



INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE

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HISTORICAL OVERVIEW



Main Campus



North Lebanon Campus



Shouf Campus

Notre Dame University-Louaize (NDU) heritage and identity are traceable to the birth of the Aleppine Lebanese Order in 1695, which became the Maronite Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The convents created schools that focus on sharing knowledge and wisdom with the surrounding communities. The University's roots also date back to the Lebanese Synod which took place in the Monastery of Our Lady of Louaize in 1736, the motherhouse of the Maronite Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the sponsoring society of NDU.

In 1978, the Order started a new project; Reverend Fr. Bechara Boutros Rahi (a member of the Order and current Maronite Patriarch of Antioch and all the East) founded, in cooperation with Beirut University College (now the Lebanese American University), the Louaize College for Higher Education (LCHE), the nucleus of today's NDU. The legal finalization of this project was the promulgation, by the President of The Lebanese Republic Sheikh Amine Gemayel, of the decree number 4116 on **August 14, 1987**, granting the right to NDU to operate as an independent university. In time, NDU grew to include three campuses with a unified mission: Main Campus in Zouk Mosbeh, North Lebanon Campus in Barsa, and Shouf Campus in Deir El Qamar.

Main Campus, established in 1978 (old campus) and 1998 (new campus), is located in Zouk Mosbeh, a coastal area 15 km North of Beirut, Lebanon. Situated at an altitude of 100 meters above sea level, the campus overlooks the beautiful Naher el-Kaleb watershed and Jounieh bay with easy access to the economic and social life of a growing urban area. The campus area is 158,300 m².

North Lebanon Campus, established in 1990 with a campus built in 1999, is located in Barsa Al Koura at an altitude of 100 meters above sea level. The campus area is 50,000 m², generously donated by the village of Barsa.

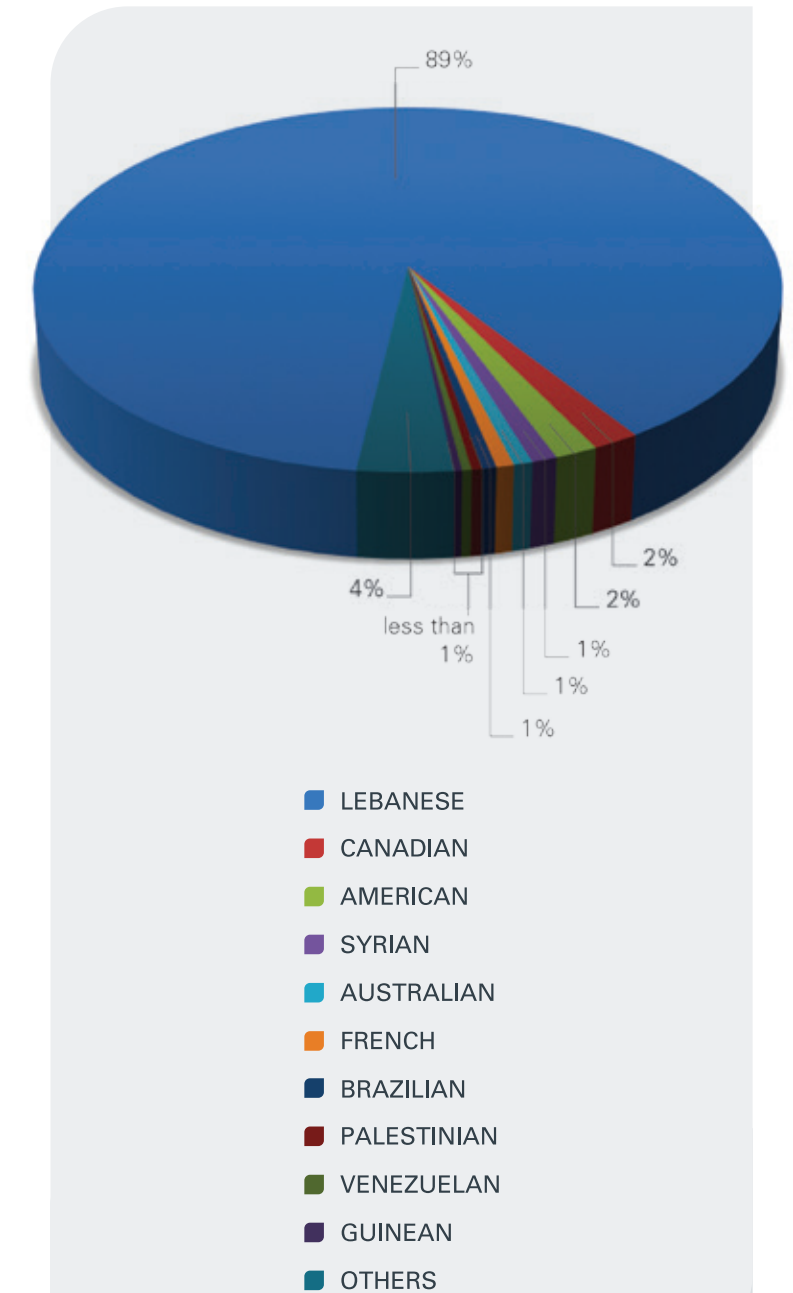
Shouf Campus, established in 2001, is located on St. Abda Hill in Deir El Qamar. The campus is 35 km from Beirut and just over 900 meters above sea level. The campus area is 9,320 m².

