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Historical Background

As early as 1913 the University recognized the need for engineering education and training in the Middle East, and courses in this field were offered in the School of Arts and Sciences. By 1944 sufficient additional courses had been added to permit the granting of the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. The last class in this program graduated in June 1954. In 1951 a separate School of Engineering was established and curricula were initiated in civil engineering, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, and architectural engineering. The years from 1951 to 1954 were a transitional period of continuous development toward the new curricula, established in 1954. In 1963 a program leading to the degree of Bachelor of Architecture was introduced, replacing the bachelor of architectural engineering program, the last class of which graduated in June 1966. In that year the school was renamed the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture. Since then curricula have been under constant review with changes introduced as necessary to keep pace with modern technology, to conform to sound developments in engineering and architecture education, and to meet the evolving needs of the region. In 1986 a new undergraduate major in computer and communications engineering was added within the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. In 1992 a new major in graphic design was added within the Department of Architecture and Design. In 2006 the name of the degree was changed to Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design. In 2006 the name of the Electrical Engineering degree was changed to Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Mission

The Faculty of Engineering and Architecture (FEA) at the American University of Beirut is a leading professional school in the Middle East. The FEA offers educational programs of the highest standards, promotes research and creative scholarly activities of its faculty and students, and provides services to the community at large, while addressing the needs of Lebanon and the region. The FEA undergoes continuous improvement to maintain a challenging and intellectually stimulating environment, and prepares its students to be life-long learners, innovators, and professionals capable of being leaders in their chosen careers, committed to personal integrity and civic responsibility.

Vision

The Faculty of Engineering and Architecture is a world-class professional school that attracts eminently qualified faculty of international caliber and outstanding students. The FEA contributes to the development of Lebanon and the region by providing undergraduate and graduate education of the highest quality, promoting strong research programs, and rendering expert services to the community.

Undergraduate Programs

The Faculty of Engineering and Architecture offers programs of study leading to the degree of Bachelor of Architecture (BArch), Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design (BFA), and the degree of Bachelor of Engineering (BE), with majors in civil engineering, computer and communications engineering, electrical and computer engineering, and mechanical engineering. The curriculum of the BArch degree extends over 14 terms (ten 16-week semesters and four eight-week summer terms), totaling 192 weeks. Although the program is completed in five calendar years, it is equivalent to a program of six academic years that does not include summers. The curriculum of the BE degree and that of the BFA degree is each divided into 11 terms (eight 16-week semesters and three eight-week summer terms), totaling 152 weeks. This duration is equivalent to five academic years, without summers, but the program is completed in four calendar years. There is a short break after each term and a one-month vacation between summer and fall terms.

The faculty reserves the right to make changes in the curriculum, course content, and regulations as it deems appropriate, and without prior notice.

Admission to First Year

Admission is by selection of the most promising, eligible applicants. All candidates for admission to the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture must have completed the pre-professional educational requirements of the candidate's country and the approved freshman program in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences of this University described in this catalogue, or a program recognized as equivalent. The certificates recognized for admission to the first year in the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture are listed under Secondary Certificates in the section on Admissions in this catalogue. Holders of the technical baccalaureate (BT) are eligible for admission only to the same major as that of the BT.

More specifically, to be eligible for admission to the first year in the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, a candidate must

- demonstrate an acceptable level of proficiency in English, as specified under Admissions in this catalogue
- sit for the required SAT I tests as specified in the relevant section, Admissions, in this catalogue
- satisfy the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture requirements on character recommendation as well as academic grounds

Students admitted to the first year are required to take all the major engineering, architecture, or graphic design courses specified in their respective programs.

