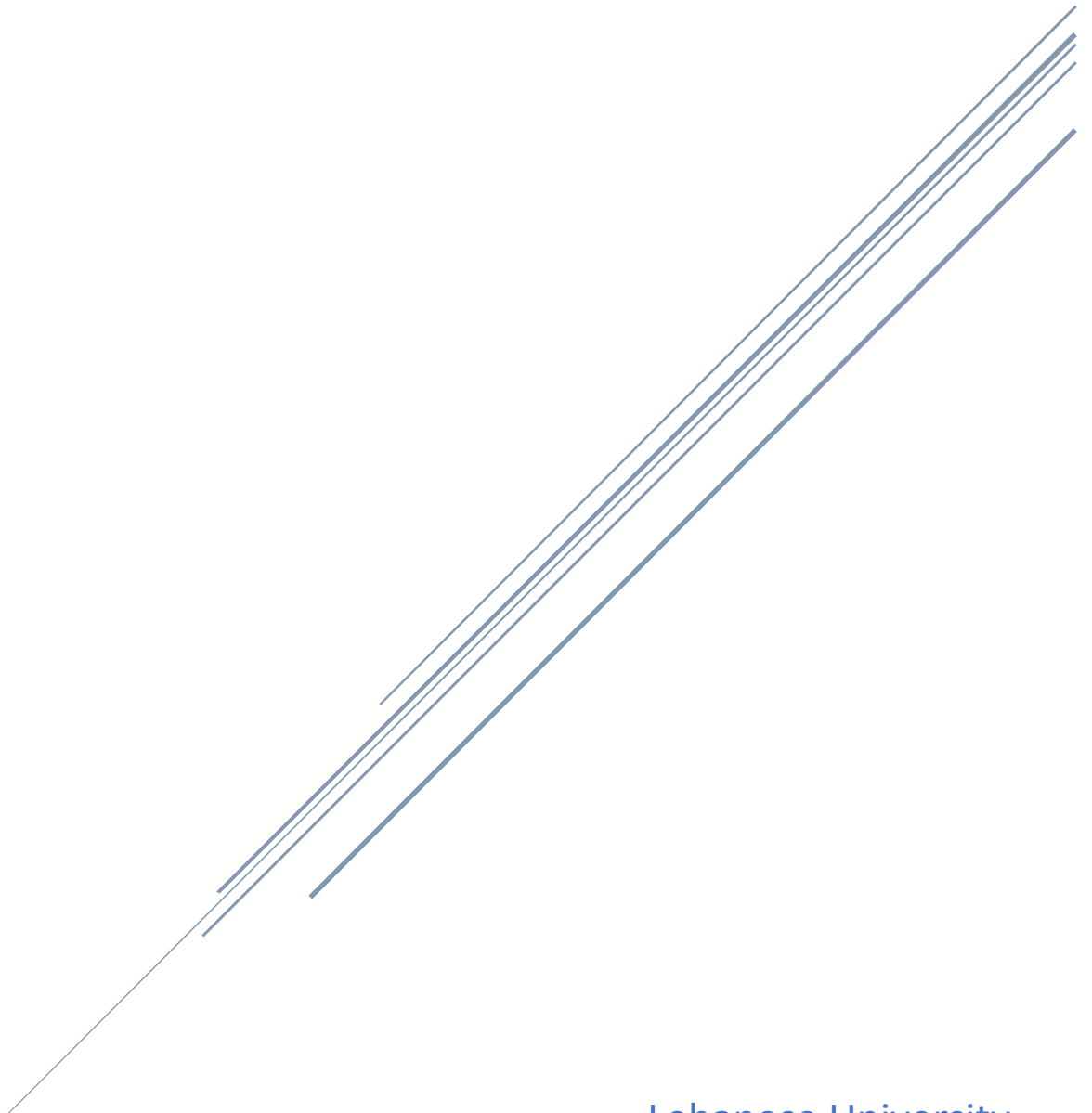


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1. General Regulations

- Students' admission to the Lebanese University – Faculty of Medical Sciences (LU-FMS) is defined by articles 13 and 14 of decree law number 1118 dated 12/10/1983, Appendix BS 4.1.1/1a.
- The undergraduate program of the LU-FMS is organized in 6 education years, ranging from the second to the seventh year included. Therefore, students who wish to pursue their medical education at the Lebanese University (LU) follow the first-year program of the LU Faculty of Sciences (as a preparatory year), then sit for a competitive entrance exam at the LU-FMS to be admitted in the 2nd year of the LU-FMS.
- Students from other medical schools may be eligible to apply for this competitive exam along with graduates of the LU- FS, based on submission of an application file and its prior approval by a “Student Admission Committee”.
- The total number of students admitted yearly at the second education year of the LU-FMS is determined by a decision of the LU council upon a recommendation of the LU-FMS council. It is usually around 100 students. There is just one competitive entrance exam for the second education year, even if the number of successful applicants is below this target number.
- Transfer to the third or fourth medical education years from other national and international programs and institutions is based on submission of an application file and its prior approval by a “Student Admission Committee”, then eligible students need to pass a special entrance exam as detailed in the “Students Transfer to Third and Fourth Year” section. Only one special entrance exam for each of these years is conducted every academic year.
- The maximum number of students who may transfer yearly to the third and fourth education years of the LU-FMS is also determined by a decision of the LU council upon a recommendation of the faculty council.
- Details about the exams organized to enroll students from the second year to the fourth year are listed in the decree law number 3503 dated 06/11/1986 and the amendment decree law number 4196 dated 07/10/1987, Appendix BS 4.1.1/1b and Appendix BS 4.1.1/1c.

