

EDUCATION BEYOND THE CAMPUS

A. SINARC

LAU's Summer Institute for Intensive Arabic Language and Culture (SINARC) shines as a premier destination for students who wish to learn Arabic while gaining a true understanding of the region's socio-cultural dynamics. Seventeen years since its creation, the program offers a standard program at the Beirut campus in tandem with a recently expanded course offering at LAU NY, where our professors teach students from such prestigious local universities as Columbia and NYU. In Beirut, SINARC continues to serve the local diplomatic community, offering one-on-one private tutoring sessions for embassy staff.



B. The Division of Continuing Education Program (CEP@LAU)

In the 2015-2016 academic year, CEP@LAU expanded our roster of certification programs by adding nine new diplomas, in Workplace Essentials, Career Development, Administrative Skills, Supervisor and Manager Certificates, Wealth and Money Management, Technical Analysis for Trading, Law Series Certificate, Associate Professional in Human Resources, and Gender Development and Humanitarian Assistance (the latter in collaboration with the Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World).

For the third consecutive year, CEP@LAU was a proud participant in the 1.2 million euro TEMPUS program on "Euro-Mediterranean Integration through Lifelong Learning," along with 10 European and North African universities.

In addition to its multitude of certificate-based programs at the post-secondary and post-baccalaureate levels, the CEP division entered into a partnership with the British Council and the Lebanese University, winning a bid for World Bank funding — dispersed through the Lebanese Ministry of Education — for a project aimed at implementing a system of self-assessment throughout Lebanon's schools.

C. Outreach and Leadership Academy (OLA)

Since 2011, LAU and the Hariri Foundation have been training middle- and high-school students through several joint initiatives, including the Leadership and Constitutional Education Academy, the Moderation and Justice Academy for Leaders and the LAU Model Arab League. As the South Lebanon center for these initiatives, by July 2016 OLA had already hosted more than 200 sessions with more than 3,600 participants, benefitting educational leaders, high-school students, public and private employees, university students, women leaders, and underprivileged communities.

Active since 2014, the LAU Executive Center@Solidere in downtown Beirut has hosted hundreds of students enrolled in the M.B.A. and E.M.B.A. programs, as well as workshops on a variety of topics.