MISSION & VALUES

As a Catholic institution inspired by the cultural and spiritual heritage of the Maronite Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary, NDU provides comprehensive quality education that fosters excellence in scholarship, lifelong learning, enlightened citizenship, human solidarity, moral integrity, and belief in God. In designing its curricula, NDU committed to the philosophy and standards of the American model of Liberal Arts Education. Conceiving itself as an authentic academic community, NDU promotes diversity, respect for human dignity and rights, and concern for the common good. Its profound aspiration is to prepare its students to be future leaders who can exercise reason upon knowledge and shape a world of truth, justice, love, and freedom.

NDU's religious and national affiliation does not impose any sectarian, race, or gender obligations on faculty members, staff, or students. NDU focuses on **Scholarship** by seeking knowledge with a sense of discovery, **Freedom** of thought and expression, and **Service** towards society at large. The university seeks **Excellence** while maintaining **Integrity** in all activities. NDU encourages students to understand and appreciate the **Diversity** of cultures that exist locally, nationally and internationally. It also promotes sustainability through actions that preserve the environment.

NDU presents a new vision of education. Programs are uniquely disseminated so that students and faculty members merge to create a distinctive community brimming with intense intellectual exchange. Students are imparted with the skills and instilled with the confidence, self-motivation, and courage necessary to find fulfillment in their chosen discipline in a rapidly changing – and oftentimes volatile – local, regional and global environment.



Students of more than 67 nationalities apply to all three campuses of NDU.

ACADEMIC UNITS AND DEGREES

As NDU grows, it remains true to its mission. NDU offers support for students with special needs while setting criteria for merit-based admission. Over the past decade, NDU witnessed an increase in experienced and international full-time faculty members along with a decrease in reliance on part-time faculty members. The student-to-faculty member ratio decreased to around 15/1 in support of a personalized and quality education.

NDU comprises **seven** Faculties and **two** Schools that serve students in all three campuses.

Schools

- The School of Continuing Education fosters ongoing interactive learning that develops knowledge, skills, and competencies that are instrumental for career advancement.
- The School of Music offers music education of the highest standard while sharing experiences and investigating new paths that support young artists by preparing them for their forthcoming professional career.



NDU Main Campus



Farid and Moussa Raphael Observatory

Faculties

Ramez G. Chagoury Faculty of Architecture, Arts & Design (FAAD)

The aim of FAAD is to provide a comprehensive and flexible range of programs in response to the educational and professional needs of the local community, region, national, and international demand, and to secure the opportunity for personal and professional developments in the following areas: architecture, art, or design. FAAD helps its students develop their creative, intellectual, and technical abilities, and enhance their expertise to make informed contributions to the cultural, technological, social, and economic needs of societies.

FAAD has three departments:

- Department of Architecture
- Department of Design
- Department of Music

FAAD offers the following degrees:

- Bachelor of Arts in Choreography & Dance
- Bachelor of Arts in Decorative Arts & Crafts
- Bachelor of Arts in Fashion Design
- Bachelor of Arts in Fine Arts
- Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design
- Bachelor of Arts in Interior Design
- Bachelor of Arts in Performing Arts
- Bachelor of Arts in Photography
- Bachelor of Arts in Theater Arts
- Bachelor of Architecture
- Bachelor of Music & Musico-Arabic Musicology
- Bachelor of Music & Musicology - Jazz Music
- Bachelor of Music & Musicology - Music Education
- Bachelor of Music & Musicology - Musicology
- Bachelor of Music & Musicology - Musimediology
- Master of Arts in Design
- Master of Arts in Fine Arts
- Master of Arts in Music
- Master of Architecture - Urban Design
- Master of Architecture - Sustainable Architecture



Architecture Class

Faculty of Business Administration & Economics (FBAE)

FBAE is a professional Faculty that offers a range of academically balanced programs to meet the needs of the various sectors of economics. The programs of study are dynamic to keep pace with the rapidly evolving environment of business, management, hospitality, tourism, and technology. FBAE prepares well-rounded business graduates who are equipped with analytical, quantitative, managerial, and human skills to make sound and responsible decisions.