Admission of Transfer Students

Students attending recognized institutions of higher learning, including AUB, may apply for transfer to any of the engineering, architecture, or graphic design majors in the FEA. These students are eligible for consideration for admission to any of Terms I through VI (Term VIII for architecture) depending on availability of places and subject to the following conditions:

- Have completed the equivalent of the sophomore class at the college or university from which they are transferring
- Have attained a minimum cumulative average of 2.7 out of 4.0 (75 out of 100 for AUB students)
- Have taken at least 12 credits of math and basic science courses at the sophomore level or higher and attained a total average in these courses of at least 3.0 out of 4.0 (77 out of 100 for AUB students) (for engineering and architecture majors only). Students applying for transfer to architecture or graphic design majors are recommended to submit portfolios of their work.
- Have satisfied the university admissions English requirements

Applications of transfer students are evaluated and approved by the departments and the Admissions Committee of the faculty. The term in which the student is placed, and the complete program of study in the major in which s/he is admitted, are determined by the department concerned depending on the number of credits completed at the institution from which the student is transferring.

Special Students Not Working for a Degree

Refer to p.38 in this catalogue.

Residence Requirements

Students of the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture must meet the following minimum residence requirements:

- **Engineering or Graphic Design Majors:** A student must register in residence at the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture for the last four regular semesters and should complete at least 50 credits during this period.

- **Architecture Major:** A student must register in residence at the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture for the last five regular semesters and should complete at least 65 credits during this period.

Humanities/Social Sciences Distribution Requirements

Students in CEE, ECE and ME are expected to satisfy the following distribution requirements of humanities/social sciences courses:

- Two English courses, one of them English 206 - (6 credits)
- One Arabic course as determined by the Arabic Placement Test - (3 credits). Students who are exempt from Arabic should normally replace this requirement by taking ARAB 200, 203, or any other 3-credit course in humanities.
- One course on ethics - (3 credits)
- Three humanities courses - (9 credits)
- Two social sciences courses - (6 credits)

FEA students are allowed to select humanities/social science elective courses from the following list, subject to confirmation by the department offering the course:

Humanities

- AMST 215, 220, 230, 275/276, 299
- ARAB: 229 through 241, 243 through 247, 249
- AROL: 201 through 231, and 235, 236
- CVSP: 201 through 208, 215, 216, 230, 250, 251 (students in ArD may **not** take CVSP 201-207)

FAAH: 218, 219, 221*, 222*, 223*, 224*, 225A, 225B, 225C, 226A, 226B, 226C, 227A, 227B, 227C, 228A, 228B, 228C, 229A, 229B, 229C, 235, and 238 (students in ArD may **not** take any of these courses)

FAAH/MUSIC 240, 241, 245, 247, 248, 260, and 261

FAAH/THEATER 265, and 270 (students in ArD **may** also take 210, 211, 212, 215, 216, 217, 274, 283 and 284)

- ENGL: 210 through 215, 219, 221 through 226, 229, 240 through 243
- HIST: All 200 level courses up to 274, and 278/279
- PHIL: 201, 205, 206, 209, 210, 213 through 219, 221 through 224, 230 through 232, and 249
- SOAN: 215, 217, 225 (students in ArD may also take 211)

Engineering students are also allowed to select humanities elective courses from the following:

- ARCH: 020 through 029, 121*, 122*, 223*, 224*, 325
- GRDS: 325

* The following courses are equivalent and credits can be given to either of them: FAAH 221 and ARCH 121; FAAH 222 and ARCH 122; FAAH 223; FAAH 224 and ARCH 224.

Social Sciences

- ECON: All 200 level courses (excluding ECON 203 and 213)
- EDUC: 211, 212, 213, 215, 216, 218, 221, 222, 223, 225, 226
- PSPA: All 200 level courses up to 279
- SOAN: All 200 level courses up to 242 (sociology-anthropology) (except 215, 217, 225)
- PSYC: All 200 level courses up to 251 (psychology)

Graduation Requirements

To be eligible for graduation with the bachelor's degree, a student must have

- passed all the required courses and the approved experience
- attained a minimum cumulative course average of 70
- attained a cumulative average of 70 or more in major courses as specified by the department
- met the residence requirements
- satisfied the faculty as to the adequacy of the student's professional development and conduct

Academic Rules and Regulations

For information on Categories of Students, Correct Use of Language, Grading System, Graduation with Distinction and High Distinction, and Placement on the Dean's Honor List, see pp.48-63 in this catalogue.

