learn, thrive, and discover your full potential.

USJ offers a variety of **scholarships, both need-based and merit-based**. For those who may need support, the University is ready to accompany you.

May this 2025-2026 academic year mark the beginning of **a journey where knowledge lights your way, values shape your path, and the common good remains your ultimate horizon**.

Prof. Salim Daccache SJ,  
Rector of the Saint Joseph University of Beirut