FBAE has four departments:

- Department of Accounting & Finance
- Department of Economics
- Department of Hospitality & Tourism Management
- Department of Management & Marketing

FBAE offers the following degrees:

- Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting
- Bachelor of Business Administration in Banking & Finance
- Bachelor of Business Administration in Distribution & Logistics Management
- Bachelor of Business Administration in Financial Engineering
- Bachelor of Business Administration in Healthcare Management
- Bachelor of Business Administration in Human Resources Management
- Bachelor of Business Administration in International Business Management
- Bachelor of Business Administration in Management
- Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing
- Bachelor of Hotel Management & Tourism
- Bachelor of Science in Economics
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Science in Business Strategy
- Master of Science in Financial Risk Management



Byblos Bank Dealing Room

Faculty of Engineering (FE)

FE offers an excellent education to its students, preparing them to enroll in the engineering field and to practice their skills professionally. Engineering students develop their design skills by tackling real world projects in laboratory courses, class design projects, and senior engineering design projects, many of which are done in cooperation with industry. Emphasis is also placed on giving the students an understanding of the ethical, social, economic and environmental impacts of the engineering work.

FE has three departments:

- Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering
- Department of Mechanical Engineering
- Department of Electrical, Computer & Communication Engineering

FE offers the following degrees:

- Bachelor of Engineering in Chemical Engineering
- Bachelor of Engineering in Civil Engineering
- Bachelor of Engineering in Computer & Communication Engineering
- Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical Engineering
- Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering
- Bachelor of Engineering in Petroleum Engineering
- Master of Science in Civil Engineering
- Master of Science in Electrical & Computer Engineering
- Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering



Engineering Lab

Faculty of Humanities (FH)

FH programs are designed to prepare civically-minded and industrious graduates endowed with a liberal arts education. FH mission is to equip students with problem-solving abilities, critical thinking skills, and information communication competencies to enable them to live together in a diversified global society and to contribute to the sustainable development of their communities.

FH has four departments:

- Department of English & Translation
- Department of Psychology, Education & Physical Education
- Department of Media Studies
- Department of Religious, Cultural & Philosophical Studies

FH offers the following degrees:

- Bachelor of Arts in Advertising & Marketing
 - Bachelor of Arts in Arabic Language & Literature + Teaching Diploma
 - Bachelor of Arts in Basic Education + Teaching Diploma
 - Bachelor of Arts in Communication Arts
 - Bachelor of Arts in English Language + Teaching Diploma
 - Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education & Sport + Teaching Diploma
 - Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
 - Bachelor of Arts in Translation & Interpretation
 - Master of Arts in Arabic Language & Literature
 - Master of Arts in Education
 - Master of Arts in English Language & Literature
 - Master of Arts in Media Studies
 - Master of Arts in Psychology - Educational Psychology
 - Master of Arts in Translation
- Teaching Certificates/Diplomas:*
- Teaching Certificate
 - Teaching Diploma - Arabic Language & Literature
 - Teaching Diploma - Basic Education
 - Teaching Diploma - Chemistry
 - Teaching Diploma - Computer Science
 - Teaching Diploma - English Language
 - Teaching Diploma - Life Science (Biology)
 - Teaching Diploma - Mathematics
 - Teaching Diploma - Physical Education & Sport
 - Teaching Diploma - Physics



Newsroom - Media Studies

Faculty of Law & Political Science (FLPS)

FLPS programs are innovative, unique, and contemporary. FLPS equip the leaders of tomorrow with a cutting-edge education that cultivates knowledge and cements it with practical and professional skills on the bedrock of highly ethical principles.

FLPS has two departments:

- Department of Government & International Relations
- Department of Law

FLPS offers the following degrees:

- Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs & Diplomacy
- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science - American Studies
- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science - Euro-Mediterranean Studies
- Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration
- Master of Arts in International Affairs & Diplomacy
- Master of Arts in Political Science
- Master of Arts in Public Administration



FLPS Students

Faculty of Natural & Applied Sciences (FNAS)

FNAS provides students with a modern and comprehensive education in all fields of natural and applied sciences. This education develops their theoretical knowledge, analytical skills, and technical competence within the comprehensive objective of helping them become engaged citizens. Curricula are constantly adjusted to incorporate new advances in didactics and research.

