HISTORICAL TIMELINE





American Presbyterian missionary Sara L. Smith establishes the first school for girls in the Ottoman empire.

1835

1999

The Lebanese government grants LAU a license to operate a medical school and a nursing school.



Sarah L. Smith's pioneering efforts pave the way toward instituting the American School for Girls.

1904

2002

The Pharm.D. program becomes the only one outside the United States to earn accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE).





The American Junior College for Women (AJCW) is founded with a class of eight students.

1924



The cornerstone of LAU's oldest building, Sage Hall, is laid.

1933

2004

After extensive renovations funded by the Safadi Foundation, the Safadi Fine Arts Building in Beirut campus is re-dedicated.



The name of the college is changed to Beirut College for Women (BCW).

1948-1949

2009

LAU acquires majority holdings of Hôpital Rizk, and begins developing the Lebanese American University Medical Center-Rizk Hospital (LAUMC-RH).





The Gilbert and Rose-Marie Chagoury School of Medicine welcomes its first class of students.



The Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York grants BCW a provisional charter.



New buildings are completed and named in honor of early leaders: Frances Irwin, Winifred Shannon and James Nicol.

1950

2009-2010

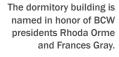
The School of Engineering's undergraduate programs and the School of Arts & Sciences' B.S. in Computer Science receive accreditation by the Engineering **Accreditation Commission** of ABET (www.abet.org).





The Lebanese government recognizes BCW's bachelor's degrees as equivalent to the French bachelor's degree or *License*.

1970



1965



BCW is granted an absolute charter.

1955

2010

The Alice Ramez Chagoury School of Nursing welcomes its first class.



2011

The Frem Civic Center is inaugurated on the Byblos campus.



LAU embarks on Strategic Plan 2011-2016, focused on taking the university to the next level of academic excellence.



The college becomes co-educational and changes its name to Beirut University College (BUC).

1973

2012

LAU acquires Gezairi Transport's former headquarters to host the School of Architecture and Design.





The board of Regents in New York amends the charter to transform the college into a multicampus institution.

1985

Classes begin at the

The Gilbert and Rose-Marie

Chagoury Health Sciences

Center is inaugurated

to host the Schools of

Medicine, Pharmacy and

Byblos campus.

1991

2014

Nursing.

2013

LAU New York is inaugurated in midtown Manhattan.



The B.S. in Nursing is accredited by the Collegiate Commission on Nursing Education (CCNE).



The LAU Executive Center@Solidere opens in downtown Beirut.





The Board of Regents approves the university's new name of Lebanese American University. The charter is amended to include master's degrees. LAU has four schools: Arts & Sciences, Business, Engineering & Architecture, and the School of Pharmacy which is inaugurated this year.

1994

2016

The newly named Adnan Kassar School of Business receives accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).