2. Application and admission to the Second-Year

2.1. Application to the competitive entrance exam

Admission to the second education year is based on a competitive entrance exam. This exam is

- Open ipso facto to students of any branch of the Faculty of Sciences of the Lebanese University (LU-FS) who have successfully completed at least the first education year in the biology, chemistry, or biochemistry major with an overall grade equal or above 12/20.
- Open to students from other national or international officially recognized medical schools exclusively, under the following conditions:
 - The student must have successfully completed at least one year of medical studies (first education year in a medical school following the French education system or three years pre-med in a medical school following the American system)
 - The student must be admitted in the following education year in their university
 - The student must submit a complete application file (see below). This file must be deemed eligible by the “student Admission Committee” according to the “Eligibility Criteria” (see below) and approved by the dean.
- A student cannot apply to take the entrance exam of the 2nd education year more than twice.

2.2. Competitive entrance exam of the Second-Year

- The written Entrance Exam is based on multiple choice questions, and it is corrected electronically to ensure maximum objectivity.
- The materials for the entrance exam of the 2nd medical education year are as follows:

Exam Materials	Exam duration	Points	Questions
Biology	2 Hours	60 points - 15 for cytology - 12 for animal histology - 3 for plant histology - 9 for botany - 5 for plant reproduction - 10 for genetics - 6 for anatomy	120 MCQ - 30 for cytology - 24 for animal histology - 6 for plant histology - 18 for botany - 10 for plant reproduction - 20 for genetics - 12 for anatomy
Chemistry	1 Hour	40 points - 13 C1100 - 13 C1102 - 13 C1103	40 MCQ - 13 C1100 - 13 C1102 - 13 C1103 + 1 for 1 of them
Language	1 Hour	20 points 0.4/ MCQ	50 MCQ
Mathematics	1 Hour	20 points	30 MCQ - 20 for M1109 - 10 for S1100
Physics	1 Hour	40 points - 20 for P1104 - 20 for P1105	20 MCQ - 10 for P1104 - 10 for P1105

- Subjects/materials are selected from the 1st year program by specialty committees whose members are teachers of the different branches of the Faculty of Sciences. Questions are prepared on the day of the entrance exam to ensure confidentiality and in two languages, French and English, to accommodate students of both education languages.

2.3. Admission in the Second-Year

- Admission of students is based on the global exam grade ranking within the predefined number of students to be admitted to the second education year. A ranked waiting list is defined among students who pass the exam with a total grade above 12/20.
- If one of the parents of the applicant is an academic or administrative staff member of the Lebanese University, the student from the waiting list may be admitted as supernumerary to the LU-FMS, as detailed in the minutes of the University Council meeting, session 42 dated 10/22/1999, Appendix BS 4.1.1/1d.

3. Students Transfer to the Third and Fourth Years

3.1. Application to the Third and Fourth Years

Admission to the third and fourth education years is based on a special entrance exam. This exam is open to students from other national or international officially recognized medical schools exclusively, under the following conditions:

- The student must be admitted in the education year they are applying for in their institution of origin. More specifically
 - Admission to the third year is open to students who are admitted in the third education year in medical schools following the French system or in Med 2 in medical schools following the English system.
 - Admission to the fourth year is open to students who are admitted or have completed at least the fourth education year in medical schools following the French system or at least the Med 3 in medical schools following the English system.
- The student must submit a complete application file (see below). This file must be deemed eligible by the “student Admission Committee” according to the “Eligibility Criteria” (see below) and approved by the dean.

A student cannot apply to transfer to the faculty more than once, as detailed in the article 7 of decree law number 3505 dated 06/11/1986, Appendix BS 4.1.1/1b.

3.2. Special entrance exams of the Third and Fourth Years

- The written Special Entrance Exams are based on open questions and are corrected by the professors' members of the Student Admission Committee Appendix BS 4.1.1/1e.
- The materials for the special entrance exams of the third and fourth medical educational years are published in decrees that are updated yearly (Appendix BS 4.1.1/1f). In decree number 1855, related to the academic year 2021-22, the list of materials is as follows:

Exam Materials of the 3rd year	Exam Materials of the 4th year
Organ Histology	Organ Histology
Biochemistry	Biochemistry
Virology	Virology
Bacteriology	Bacteriology
Physical Diagnosis (Semiology)	Physical Diagnosis (Semiology)
General Physiology	General Physiology
English- French Language	English- French Language
English Language	English Language

3.3. Admission to the Third and Fourth Years

- In order for an applicant from another medical school to be admitted in the third or fourth education year at the LU-FMS, he/she should pass the special entrance exam with a total grade above 12/20, and rank within the predefined number of transfer students who may be admitted in his/her target education year.

