

Equivalencies and Validations at USJ

General Principles

Baccalaureate

- Only the Lebanese General Secondary Certificate does not require an official equivalence.
- All other official secondary school diplomas, whether obtained in Lebanon (Technical Baccalaureate (BT), French Baccalaureate, Freshman, International Baccalaureate (IB), German Abitur), or in any other country, be their holders of Lebanese or of any other nationality, require an official equivalence granted by the Equivalence Commission of the Lebanese Ministry of Education and Higher Education.

Technical diplomas

With the exception of the technical baccalaureate (BT) which, under specific conditions, may allow enrolment in the 1st year of studies, the other technical diplomas (TS: higher technician; LT: technical licensure, LET: technical education licensure) do not entitle the holder to any credit validation.

Technological diplomas

- The Technological Baccalaureate is treated by the Equivalence Commission of the Lebanese Ministry of Education and Higher Education as an academic baccalaureate, giving its holder the same academic rights.
- The Equivalence Commission of the Lebanese Ministry of Education and Higher Education grants the University Diploma in Technology (DUT), obtained after three years of study, the equivalence of the university bachelor's degree. It allows the holder to pursue higher education.

University Studies and Diplomas

- Only diplomas (or records of years of study, credits, or credits) issued by the Lebanese University do not require official equivalence.
- All other diplomas (or records of years of study, credits, or credits), whether obtained in Lebanon or in any other country, be their holders of Lebanese or of any other nationality, require an official equivalence granted by the Equivalence Commission of the Lebanese Ministry of Education and Higher Education.

Transfer

Any application made on the basis of a file transfer (from one track to another track in the same discipline, or from one discipline to another, within the same USJ institution; from one institution to another USJ institution; from a Lebanese or foreign higher education institution to a USJ institution), must be submitted to the USJ Equivalence Commission.

Diploma issued under the seal of USJ

No diploma will be issued under the seal of USJ if the candidate has not completed in one of its institutions at least half of the courses leading to the degree sought. In order to obtain a bachelor's degree delivered by an institution of USJ (180 credits), the student must have completed at least 90 credits at that institution. To obtain a master's degree (120 credits), the student must have validated at least 60 credits, etc. This requirement applies to any file

transfer: from one track to another in the same discipline, or from one discipline to another, within the same USJ institution; from one USJ institution to another USJ institution; from any Lebanese or foreign higher education institution to an USJ institution.

When the file transfer is completed to USJ from a higher education institution to which USJ is bound by an agreement that foresees equivalencies on the basis of reciprocity, exceptions to this rule may be granted. However, in such cases, no candidate will be able to benefit from an equivalence exceeding one third of the credits required for the degree sought.

Teaching license

Some USJ institutions (Faculty of Sciences, Faculty of Humanities, Faculty of Educational Sciences, Lebanese Institute for Educators, Institute of Oriental Letters, the Saida Branch of the Faculty of Humanities, Lebanese School of Social Work, etc.) issue teaching licenses.

These institutions will continue to issue the teaching license to holders of a bachelor's degree in a discipline included in the Lebanese Baccalaureate program, whether it is issued by the institution itself or by a similar institution in another institution of higher education. The teaching license must necessarily be in the same discipline as the bachelor's degree. To obtain it, the student must have completed at least 30 credits after the bachelor's degree, spread over two semesters of study (one academic year).

Merging former DU programs into a Master program

In compliance with the decision of the University Council dated June 11, 2003 (R p. 1477), all Heads of institutions are requested to submit a detailed report to the University Council indicating the number of credits required for the equivalence of issued DUs, taking into special account the compatibility of the criteria for issuing DUs under the regulations of the Master's program.

Specialized Master's Degrees (DESS)

Candidates holding a bachelor's degree (Bac + 4) in any discipline are currently allowed to enroll in various DESS. However, it should be specified that this admission is never immediate. The institution in question must establish a specific program for each candidate, tailored to their academic background and designed to enable them to pursue the DESS.

Research or professional master's degree

To obtain the master's degree, the student must have validated at least 300 credits (180 credits for the bachelor's degree and 120 for the master's degree). The same credit cannot be recorded twice. If a credit validated in the bachelor's program is included in the master's program, it must be replaced by another credit.