FNAS has four departments:

- Department of Computer Science
- Department of Mathematics & Statistics
- Department of Physics & Astronomy
- Department of Sciences

FNAS offers the following degrees:

- Bachelor of Science in Actuarial Sciences
- Bachelor of Science in Applied Statistics
- Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry
- Bachelor of Science in Biology
- Bachelor of Science in Business Computing
- Bachelor of Science in Business Computing - Management Information Systems
- Bachelor of Science in Chemistry
- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science - Computer Graphics & Animation
- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science - Information Technology
- Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science
- Bachelor of Science in Geographic Information Systems
- Bachelor of Science in Mathematics
- Bachelor of Science in Physics
- Master of Actuarial Sciences
- Master of Science in Astrophysics
- Master of Science in Biology
- Master of Science in Computer Science
- Master of Science in Financial Mathematics
- Master of Science in Industrial Chemistry
- Master of Science in Mathematics



Chemistry Lab

Faculty of Nursing & Health Sciences (FNHS)

FNHS administers four academic programs that sculpture a health science graduate with a multi-disciplinary background. The Faculty is in continuous development with programs that are routinely rationalized to accommodate the ever-rapid flow of advancement in the health science professions. FNHS is committed to research and community service; these are natural endeavors for training a rising scholastic milieu that believes in employing health science for the benefit of humanity.

FNHS has one multi-disciplinary department:

- Department of Nursing & Health Sciences

FNHS offers the following degrees:

- Bachelor of Nursing
 - Bachelor of Science in Food Safety & Quality Management
 - Bachelor of Science in Health Communication
 - Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Technology
 - Bachelor of Science in Nutrition & Dietetics
- Bachelor of Science in Nutrition & Dietetics - Coordinated Program
 - Master of Science in Food Safety & Quality Management
 - Master of Science in Human Nutrition



Nursing Course



NDU currently has approximately:



INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

Accredited by



NDU is actively engaged in acquiring the highest accreditation at all levels, Faculty, department, and program. This effort ensures the constant improvement of NDU and its programs, and provides students with the credentials to continue their education or seek employment at the best institutions.

Established Institutional Accreditation

In 2018, NDU became officially accredited by the New England Commission for Higher Education (NECHE), previously the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (CIHE) of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. (NEASC). NDU is only the second university in Lebanon to have received this prestigious accreditation, joining the list of prominent universities with NECHE accreditation, such as Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Boston University, and Tufts University. Only twelve institutions outside the United States have received this accreditation.

According to the NECHE visiting team in April 2018: *“The University puts students at the center of all it does and in their interest prioritizes academic excellence and effectiveness. Full-time faculty and staff are engaged and committed to the success of every student.”*

Established Programmatic Accreditation

Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET)

The Faculty of Engineering secured ABET accreditation for all of its departments and programs across the three campuses in August 2016. ABET is one of the most prestigious accreditation bodies for educational programs in science and technology.

Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET)

The Faculty of Natural and Applied Sciences secured ABET accreditation for its B.S. program in Computer Science Science starting 2016.

The International Advertising Association (IAA)

The Department of Media Studies in the Faculty of Humanities received the formal accreditation from IAA for its B.A. program in Advertising and Marketing in 1999, rendering it the only Lebanese university holding this accreditation.

Centre International de Liaison des Ecoles de Cinéma et de Télévision (International Association of Film and Television Schools; CILECT)

The Division of Audio Visual Arts in the Department of Media Studies in the Faculty of Humanities in 2017 as a member of CILECT: this is an academic recognition for the superior quality of its programs.

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)

The Bachelor of Business Administration – Accounting in the Faculty of Business Administration and Economics was accredited by ACCA in 2018.

Upcoming Programmatic Accreditations

Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)

The Faculty of Business Administration & Economics was declared eligible for accreditation by the prestigious AACSB in 2016.

National Architecture Accreditation Board (NAAB)

The Ramez G. Chagoury Faculty of Architecture, Arts and Design is in the process of applying for accreditation by NAAB.

Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)

The Nutrition and Dietetics program in the Faculty of Nursing and Health Sciences is in the process of applying for accreditation by ACEND.



COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY

NDU is a committed and responsible steward of the Earth. NDU students, faculty members, and staff are cultivating collaborations and assuming leadership roles to generate a balance between today's technological, economic, environmental, and social issues.