4. Student Admission Committees

- A "Student Admission Committee" for each of the second, third and fourth years is appointed by the dean of the LU-FMS every academic year. The committee members are professors of the LU-FMS and their names are announced in a decree law; the list of decrees is in the Appendix BS 4.1.1/1f. The role of the Student Admission Committee is to carry out exam correction tasks, approving the final results and determining the successful

candidates. Apart from these tasks, the committee plays a crucial role in the admission process, taking on various responsibilities. These include discussing and finalizing subjects for the entrance examination and the admission guidebook. The committee also establishes policies and principles for question items and marking. It also addresses any other significant issues concerning the admission process.

- In case one or more members of the “Student Admission Committee” are absent with or without a legitimate excuse, the dean assigns whomever he/she deems appropriate to replace them.
- The number of transfer students admitted in each education year should not exceed ten percent (10%) of the number of students registered in that year as per the paragraph A of the Article 2 of the decree number 3279 dated 11/03/1993, Appendix BS 4.1.1/1g.

5. Transfer Application Files

Transfer applicants to the second, third or fourth medical education years from other medical schools should submit an application file including the following documents:

1. A letter of Intent highlighting the student’s motivation, relevant experiences, and why they want to transfer to the LU-FMS.
2. A comprehensive resume or curriculum vitae (CV)
3. Official transcripts of records from their current university, demonstrating their academic performance and completion of prerequisite courses.
4. Detailed course descriptions or syllabi for the completed courses.
5. A proof of admission in the education year they are applying for in their institution of origin.
6. Three letters of recommendation, preferably from their professors (including one from the Dean/Chairman), who can attest to the student’s abilities and suitability for the medical program.

6. Eligibility Criteria

Once applications are submitted by students from other medical schools to the second, third or fourth medical education years, the “Student Admission Committee” will review applicants’ materials, assess their eligibility, and compare their academic backgrounds with the corresponding

LU program requirements. The committee may consider available capacity in the program, and they evaluate factors such as:

6.1. Letter of Intent and CV:

The LU-FMS requests from transfer candidates to the second-, third- and fourth- medical education year to submit a comprehensive resume or curriculum vitae (CV), and a personal statement explaining their reasons for transferring and their commitment to pursuing a medical career in order to evaluate their knowledge, motivation and suitability for the medical program.

6.2. Academic Performance

The LU-FMS requires a minimum of academic performance throughout candidate's previous academic studies as a prerequisite for transfer. More specifically:

- Completion of the required number of education years in candidate's current program and in an officially recognized medical school, as described above and as specified in the article 4 of the decree number 2379 dated 23/04/1992, taking into consideration the provisions of Article 47 of Law 67/75 dated 12/26/1967, Appendix BS 4.1.1/1h and Appendix BS 4.1.1/1i.
- Candidates' GPA and other grading systems should be satisfactory and meet the minimum required passing grade of 12/20.

6.3. Prerequisite Courses - Course Equivalency:

The LU-FMS has specific prerequisite courses that need to be completed for the student to be eligible for transfer. The Student Admission Committee will review and evaluate the candidate's previous coursework including Course Descriptions/Syllabi and the Transcript of Records to determine if it meets their program requirements. More specifically:

- To be eligible for admission in the Second-Year at the LU-FMS, students must have completed all the courses included in the first Medical Educational Year Syllabus of the Faculty of Sciences of the LU – (Preparatory Year) (Appendix BS 4.1.1/1j) or their equivalent, as specified in the Article 4 of the decree number 2379 dated 23/04/1992, Appendix BS 4.1.1/1h.

- To be eligible for admission in the Third- or Fourth-Year at the LU-FMS, students must have completed all the courses included in Syllabi of the Second or Third Medical Educational Year of the LU-FMS respectively (Appendix BS 4.1.1/1k and Appendix BS 4.1.1/1l), or their equivalent, as specified in the Article 4 of the decree number 2379 dated 23/04/1992, Appendix BS 4.1.1/1h.

6.4. Letters of Recommendation:

The LU-FMS requests three letters of recommendation from professors (including one from the Chairman/Dean of the Faculty) who can provide insight into candidates' academic abilities, character, and potential for success in medical studies.

7. Final registration

Accepted Transfer candidates must also complete their registration within a week from the date of officially announcing their affiliation acceptance (on the bulletin board in the faculty and/or on its website) under penalty of losing their right to join. They will be replaced by other successful candidates according to their order in the waiting list.