

# Message from the Rector to New Students

## Academic Year 2024-2025

*Welcome to USJ, as we celebrate 150 years at your service*

Dear Students,

We are thrilled to welcome you to our University, an institution that has stood the test of time while maintaining exceptional vitality. For 150 years, our halls have echoed with the voices of thousands of students, researchers, and instructors who have shared a love for Lebanon, a passion for learning, and a drive to make the world a better place. As we celebrate our 150th anniversary, a few thoughts come to mind.

**1. Our University is not just a place of learning;** it's where history comes to life every day. Every building, library, and classroom tells the story of our vibrant past. Here, tradition meets modernity, and critical thinking meets creativity. You will be part of a dynamic campus where generations converge, interactions are nurtured, ideas thrive, and where you'll have the chance to follow in the footsteps of many who have made significant contributions to fields like medicine, law, engineering, sciences, arts, literature, humanities, social sciences, etc.

**2. While we take pride in our past, we remain focused on the future.** Despite the challenges faced during World War I, the Lebanese Civil War of 1975, and the recent crises in Lebanon, our University has always found a way to persevere, thanks to the strength of our leaders and community. This history of resilience is more than a story – it is a testament to the courage and determination that we hope will inspire you as you overcome your own challenges.

**3. Having joined our community, you will receive a quality education.** As a student here, you will benefit from exceptional teaching by passionate and renowned instructors. We are dedicated to constantly evolving to meet the demands of a rapidly changing world, investing in research, innovative teaching methods, and cutting-edge technologies. With modern facilities, abundant resources, and a vibrant student

life, you will have endless opportunities to grow, join clubs, and develop your skills in an environment conducive to personal and professional growth.

**4. Today's students, tomorrow's legacy.** We are excited to see what you will accomplish. As tomorrow's leaders, innovators, and thinkers, you will shape the future. By choosing the Saint Joseph University of Beirut, you are embarking on an exciting journey where you will gain knowledge, sharpen your critical thinking skills, and prepare to face the challenges of our intricate world. Our alumni, thousands of whom excel around the world, are a testament to the quality of education you will receive here.

**5. Welcome aboard!** We are excited to accompany you on your academic journey. Do not hesitate to seek help from your instructors, fellow students, and the many support offices available to you. Together, we will build your future and write the next chapter of our University's story.

**Our Roots, Our Future!** As we celebrate this jubilee year, let us draw strength from our past, uphold our values, and work together to create a bright future for each and every one of us and our University!

Ahlan Wa Sahlan bil USJ !



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