Class Status

The class status of students is as follows:

First Year	Terms I and II
Second Year	Terms III, IV, and V
Third Year	Terms VI, VII, and VIII
Fourth Year	Terms IX, X, and XI
Fifth Year (architecture)	Terms XII, XIII, and XIV

A student's status is changed to that of a higher year if his/her cumulative number of failed, withdrawn, or unregistered credits from the regular credit hour requirements does not exceed seven.

Change of Major within the Faculty

All changes of major are subject to approval by the department to which the change is requested. The receiving departments will determine the new study plans for students accepted to a new major.

Minor in Information Technology

The minor in Information Technology is open to all AUB students, except students majoring in Computer and Communications Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering, or Computer Science. Students may apply by completing a minor application form available in the ECE Department. The minor will be indicated on the transcript of the student who completes all the requirements, and who obtains an average in the minor courses of 70 or more.

The IT minor program consists of six courses: three core courses and three electives.

Core Courses

ITEC 240, ITEC 241, ITEC 242

Elective Courses

EECE 230, EECE 321, EECE 330, EECE 430, EECE 431, EECE 432, EECE 433, EECE 450

Minor in Biomedical Engineering

The minor in Biomedical Engineering is open to all AUB students. Students who have completed at least 60 credits at the sophomore level and higher, and who have a cumulative average of 70 or more, may apply by completing a minor application form available in the ECE Department. The minor will be indicated on the transcript of the student who completes all the requirements described below, and who obtains an average in the minor courses of 70 or more.

The minor requirements are divided into a set of core courses, and a set of elective courses.

For engineering students, the requirements are as follows:

- EECE 401 [1 cr.]
- BIOL 201 [4 cr.]
- BIOL 202 or PHYL 246 [4 cr.]
- One core course [3 cr.] chosen from EECE 601, EECE 603, or MECH 633
- One elective course from List A below [3 cr.]
- One elective course from Lists A, B, or C below [3 cr.]

Minimum number of credits: 18

For biology students, the requirements are as follows:

- EECE 401 [1 cr.]
- BIOL 201 [4 cr.]
- BIOL 202 [4 cr.]
- (EECE 210 [3 cr.] (or equivalent) and EECE 601 [3 cr.]
or (CIVE 210 [3 cr.] (or equivalent) and MECH 634 [3 cr.]
- One elective course from Lists A or B below [3 cr.]

Minimum number of credits: 18

For all other students, the requirements are as follows:

- EECE 401 [1 cr.]
- BIOL 201 [4 cr.]
- BIOL 202 or PHYL 246 [4 cr.]
- (EECE 210 [3 cr.] or equivalent and EECE 601 [3 cr.]
or (CIVE 210 [3 cr.] or equivalent and MECH 634 [3 cr.]
- One elective course from Lists A, B, or C below [3 cr.]

Minimum number of credits: 18

Elective Courses

List A: EECE 601, EECE 602, EECE 603 (unless the student takes EECE 694, in which case either EECE 694 or 603 counts toward the minor), EECE 604, EECE 605, MECH 633, MECH 634

List B: MECH 532, MECH 606, MECH 607, MECH 624, MECH 631, MECH 640, MECH 641/EECE 661, EECE 693, EECE 694 (unless the student takes EECE 603, in which case either 694 or 603 counts toward the minor)

List C: BIOL 202, BIOL 223, BIOL 225, BIOL 244, BIOL 263, BIOL 268, PHYL 202, PHYL 246

Minor in Engineering Management

The Engineering Management Program offers a minor in engineering management that can be pursued by undergraduate engineering and architecture students, as well as by students from related majors, starting as early as the fall semester of their third year of enrollment. To satisfy the requirements of the minor, a student must earn 18 credits of course work from the engineering management course offerings.

- At least nine of the total requirement of 18 credits must be fulfilled from the six undergraduate courses offered by the program, which must include ENMG 400—Engineering Economy.
- The other nine credits can be satisfied by taking courses either from the list of undergraduate courses, or from the elective graduate courses that are unrestricted to undergraduate student registration.

A minimum grade of 70 is required for a course to count toward the fulfillment of a minor in engineering management.