NDU has introduced a strong sustainability engagement program in all of its campuses, engaging in actions to reduce its environmental and carbon footprint. For demonstrating its continual commitment to climate action, NDU was named a climate change champion for the year 2018 by the Lebanon "Climate Act" team. Indeed, Jad Saade, NDU Master's student in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, was among the winners of the "Second Annual Climate Change Student Competition." This competition included students from universities from the Levant (Lebanon, Jordan Palestine, and Iraq), and students from IHE Delft Institute for Water Education (Netherlands) and Wageningen University & Research (Germany).

NDU is a member of the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) since 2017. The UNGC is the world's largest corporate citizenship initiative composed of 12,000 business and non-business participants, as well as other civil society, labor, and government-based stakeholders in more than 160 countries. NDU's membership strengthens its internal commitment to embrace and align all of its sustainability-related initiatives to the 10 universal principles falling under the umbrella of the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

NDU Wins Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Milestones Award

NDU won the "SDG Milestones Award" in the academia category by demonstrating dedication toward the United Nation's 17 Sustainable Development Goals with a focus on People, Planet, Peace, Prosperity, and Partnership.



Fr. Pierre Najem, NDU President, presented with the SDG Milestones Award at the Grand Serail in 2018. (from left) MP Dr. Dima Jamali, Fr. Pierre Najem, and Under-Secretary-General and Special Advisor to the United Nations Secretary-General on Innovative Finance for Development, Philippe Douste-Blazy.

SOCIETAL ENGAGEMENT

NDU is committed to serving the needs of people in Lebanon, the Middle East, and the world. This is reflected throughout the university, particularly in the **Department of Community Service and Awareness** in the **Office of Student Affairs** that encourages and assists students in social engagement programs. In addition to the scholarly work done by faculty members, Institutes, and Centers, this commitment is also reflected in many university-level **social impact** initiatives, including:

Holistic Presidency Initiative: Risks of Internet and Technology Addiction (INTA)

The "Holistic Presidency Initiative," launched in September 2018 in collaboration with the Lebanese Presidency, is a sustainable initiative that works on societal initiatives that benefit communities. NDU established the "National Institute for Internet and Technology Addiction" (INTA), a pioneer in the region, to identify preventive and treatment approaches, and corresponding policies, to tackle prevalent problems related to internet and technology addiction.



Fr. Pierre Najem - NDU President (right) and Dr. Elie Badr - NDU Vice-President for Academic Affairs (left) with the Lebanese President General Michel Aoun (center) at the hooding ceremony and the conferral of the Honorary Doctorate in 2018.

Road Safety: A Cooperation Agreement with the Road Safety Training Center

NDU has established a research facility in the “Road Safety Training Center” in the “General Secretariat of the National Council for Traffic Safety.” NDU cooperates with the Secretariat to conduct the necessary research to build national policies in the field of traffic safety.



NDU President, Fr. Pierre Najem presenting in 2018 the NDU vision for the “Road Safety Training Center.” (from left) Fr. Pierre Najem, Acting Director of Beirut Office of UNESCO Professor Ramzi Salameh, Alfa CEO Engineer Marwan El Hayek, Minister of Public Works and Transportation Youssef Fenianos, General Manager Diageo MENA George Rbeiz.

Annual NGO Social Fair

Established in the year 2000, this annual fair is a collaboration between The Department of Community Service and Awareness, a subset of the Office of Student Affairs, and the NDU Human Rights Club, a student initiative. This fair showcases volunteer activities of NDU students whose goal is to help build a better society.



NGO Social Fair



For being the first university to support the “Road Safety Training Center” in the Middle East and North Africa, the “National Traffic Safety Council” awarded a medal in 2018 to Fr. Pierre Najem (left). The medal was presented by Minister Youssef Fenianos.



One of the NDU student-led humanitarian activities at the 2018 Annual NGO Fair.

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION IN THE SERVICE OF SOCIETY

NDU focuses on scholarship that is rooted in helping local, regional, and international. NDU research activities drive technological, cultural, societal, and artistic innovation. The research and innovation span broad fields and disciplines, including waste management, water resource management, health sciences, machine learning, big data analysis, plastics recycling, alternative sources of energy, petroleum industrial processes, cultural preservation, and cultural dialogue. These efforts have resulted in more than 180 papers published in refereed international journals over the last two years and numerous conferences and events hosted by NDU faculty members.

