



# AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT

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## The American University of Beirut brings its legacy of excellence to the European Union

Beirut, Lebanon - Within the framework of the global AUB VITAL 2030 vision, the American University of Beirut is creating a twin campus in Pafos, Cyprus, named the American University of Beirut – Mediterraneo. This marks the first time in its history the American University of Beirut establishes a campus outside of Lebanon, after having educated the best and brightest students and cared for the health of its community and beyond for over 155 years.

This key milestone comes as a reaffirmation of the university's global vision and a translation of its pioneering role in the region. The official agreement to establish the American University of Beirut – Mediterraneo campus in Cyprus, a member of the European Union, was signed between the American University of Beirut and the Municipality of Pafos on April 8, 2022.

The new campus in Pafos will blend the rich cultures of Lebanon and Cyprus, uniting the American University of Beirut's two campuses in a powerful and sustainable way. The project will also allow for an extensive interaction with the Beirut campus in the form of student exchanges, faculty exchanges, collaborative research projects, in addition to expanded online and hybrid learning opportunities.

Anticipated to welcome the first class of students in fall 2023, The American University of Beirut – Mediterraneo campus will offer students a variety of undergraduate and graduate programs. Bachelor's degree programs will include politics, philosophy, and economics; psychology; computer science; industrial engineering; and business administration - management. While master's degree programs will include engineering management and business analytics.

American University of Beirut President Dr. Fadlo Khuri said, "In order to serve a broader audience, we are becoming a more global, diverse, and inclusive American University of Beirut, while remaining firmly anchored in our eternal home Beirut." He added, "The establishment of this new campus in Cyprus will enrich the interchange of ideas, knowledge, and purpose that is already taking place at our campus in Beirut, and spread the unique culture of our magnificent university, enhancing both AUB's diversity and its excellence simultaneously."

The vision of the interlinked twin campuses will forge the idea of networked locations, eliminating silos by fostering more interaction, mobility, connection, and integration.

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### Note to Editors

About the American University of Beirut

Founded in 1866, the American University of Beirut bases its educational philosophy, standards, and practices on the American liberal arts model of higher education. A teaching-centered research university, it has more than 800 full-time faculty members and a student body of over 8000 students. The American University of Beirut currently offers more than 120 programs leading to bachelor's, master's, MD, and PhD degrees. It provides medical education and training to students from throughout the region at its Medical Center that includes a full-service 365-bed hospital.

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