A. SINARC

In its 16th year, our Summer Institute for Intensive Arabic Language and Culture (SINARC) has developed into a premier destination for students desiring to learn Arabic while gaining a true understanding of the region’s social and cultural dynamics. While continuing to offer its standard program at the Beirut campus, SINARC has expanded over the past year to offer classes at LAU NY, reaching students from local universities such as Columbia, NYU and CUNY, among others. In Beirut, as of 2016 SINARC will offer a new Winter Break program in addition to its long-established summer, winter and spring offerings.

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

CEP@LAU recently expanded its existing roster of certificate-based programs at the post-secondary and post-baccalaureate levels by adding a two-level Food Safety Certificate program (the first of its kind in Lebanon), as well as diplomas in trade and strategic planning, among others.

In June 2015, LAU signed a memorandum of agreement with the General Union of Arab Chambers that allows CEP@LAU to provide training, workshops and other programs to the members of chambers in Arab countries. The new center will add to the existing CEP@LAU outreach centers in Zahle and in Tripoli.

In Summer 2015, CEP@LAU introduced new English for Lawyers and English for Healthcare courses, adding to existing English programs designed to serve the various professional communities.
C. Outreach and Leadership Academy (OLA)

In February 2015, LAU launched a new center — the Outreach and Leadership Academy (OLA) — in the southern city of Sidon (Saida), in partnership with the Hariri Foundation for Sustainable Human Development. Since 2011, LAU and the Hariri Foundation have together trained over 2,000 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. OLA is now the South Lebanon headquarters for these initiatives, all devoted to education, empowerment and civic engagement on the school level, and is connected to more than 50,000 students and 5,500 teachers in Sidon alone.

A few months into its existence, the academy has already welcomed more than a dozen LAU-run workshops and other activities.

Since its launch in 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. Most recently, the Solidere facilities have welcomed students in the newly created Executive M.A. in actuarial sciences.