Selected Research and Innovation Highlights

Alternative Sources of Energy

Electricity production has traditionally relied on the burning of fossil fuels or on nuclear fission, both of which create byproducts that are harmful to the environment and public health. Research at NDU is aimed at designing environmentally friendly sources of energy. For example,



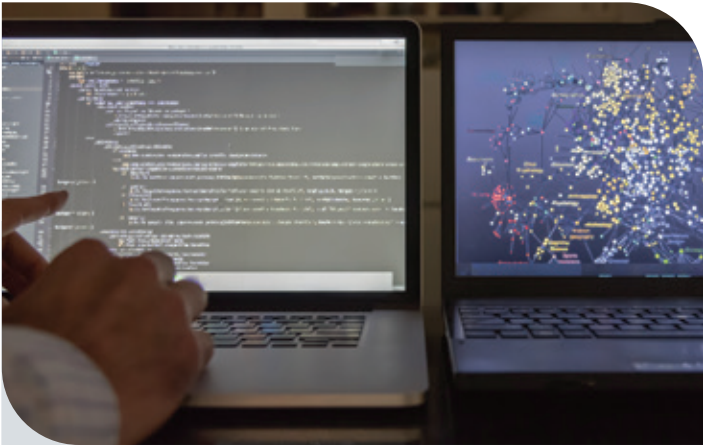
Designing the next generation of wind turbine blades that correct their shape passively through coupling bending and torsion.



Harvesting the energy in waves through increasing the efficiency of NDU-built compact wave energy converters.

Optimization of Fossil Fuel Energy Production and Consumption

Fossil fuels will remain the primary method of energy production for the foreseeable future. In addition to developing alternative sources, research at NDU also aims to improve the efficiency, while reducing the environmental impact, of petrol production, processing, and use. For example,



Using computer simulation to optimize all processes in petrochemical plants.



Optimizing multi-functional heat exchangers/reactors used to refine crude petroleum.

Moving Towards an Environmentally Sustainable World

Human technological and industrial advances have been paralleled with major changes to the environment, some significantly detrimental. Research at NDU is aimed at identifying solutions, both technological and societal, to these problems. For example,



Developing simpler and more efficient recycling methods that produce high added-value products for all types of plastics.



Designing accurate methods to identify, and reduce the amounts of, toxic components of air pollution.

The Next Generation of Computing

The world is speeding towards a digital environment that has exciting potential, from virtual reality to artificial intelligence. This potential is accompanied by challenges to be surmounted and dangers to be avoided or tackled. Research at NDU is aimed at innovating, and taking part in defining, this new and unexplored paradigm. For example,



Developing machine learning models to support real-time decisions in industrial processes.



Designing new architectures for adaptive cybersecurity.

Health and Nutrition

The increase in the world's population, coupled with the rapid environmental changes, have created novel health challenges. Research at NDU is aimed at defining the evolving health risks and at designing sustainable solutions and potential treatments. For example,



Identifying the major sources of environmental and agricultural contaminants in today's nutrition.



Evaluating and improving the quality, safety, and shelf-life of food products from farm to fork.



Identifying lifestyle risk factors to provide affordable and sustainable options to prevent and treat chronic diseases that are the leading causes of worldwide mortality.

Intercultural Dialogue – Benedict XVI Endowed Chair

The Benedict XVI Endowed Chair of Religious, Cultural, and Philosophical Studies continues its outreach to the world by bringing students, staff, faculty members, and community members from abroad to Lebanon through its yearly “Study Abroad in Lebanon” (SAIL) Program, a course on “World History Through the Eyes of Lebanon.” This inter-cultural, inter-religious, and on-site approach to the teaching of world history emphasizes the unity of the human race and encourages participants to be responsible for the cultivation of this unity.



A group of ten professionals from different fields taking part in the “Study Abroad in Lebanon” (SAIL) program in 2018, an ongoing collaborative effort between the Cedars Institute in Lebanon and the Wole Soyinka Foundation (WSF) in Nigeria.

NDU International Film Festival

The NDU International Film Festival (NDUIFF) was founded in 2007 and is celebrated annually under its constant theme: “The Power of Youth”. The NDUIFF includes both Lebanese and international short films; winners receive awards, certificates, and cash prizes. More than 5,000 visitors attend the NDUIFF every year, including more than 50 international guests from more than 40 countries worldwide.



NDU International Film Festival – Involving NDU Division of Audiovisual Arts Students.

NDU Choir

Founded in 1993 under the direction of Reverend Fr. Khalil Rahme, NDU Choir has built an expansive repertoire and presented more than 300 concerts around the world. NDU Choir forges new paths for the Lebanese choral repertoire and develops new modes of experiencing vocal music.



NDU Choir performing at Carnegie Hall in New York City in 2010.

