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Université Saint-Joseph de Beyrouth
Faculté des sciences religieuses

CARAVAN

Project in collaboration
with the Order of Malta

Certificate of Study in the
Historical and Religious
Reality of the Middle East

■ Definition of the Project

The “Caravan” project was started in 2009 by a joint Lebanese/German structure of the Order of Malta and has been adopted by the Sovereign Order of Malta throughout Europe. Every year, ten to twelve youth from different nationalities offer ten months of their lives to serve mentally and physically disabled people in Lebanon. This program provides the opportunity to the young volunteers of the Order (between 18 and 30 years of age) to serve, deepen their faith, discover the religious reality of Lebanon and the Middle East, and to learn some Arabic.

■ Registration conditions

The program is especially conceived for the volunteers in the “Caravan” project. Admission requirements for students outside the Caravan project:

- Lebanese Baccalaureate or an equivalent diploma recognized by the Lebanese government.
- Sufficient fluency in written and spoken English to follow the course.

■ Program

The Faculty of Religious Sciences developed a special program of 16 credits in English, giving basic information about the various aspects of the Christian, Muslim and Jewish faiths in the Middle East and their influence on the political, social, and economic level.

Courses	Credits
1. Lebanon before, during and after the war 1975-1990	2
2. The Religions of the Middle East:	
Judaism	2
Islam	3
Oriental Christianity	2
Druze	1
3. The History of Lebanon	2
4. Challenges, Opportunities and Praxis of Interreligious Dialogue in the Middle East: The case of Lebanon	2
5. Multicultural Societies and Middle Eastern Religions	2
TOTAL	16

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