NDU Publications

The Office of NDU Publications pursues its mission by publishing/disseminating information to the scholarly and higher education communities, thus fostering the exchange of ideas and expertise with other similar communities, both locally and overseas.



Various NDU publications.

RESEARCH CENTERS & INSTITUTES

Ideas are generated by individuals; actions are a group effort. NDU faculty members from different fields, but with similar goals, self-grouped into intellectual hubs: these are our Centers and Institutes.

Centre for Applied Research in Education (CARE)

Since its establishment in 2006, the Center for Applied Research in Education (CARE) has conducted studies to enhance classroom learning through evidence-based practices and experiences. CARE promotes interdisciplinary activities, consults youth, students, and faculty members, and launches initiatives to provide surrounding communities with opportunities for stability and progress.

The Center for Digitization and Preservation (CDP)

The NDU Center for Digitalization and Preservation engages in the electronic preservation and cataloguing of manuscripts, archives, and rare books. Some of these documents are rare and/or unpublished. The digitized copies are available to people and institutions: they are a source of knowledge and heritage that belongs to the world. The collection includes the work of Said Akl, Amin Al Rihani, and Dr. Charles Malek.

Lebanese Research Center for Diaspora and Migration Studies (LERC)

The political, economic, and social conditions in Lebanon and the Middle East resulted in an increase in emigration to Lebanon; little is known about its impact on the Lebanese social, political, economic, and cultural structures. The NDU Lebanese Research Center for Diaspora and Migration Studies conducts the necessary research on this vital issue. Some of the Center's programs include the International Domestic Workers Federation Program (Thailand), Migration and Religion with Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg (Germany), Lebanon Dialogue Initiative (Lebanon), and International Lebanese Titanic Committee (Canada and Ireland).

Center for Research on Sustainable Development (CROSD)

The NDU Center for Research on Sustainable Development (CROSD) is being established to investigate sustainability concepts with particular attention to regional challenges related to water, energy, and the environment. CROSD will contribute to sustainable development by innovating novel technologies, formulating appropriate strategies, nurturing awareness in communities, and providing training for the proper optimization and implementation of integrated resource management.

Institute for Internet and Technology Addiction (INTA)

INTA is the first-ever Lebanese Institute for Internet and Technology Addiction. INTA explores ways to mitigate the overuse of technology that impacts the lives of children and youth, be it familial, academic, mental, social, physical, or behavioral.

Institute of Lebanese Thought (ILT)

ILT promotes intellectual, historical awareness, and commonality through scholarship. ILT does research in the humanities and social sciences with a focus on modern Lebanese-Arab work. Some of the projects include compiling an anthology of Lebanese writers who wrote in French during the twentieth century and building a bibliographic database of the publications of Lebanese authors since the beginning of the seventeenth century.

THE NDU STUDENT

NDU students are scholars who apply critical thinking skills to tackle educational, technological, social, and artistic challenges. They are citizens of a global community who are committed to applying their knowledge in the service of society.

Student life outside the classroom is vibrant and an expression of the mission and values of the university. More than 30 student clubs and societies at NDU organize activities and events. The NDU Office of Student Affairs provides orientation, ongoing formation programs, and outreach and service opportunities. The collaboration between the University and its students has resulted in many initiatives. Examples of that include:

Student Union

The Student Union is a student-elected representative body that speaks on their behalf to improve existing, or implement new, university programs.

Community Service and Awareness

The Department of Community Service and Awareness in the Office of Student Affairs organizes and provides opportunities for students to contribute to the wellbeing of society.



The Department of Community Service and Awareness at NDU collaborating with Nusroto Association to launch the “Unchain my Heart” initiative in 2017 that involves students in aiding communities.

NDU Model United Nations

Model United Nations (MUN), a replica of the United Nations managed by students in an academic setting, permits students to debate issues at the forefront of international relations. MUN has organized many national and international activities whose goal is to encourage dialogue and promote awareness.



The “2nd NDU MUN” conference held in 2018 at NDU; more than 250 students attended from 22 schools across Lebanon.

NDU Celebrates Athletics

Many students at NDU are members of NDU sports teams that have won awards in competitions among Lebanese universities, the Unileague, or the Lebanese Federation of University Sport.



Davis Cup tennis match in 2018, by BNP Paribas, between Lebanon and Hong Kong taking place at NDU. The Lebanese team included NDU students.



Basketball: The NDU men's basketball team competing in the Belgrade Sport Tournament 2018 (BEST) in Serbia.

Sixth Annual Monroe Price Media Law Moot Court Competition at NDU, a Collaboration with the University of Oxford



The “Price Media Law Moot Court Competition,” hosted by the Faculty of Law and Political Science at NDU in 2018. Students from universities around the Middle East and North Africa participated in this annual high-profile event.

NDU Students Win Prestigious Leadership Award NDU Students Awarded by the “Lebanese Industrial Research Achievements” (LIRA) Foundation



NDU Faculty of Engineering students Sandy Karam (left) and Sasha Aouad were recipients of two out of only ten medals at the prestigious “Charles T. Main Leadership Award” worldwide competition in 2017.



Four industrial-oriented projects by students in the Faculty of Engineering selected for funding by the LIRA foundation in 2018; the awards were presented by the Minister of Industry Dr. Hussein El-Hajj Hassan. Shown is NDU student Christina Chaccour who won the award for her “IO Tree” project.



NDU is fortunate to have accompanied its alumni on their journeys, if only for a brief span of their lives. Even for such a relatively young university, NDU alumni have already contributed significantly to society. Though too many to list, below are some of our alumni *(arranged chronologically by the latest NDU degree)*:



H.E. Johnny Ibrahim (B.A.'90, M.B.A.'93), Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Lebanon to Argentina, Member of NDU Board of Trustees.



H.E. Fady Ziadeh (B.A.'96), Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Lebanon to Canada.



H.E. Dr. Ali Darwish (M.B.A.'97), Member of the Lebanese Parliament.



Maysoun Hanna (B.A.'02), Marketing Communications Manager of Apple.



H.E. Violette Khairallah Safadi (B.A.'04), Lebanese Minister of Social and Economic Empowerment of Women and Youth, Member of NDU Board of Trustees.



Dr. Hasan Youness (B.A.'06', M.B.A.'09), Strategic Adviser at United Nations Global Compact Network, Lebanon.



Carla Tarraf (B.A.'99), Country Manager at Boecker, Qatar.



Antoun Abouzeid (B.A.'00), Co-founder of Makhsoom.com.



Roland El-Khoury (B.A.'00), Chief Executive Officer and General Manager of Casino du Liban.



Lara Haddad (B.A.'99, M.A.'09), Chief Communication Officer and Board Member of Touch Lebanon.



Eddy Maroun (M.B.A.'09), Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of Anghami.



Melissa Abs (B.A.'10, B.S.'14), Founder of Bites of Delight.

A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

The world has developed into a global network of interactions that impact cultures, both locally and internationally. NDU provides new international perspectives that foster the development of students, staff, faculty members, programs, and institutions. The international academic experiences establish inter-cultural awareness and dialogue, which are important for developing global solutions to world problems.

NDU formally cooperates academically with **37 universities from all over the world**, such as Concordia University (Canada), Politecnico di Torino (Italy), University of Illinois (USA), Nottingham University – Ningbo (China), and Agrosup Dijon (France), among others. This cooperation promotes the bilateral exchange of students to attend courses or for research/internship experiences, and the bilateral exchange of staff, and faculty members for teaching, training, or research experiences.

Besides universities, NDU collaborates with several local, regional, and international organizations, including BMW, KPMG, Hilton, and Holcom.

In addition to these exchange activities, NDU constantly has multiple international research and program-building projects with universities from all over the world, often with partnering universities in Lebanon.



NDU students Rita El-Khoury (left) and Charbel Younan participated in a Confucius Institute-organized Summer Camp in China in 2018.



Three students, (from left) Louis De Lorgeril, Delphin Dugue and Marie-Espérance Picard, from the Institut Catholique d'Études Supérieures attending NDU for an exchange program during the Spring 2019 semester.



Signing ceremony in 2018 between NDU and BMW marking an important step in providing NDU students internship and future career prospects at BMW. Vice-President for Administration at NDU Fr. Samir Ghsoub (left) with Head of Planning Processes and Systems at BMW Mr. Markus Bauer.



Signing ceremony in 2018 between NDU and KPMG to formalize a shared vision, opening internship and employment opportunities for NDU students and graduates. NDU President Fr. Pierre Najem (left) with KPMG Lebanon CEO Mr. Nafez Almorhabi.



NDU Civil Engineering student Walid Abi Moussa Faddoul attending Carroll College for the Spring 2018 semester, through the Undergraduate Exchange Program offered by the United States Embassy.



Three NDU students, (from left) Joanna Keyrouz, Chloe Irani and Vana Minassian, during an exchange program during the Fall 2018 semester at University College of Copenhagen, Denmark, sponsored by Erasmus+.

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